

sacred rights into so many kindreds and tongues of humanity. It was the remonstrance of woman's heart against cruelties heaped upon her sisters, as well as upon man. Honor to genius doubly consecrated by the spirit of Mary's Son and by the spirit of Mary's maternity. Yes, honor woman. But rebuke for those who dishonor her. For him who denies her the best culture of her powers, who contemns her peculiar offices, relations, and graces; for him who thinks woman made only for dalliance and a toy; for him who puts on airs, and hopes to atone for his want of manliness by ridiculing his sister's sisters; for the worlding whose heart, withered in the arid atmosphere of policy and calculation, feels nothing for her wrongs, — the Incarnation has no blessing. He is a living, walking insult to him who was born of woman at Bethlehem.

Honor the child for the Christ-child's sake. Honor it by Christian culture, by tempting forth its spirit to Christian deeds and aspiration. Honor childhood in rags and ignorance, for the jewel which the rough casket incloses. Honor the neglected child, the child with perverse habits, the profane little boy, the rude little girl; respect their better nature, and teach them to respect it in their words and actions.

Finally, in these and all ways honor the Redeemer himself. Honor him by professing him before men, and by standing fast through every conflict in defence of his truth and his divine principles. Honor him by laying down your unbelief and sin at the foot of his cross of love. It is not a human voice only that calls you to be reconciled to God; it is the Holy Spirit's voice, it is the call of the Father through the Incarnate Word. See that ye despise not him that speaketh.