

and inmosty agree, and find a deep and thrilling pleasure in their agreement, find their union of sentiment to give a charm to their social intercourse; if now they feel that their hearts are bound as well as their sentiments in a holy union, and that for each other they would live, it is their privilege, yes, their duty, to form a matrimonial alliance.

DESIRABLE TRAITS OF CHARACTER IN WOMAN

Marriage has in it less of beauty, but more of safety, than the single life; it hath no more ease, but less danger; it is more merry and more sad; it is fuller of sorrows and fuller of joys; it lies under more burdens, but it is supported by all the strengths of love and charity, and those burdens are delightful. Marriage is the mother of the world, and preserves kingdoms, and fills cities and churches, and heaven itself.

Earth presents no higher object of attainment. To be a wife in the truest and highest sense of the word is to be the best thing beneath the skies. To be a woman is something more than to live eighteen or twenty years; something more than to wear flounces and sport jewelry. A woman is to be estimated by the real goodness of her heart, greatness of her soul and the purity and sweetness of her character. A woman with a kindly disposition and well-balanced temper is both lovely and attractive, be her face ever so plain and her figure ever so homely; she makes the best of wives and the truest of mothers.

Women should be gentle—not weak, but gentle, and kind, and affectionate. Whatever a woman is, there should be a sweet, subduing and harmonizing influence of purity, and truth, and love, pervading and hallowing, from center to circumference, the entire circle in which she moves. If the men are savages, we want her to be their civilizer. We want her to soften their manners, and to teach them all needful lessons of order, sobriety, and meekness, and patience, and goodness.

Kindness and love is the chief glory of woman—it is, indeed, her true prerogative—her scepter and her crown. It is the sword with which she conquers and the charm with which she captivates.