

"The hand that rocks the cradle," we are told, "is the hand that rules the world," and thus it would seem that the "home-bird" is in reality, and in the best sense of the term, a nation builder.

From a brief memoir written by her pastor, Rev. A. B. Hames, and published in *The Christian Guardian* shortly after her death, we make the following extract:

"In 1850, under the faithful and united ministrations of Rev. Wm. Young and the Rev. W. S. Blackstock, she was led to the Saviour, and united with the Methodist Church, and continued a faithful member until death. In 1854, she was united in marriage to her now sorrowing and bereft husband, and became an affectionate and devoted wife, a tender and loving mother, and greatly beloved by all. Timid, unassuming, self-depreciative, and conscious of her own unworthiness, she was nevertheless strong and determined, winning by loving consistency, and proving every day the reality of the religion she professed to enjoy."

Annie, the eldest of the three girls, was about twenty-five years of age when the family moved to Meadow Lea. She is described as being of medium height, with dark eyes and