

which woman must address herself in order that any of her attempts at reform may be permanently effective. It involves a long course of education for the public mind, but the task is not nearly so hopeless as many that she now attempts, because in ignoring the important bearing which marriage has on all the relations of life, she ignores the causes that lie at the root of social evil and human misery. Any scheme of reform that does not strike directly at causes is worthless.

Let the woman sane and undefiled, who has never compromised with her ideals of true womanhood, base her reformatory work on the fact that marriage is in no sense the logical climax of existence. Woman is in her true sphere when she is in conscious and intelligent co-operation with that Power whose purpose is the evolution of higher types, and whose mode of operation is rational activity. The activities involved in the reproduction of species are, for a woman, irrational, unless absolutely under the control of the higher self, and would keep the race forever upon the same plane or degrade it to a lower. While through the performance of physical functions and the consequent structural and psychic development the human has been evolved out of the brute, what nature next demands, but cannot produce without the co-operation of the human will and intelligence, is a super-human being, the offspring of spirit wedded to spirit, with just a sufficient clothing of the physical to be a basis of contact between itself and the material things among which it lives. The pure woman will teach her daughter that while it is right and good to marry, other things being equal, the