

The Domain of Woman.

TALKS BY "LILIAS."

The Liberal newspapers all over the Dominion are hugging themselves over what they choose to consider the significant and important settlement of the Manitoba school question. Now this is the first and last time that I shall ever allow political questions to rattle the calm placidity of this column, politics are not women's sphere, of which I am firmly convinced, but, and but it is a big one—there are, on other occasions, fortunately extremely rare, when questions arise in the political arena which concern women most vitally, and I believe the Manitoba school question is one of these.

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Catholic mothers of Canada, whom shall your children serve? God or Mammon? You must choose, they cannot serve both. But how can we do anything to prevent the political influence of our right and educators of our children. We can do much, we can influence those who have votes to use them in the cause of Catholic education, we can raise our voices on every possible occasion, we can give double care to our children in the home and use every possible precaution to prevent their contamination. More than all, we can pray. O! for the golden pen of St. Teresa, that the writer, her unworthy namesake, might write in letters of fire that should inflame each heart of the office that lies in the power of the pen.

The signs of the times are gathering thick and fast around us everywhere, infidelity and atheism are being openly flaunted where, but a few years ago, they scarcely dared to lift their heads. Now creeds, plausible and fair seeming even in the eyes of the most faithful, are arising on every hand and with their dangerous lures of friendship and the universal brotherhood of man, and amalgamation of beliefs, are striving to lead astray the weak and unwary. We are slowly losing sight of the spiritual; the concerns of this world are important to us; we are gradually forgetting our true destiny and striving vainly after the baubles that can never satisfy. Fashion, pleasure, society, show, drop the time that gradually stealing away our thoughts and desires. I do not hesitate for one instant to say that the latter sin especially is the bane of the women of this country. The inordinate love of dress and show is the element which saturates the citizen of woman's heart and plants there the seeds of pride, envy, contempt of the poor and a hundred and one other sins that are fatal barriers to the grace of God.

Believe me, in this matter we must face the grave responsibility. Each one of us is answerable for the part she is taking, the matter, either by wasting money and time, by setting a bad example and arousing the envy of others, or last, and worst fault of all, across beyond their station. I hope none of my readers are offended at my plain speaking, but even if they are, I cannot help it, I am here for the purpose of placing the truth upon every subject, before them in the clearest and most forcible manner. The reason why I have dwelt so long upon this subject is, that I can see clearly the gravest dangers ahead of us. These are without doubt the appalling days of that awful era which is to see the almost complete overthrow of religion and morality, and if we do not guard ourselves and our children from these dangers we must purge ourselves of everything that can cast a shadow upon our spirituality and faith. It is almost too late to do this, the longer we live the more difficult it will become to throw off the glamour of the world, and fix our eyes unwaveringly upon the Home Beyond.

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