

name of the other things is legion, and each has priority of right to consideration as compared with marriage. To be a true woman is her highest obligation, and married life, as it obtains to-day, in most cases makes true womanhood impossible.

She will rid humanity of the willing delusion that motherhood, as at present understood, is woman's highest vocation. To bear children is of itself a purely animal function, and needs to be guarded with all the high restraints and uplifting influences to which human nature is susceptible, otherwise for one woman upon whom the effect is refining, there are a thousand upon whom it is degrading, and the inherited effects upon their children are deplorable.

To marry even for love is not the fine thing it has been imagined, for it is generally love of self, or a mere animal fondness at best, and true love for a man, as men and women are to-day, is oftenest shown by refraining from marrying him and making it possible for him to sin against the race by being a father when he is unworthy to do so.

The more truly congenial a man and woman are the less necessary will it seem to them to marry, for permanent affinity will grow only out of the highest quality of unselfish activity for the good of others. It is infinitely more womanly to be one in purpose with the great altruists of the race, the greatest of whom never married, than to enter into the merely physical and economic union that nowadays constitutes marriage. While it is one of nature's secret harmonies that perfect spiritual union is impossible where physical union