

whom she is associating. She may differ from them in opinion, but always with an air which says that her own opinion is not, of course, infallible.

Pope says that "true politeness consists in being easy oneself, and making everybody about one as easy as one can."

Byron expressed an equally correct sentiment when he said of married women—

"They know the world and are at ease,
And being natural, naturally please."

The principal rules of politeness are:—
To subdue the temper.

To submit to the weaknesses of our fellow-men.

And to render to all their due, freely and courteously.

To do this effectually it requires—judgment to recommend ourselves to those whom we may meet in society, and discrimination to know when and to whom to yield, as well as discretion to treat all with the deference due to their reputation, their station, or their merit.

Sincerity is another essential characteristic of courtesy. It is the want of this which makes society what it is said to be, artificial.

Good-breeding, in a great measure, con-