

as time permits. Many parents expend more in furnishing their parlors with unnecessary ornaments, or in articles of dress that add nothing to their own true dignity or beauty, than would educate a daughter. Less expensive dress, less showy style of housekeeping might be better, if by that means the good of a child could be secured.

We feel the importance of this subject, and may have spoken too plainly. If so, we hope to be pardoned, since it is not our wish to offend. We are attached to Canada, and would fain add our *mite* to increase her fair fame. We love young people, especially those of our own sex, and believe they are just as capable of high intellectual culture, and just as well fitted in their sphere to be blessings to the land, as young men. They *will* influence, silently it may be, but surely, the destinies of this noble country. Female mind, left to revolve in the narrow circle of thought, suggested by household details, dress, or gossip, becomes restless. Deprive woman of those exalted views of God, and the universe which she can derive from study, and her influence in the family may become, like the waters of Marah, bitter and disappointing; and her husband be forced to pray for some green tree of life to be cast into the fountain of his domestic love that it may become sweet.

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The Indian army, on which everything depends in the British possessions in the East, is composed of the most singular elements. The conquered and subject races are required to form more than nine tenths of the conquering army. There have never been more than 30,000 European soldiers in India, often much fewer; yet the sum total of the troops whom the Company keeps on foot amounts to little short of 390,000 men. By what miracle has this great empire been maintained for nearly a century with so small a contingent of Englishmen? The miracle admits of an easy explanation; its secret is found in the strict observance of its promises by the Company, and in its fidelity to its engagements. Doubtless a very commonplace explanation, yet history has proved that this sort of virtue is exceedingly rare, and that great empires are founded on plain common sense.—*Maurel's Wellington.*