

ever before. Let us remember that to nourish and clothe the mortal body is the smallest part of motherhood, though this is attended with much pain and hard labor, often with great sacrifice and anxiety, and we lose the true dignity of a parent when we place so much thought on the smooth features and graceful gestures, while with pride we notice every lineament of ancestry peculiarly marked, seemingly to forget that there is enshrined in this casket a gem of more moment than the beautiful color of hair, the fine curve of lip, or the exquisite dimple on cheek or chin. All these bodily charms please and gratify the eye of the parent. But, oh! the inner grace, the quiet spirit, the pure thought, the meekly expressed word, the sanctified life, are indication of an implanted principle of priceless value, and all these attributes have their beginning in the pure social life of childhood, who are to be the future men and women. Let us teach the sacredness of father and motherhood to our sons and daughters. It does seem that social purity is the touchstone of vital Christianity, and I would not consider it from any other standpoint. There are so many living gems to a purified life, that all the direct outgrowth of our social life, and this social manifestation is built on a true Christian experience. Oh! that we do not strive to separate the real Divine requisite of a good life and mar the whole structure. Another vital question that has been considered in mothers' meetings, and among the young women too, is "What should be the attitude of Christian women toward a fallen girl or woman?" If I could make the reader feel the sacredness with which the subject was brought out, and the depth of spiritual love with which it was held up to be a Christian duty to stand as a helpmeet to the fallen, there would be no more criticisms to crush the tender touches of a true philanthropist's heart. Many like topics have, from time to time, been considered, and I would urge

every neighborhood or town to hold mothers' meetings, and they will find there is so much in exchange of experience and degrees of Christian attainment, that there will be a growth in many ways, and there are certain localities that require varied strength so that as they meet and dwell in the Spirit of the Lord there will arise a work, and that work will be commensurate to the necessities of their place, and these opportunities are as profitable for a spiritual development as any meeting that may be attended. Now, if in any other Yearly Meeting neighborhood there has been similar meetings which have been profitable, let us correspond and thus open up a medium of benefit to us all. Also to guard well the literature, for here is one cause of such widespread disaster to the moral mind, to say nothing of the death to spiritual interest. This subject is one of vital thought to me, and I enter upon it with just the same feeling of duty that I perform any other religious work, and believe that I am as much called to it as to any other. There is so much to say and do in all true reform that it can only be touched upon in an article like this, but there is one more thought I wish to speak of, as it is needed in homes that I am intimately acquainted with, and this too, where parents make a great stress of their knowledge of their children's doings outside of home, but they have failed to impress on them honesty to their parents. They deceive them, and some day they will awake to the startling reality that they *have been* deceived. Oh, parents, look well to the ways of your children, and not trust to a blind confidence in them. So soon as children play truant to the parent's wishes it is time to be on guard; it is surely a manifestation of a mistake in the training, and how many parents are ignorant in this respect and need to be on duty, not resting in the security that my children will not do this. Alas! there are too many that are being thus deceived. In school there is much