

be braced by studious application to difficult subjects, because of the advantages accruing from extended knowledge and mental discipline ; but take care, amidst the dangers incident to modern life, that you never lose the quiet, graceful, retiring, self-contained spirit ; the delicate sense ; the refinement and the fine perception of the more subtle and tender moralities which form the charm of domestic life, and enhance the power and beauty of female piety.

And as sons and daughters have their respective virtues, so have they their respective departments of usefulness. The power of our "sons" is to be exercised *outside*—in general activity, "as plants." Their vigour is to enrich the world with fruitfulness of action. The power of our "daughters" is to be *at home*—in domestic influence. Their presence is to be as the quiet binding power of "corner-stones"—the means of holding together the entire fabric of social and domestic life. And a finer sphere of usefulness cannot be found than the home, where hearts are most open to wise counsel and winning affection, and where, also, those who are compelled by stress of circumstances, to fight the rough battles of life in daily business, know best how to appreciate the gentleness and love which tend to keep the heart tender and warm, and thus become refreshed for enduring calmly and manfully the trials and crosses of coming days of conflict. "Daughters" who learn the happy art of making home life sweet and restful to weary fathers, husbands, and brothers, render to mankind a most noble service, as do the "sons," who, with the love of God as the mainspring in their hearts, brave the hard world outside and acquire for themselves an honourable livelihood.

3rd. *The work requisite to ensure the prevalence of youthful excellence.*

When the Psalmist offered his prayer to God that his country might be blessed with the presence of sons and daughters of the class already referred to, it is obvious that he was prepared to use means which, in combination with dependence on Divine aid, were likely to bring such an event to pass. And in proportion as we are earnest in our desire to see our young people grow