

than manhood and womanhood there is one inexorable, iron-clad Divine law of obedience and work, from the beginning to the end of life. "There is no other way under heaven whereby man can be saved." One of the first evidences of dawning intelligence in the child is the instinctive determination to have its own way. The wise mother is she who, in a spirit of love, reason and wisdom, decides when, where and how that rebellion against the law of the universe shall be met and supplanted by a spirit of cheerful obedience, and the industry suitable even for the infant child. That the play impulse, the desire to make everything easy and to use this new world as a perpetual entertainment, a perpetual sliding down hill, without the tug of drawing the sled uphill, back, is to be recognized and, to a much greater extent than in bygone days, utilized in the home and the school, goes without saying. That the child and the youth can thus be taught the "beauty of holiness," even the luxury of obedience, reverence for justice and a genuine delight in solid work, to say nothing of a graceful, and even cheerful, submission to the inevitable tragedy of human life, is being demonstrated in every well governed Christian home and the modern school where "the oil of gladness" has taken the place of "the oil of birch," and the spirit of love banished the old-time barbarism that made the name of school hateful to the end of life. But the more one knows of the children the more clear it becomes

that the child naturally recognizes the central fact; that obedience and work, even "in the face and eyes" of its own will and pleasure, is the backbone of character and the real assurance of permanent happiness. Every little child, not an idiot, desires two things. First, to worship and obey somebody, whom it recognizes as its natural leader and representative of God. Second, it wants to do something for that person; not merely some little playful "make-believe," but something that is real work. Every genuine child courts approbation by trying to do the impossible; something only expected ten years later. If parents and teachers had the wisdom to recognize this fact and to train their children in the regular doing of something of actual use to the family or the school: something that will give to the youngest youngster a sense of being somebody in the sight of his superiors; a deeper well of water would be struck than the froth, babble and suds of the wretched fresher for superficial entertainment and "fun," which is the caricature of the law of love. A great deal of the disobedience, ill temper and destructive mischief-making of children is the result of the constant ignoring by their superiors of this natural instinct to obey genuine superiority and commend itself to its elders by doing something really worth the doing, and being somebody, instead of a plaything at the mercy of any and everybody willing to be amused at the expense of a spoiled child.—*Education, Boston.*