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WHAT SHALL OUR MOTHERS BE?

Possibly we are out of tune with the times. We may even be styled antiquated by some of our brothers in arms. But despite the gloom with which the possibility of such a fate overwhelms us, we must say that we anticipate nothing but disaster, moral, social and physical, from the rapidly increasing tendency of women to enter the professions. Now, by this, we do not wish to be understood as opposing the higher education of the sex. No, but let that education be such as befits woman's end, and tends to make her a better mother and truer wife, a worthy head of a Christian family. That women should be educated in everything pertaining to their high destiny and important functions is but plainly their right; we may be permitted, however, to inquire whether woman's sphere extends into the active practice of the ministry, of medicine or of law, and to examine the effects produced by the already formidable array of Rev. deaconesses, doctoresses and female pettifoggers. With regard to the first class discussion is, for us, out of the question. Women can never be Catholic missionaries, and indeed the Great High Priest himself could scarcely have thought highly of female evangelists, else he had found place for one among the chosen twelve.

Law and medicine, then, are left, and we ask, is it good, is it right, that our mothers and sisters should enter upon these studies? The answer forced upon us is an emphatic *no*. Women are physically unfit for the heavy strain imposed upon them by professional duties, and the evil effects reach, not themselves alone, but future generations. It is sheer nonsense to urge that female doctors are more skilful in treating the diseases of women and children. For nigh six thousand years the world felt no need of "lady physicians." The conclusion, from experience and analogy, that their presence is not a neces-