

was given her was to fit her for a life of devotion or a life of seclusion from society." Even so liberal an educator as Montaigne, the essence of whose educational system was individual freedom, would keep woman ignorant, "lest instruction should mar her natural charms."

In England, the educational ideal was not much higher. Milton taught his daughters to pronounce Latin to him, but was careful that they should not understand it. Even their love for their blind father must have failed to relieve them of the terrible drudgery of pronouncing words, day after day, whose meaning they could not comprehend. Their father's treatment of them was, however, quite in harmony with the general ideal of that time, that woman's duty was to be nothing for herself or by herself, but that she was exactly in her sphere when she was sacrificing herself for man. Dr. Johnson taught Fanny Burney Latin, but was ashamed to have it known that he did so. He warned her not to say anything about it, as "it was not quite proper for a woman to be considered learned." Dr. Gregory, in his "Legacy to my Daughters," a standard work a hundred years ago, advised all women to hide carefully any good sense and knowledge they might possess, "because men generally look with a jealous and malignant eye on a woman of great parts and a cultivated understanding." There are a few eighteenth-century men yet.

Even in America, in the land of the Puritans who braved every peril for the sake of liberty, there are yet thousands of women living whose fathers definitely refused to give them a college education, and the great majority of the American women of to-day were prohibited from receiving a university education in their youth simply because they were women.

The shadows are lifting. "The time is racked with birth-pangs. Every hour brings forth some gasping truth." Education, advancing civilization, a clearer revelation of the true meaning of liberty, the Divine ideal of justice, and, above all, the widening influences of Christianity, are arousing men to a sense of honest fairness and women to a conception of responsibility. Enlightened opinion everywhere is now in favor of allowing woman to do her full duty as she, not man, conceives