

girl who believes she is made for something better than a mere housekeeper, a wife and mother. If perchance, a sensible mother makes her do her share of the house-work, she looks forward all the more eagerly to the time of her emancipation, when she shall be able to teach in a school, and it may be in a College, or to enter some profession not long since erroneously supposed to be man's peculiar property. And in realization of these dreams, our little embryo, at a time of life when she should be at home developing her physical system, after much hard study in preparation, triumphantly enters the College or University where she is to obtain that higher education which all true disciples should have in order to enter successfully into the competition with their brother men.

We began with a young girl in whom were the future possibilities of a good woman, a strong wife and mother. And what have we after all these years of studious preparation for College? After years of keen rivalry to keep up with the young men, both in regular work and in hollow, sounding, honors? A woman? In the great majority of cases,—No! Not a woman in the true sense of the word. A woman ought to be a womanly woman. And if you would know what that means, pause and think.

In nine cases out of ten, the woman who seeks the higher education comes out a physical wreck. And the term includes many who are apparently the pictures of health. A dwarf is not necessarily diseased.

“And if she be small, slight-natured, miserable,
How shall men grow?”

I would not be understood as opposed to all higher education for women. There is no reason why a woman, in good health, might not seek a moderate College training, if, with a womanly purpose. But she who seeks it with an *ambitious* purpose shall surely come to grief.

The typical advanced woman has tried to fit herself to work for which she is totally unfitted by provisions of nature. Far worse! She has unfitted herself for the very purpose of her being. Is she a willing, competent, and acceptable candidate for the heart of a man who is willing and able to earn bread for two, or more? Can she be the wife, the mother, the peculiar comfort to a care-laden husband? Can your advanced woman be the biblical helpmate?

To all these charges I hear a most indignant denial. I see a movement as if to draw the broom. But I comfort myself that the use of that article is but imperfectly under-