
Problems of Sex

social ideals of monk and nun, of misogynist and New Woman, we must allow our married life to be quickened by other-regarding ideals, from the simplest and most universal one—that of doing our best for our children, and next helping them to do their best with (and not merely for) themselves—until they and we together unite more fully in furthering on earth the coming of the kingdom of the ideal. Scientific in general idea, we must also be scientific in detail—creeping away from evil if we have not wings to fly from it. It may be, for instance, as Forel says, that you are handicapped by some hereditary bias of over-sexuality; that doubtless makes your sex-problem difficult; but are you sure that you are doing everything feasible to hold its excess down?

Of more difficult questions, essentially individual as these become, like the often-kindled one of divorce, it is not for our too general nature studies, our too simple social studies, to proffer solutions, where not only psychologist and dramatist, but churches and states so often and conspicuously disagree—save, indeed, to say, monogamists though we convincedly are, that it is certainly not for us to press this to the extent which makes all mis-matings irrevocable. Each pair has to face its own difficulties and dangers, and mainly alone; some from the waning of their honeymoon, others from later rifts within the lute. But all do not seem to know clearly enough that as all life is tidal, and love is