

to our stronger sense and preventing judgment. I would rather give the dear name of daughter to a girl of limited intellect, who was obedient, faithful and true, than to a fitful genius, on whose brilliant talents no reliance could be placed, and who might or might not do her duty according to the chapter of chances.

We do our best, I and my assistants, to secure for our charges that which each requires. We must abstain from over-anxiety and be cheerful, hopeful, and happy in our work. We did not begin the education in any single case, and we shall not end it; but we have generally the most important part committed to us, just when the character matures, and the child becomes a woman. If the woman were an isolated individual, if she exercised no power for good and evil beyond herself, our task would be comparatively light. But in this sense no human being is alone. In the home, in the family, in the world, everyone leaves an impress more or less distinct. Each one is placed by the Lord God in a garden to dress it and to keep it, and He will require that it be lovely and rich with the fruits of sound sense, usefulness, beauty, and good taste, or will judge if it be overgrown with the weeds of idleness, ignorance and folly.

The pupil leaves the school with habits formed, and character defined, to depend henceforth on her