

# SERMON.

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PROV. 31.—26. 27.—She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, it has been announced to us, through the means of the public prints, that our beloved Queen has become the happy mother of an infant Princess Royal, the heiress presumptive to the British Throne. In the birth of this child, the interests of every British subject, from the highest to the lowest, are deeply involved; on this account, I thought I could not do better than occupy a portion of your time at the present by calling your attention to the subject of female influence.

We have now just passed from the threshold of the old year to the commencement of another period of time. We all know the history of what is past, as to ourselves, but none of us can tell what is to come, and what will befall us the year now before us. We know not what a day may bring forth; but all future, as well as all past events, are open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

All events have a voice. The rising and setting of every sun—the return of every day, and the shadows of every night, are all events that claim our attention and improvement. The birth of a Prince—the dethronement of Kings—the falling of a sparrow and the hairs of our head, are all numbered and noted in the eye of Him who is to be our judge.

Solomon, in the words of the text and the verses in immediate connection calls our attention to a good wife. As the British Throne is at present filled with