

which would not be found with the school's apart. In the second place, the best preparation for the age and the responsibilities of life can be had where there is the best outlook, the sharpest competitions, the clearest view of the contest between right and wrong. It is only by an intelligent choice to make virtue, honesty and uprightness the rule of life that the most stable character can be formed. It seems to me that when the missionary's teachings and warnings are seen to be true in actual life there will be fewer dupes found among those who go out from us. We will hear less of the overmastering power of the temptations of cities, there will be fewer deliberately walking into danger for the sake of money and flattering attention. The tale of shipwrecked life along this coast is repeated again and again, and the more attractive our girls become the more they are sought after, and the more they are lifted up by conscious superiority, the more likely to lean to their own understanding and become restive under restraint and guidance. Some of these have manifested a determination not to marry Indians but white men, and trusting them, have imagined themselves legally married, when the white man knew he was not and did not wish to be. But I hear nothing that makes me think that the work would be better or more permanently done with less to contend against. To my mind, the battle has been half fought in a place like this, and would only have to be begun afresh in a newer place. Mr. Crosby tells of parents coming to him with their daughters of twelve and fourteen, saying, older daughters have gone to ruin, and begging the help of the school to save them.

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