

by the unavoidable evils of life. Woman, as the centre of the domestic circle, should diffuse sunshine and warmth through the whole atmosphere of home. Strong in her physical weakness, and powerful in her gentleness, it is the enviable province of the wife to sooth and cheer her husband, when he comes with fevered brow and ruffled spirit, from his daily avocations, to enjoy, for a few short hours, the delights of home. But if she, who should be the guardian genius of that hallowed spot, meet him with complaints, repinings, and it may be reproaches, instead of cheerful words and a kind welcome—if her face wear habitually a wintry frown instead of the bright smiles which won his heart—what hope of happiness remains for him on earth? A fearful responsibility rests on the wife under such circumstances; and should the husband of her love make shipwreck of hope, and honor, and happiness—should he fly for solace to the intoxicating cup, the gaming table, or the society of the living lost—would not conscience whisper, "Thou art the cause of his undoing?" How many good and noble qualities have we seen obscured by the indulgence of habitual fretfulness, while the unconscious victim of this miserable propensity imagined herself the most blameless and unfortunate of human beings! Beauty, wit, genius, learning—what are they all, when combined with this unlovely and uncomfortable trait of character?

Young ladies, who are toiling after accomplishments, and striving to become elegant, well-bred, and well-educated women, we entreat you to endeavour to earn the appellation of amiable, good-

tempered women—not by the display of that hollow courtesy which is reserved for public occasions, to advance your own selfish ends, but by the constant practice of kindness and forbearance in the domestic circle. Cultivate, at all times, a spirit of self-denial and accommodation, in your intercourse with others; for depend upon it, if as young ladies you do not learn to subdue your own will, and consult the happiness of those around you, you will be miserable as wives and mothers. There is no magic influence in these relations, to convert the selfish daughter into the patient, devoted mother—or the careless, exacting young girl into the affectionate, disinterested woman. Nothing but the power of the Holy Spirit can enable you to overcome the natural selfishness of the human heart, and without this, every effort will be, to a great extent, unavailing. There must be a new principle implanted within us, ere we can bear with patience the trials of life, or cheerfully yield our own will to that of another.

Everything on the education of woman should tend to develop a spirit of self-devotion and self-renunciation.—This spirit can never be too much cultivated by our sex, because by it our "highest triumphs are to be achieved;" it bears with it, "as it is vanquished or victorious, the destinies of the world."—It is the true mission of woman to exhibit to mankind the moral beauty and power of that love which seeketh not her own, but the love of others, and finds its own highest honor and happiness in so doing. In this limited, but important sphere, she will be "one of the