

in a home where he should learn of God. What was it, think you, that sent Moses out into the gaiety and corruption of the court of the Pharaohs to live a life pure and manly in the midst of so much that tended to make him selfish and slothful? What was it that kept his heart tender and his spirit sympathetic, so that he was ready to respond to the cry of the distressed and down-trodden? I will tell you, it was the influence abiding with him of those boyhood years spent with a mother who feared God, and the memory of the lessons of faith learned from his faithful father. The Church glories in the life and labors of a Paton and a Mackay, but she forgets all too readily the soil from which such lives spring and the influences that mould such characters; she forgets the little Scotch cabin with its "*but*" and "*ben*," and its room whither the father went daily to close the door upon himself and his God, aye, and the Sabbath exercises of which the great missionary has written so touchingly; forgets, too, that humble home in Zorra where the future apostle of Formosa was taught to "read the Bible, and believe it, to listen to conscience and obey it, to observe the Sabbath and love it, and to reverence the office of the Gospel Ministry." These were the foundations upon which the heroic lives of our saints have been reared, and it is from such homes and such influences that young men and young women will still come forth with high conceptions of life and duty, and with humble resolve to make of the world a place for service and not a mere play-house for pleasure-seeking. Women to-day in almost countless numbers are clamoring for rights and privileges, scurrying through the world searching eagerly for a sphere: for my part I would close no door against them, but giving free admission to the place of the attorney's brief, of the surgeon's scalpel or the politician's portfolio. I would still point to the cradle and the family circle, and say "there is woman's throne, there she may win and wear a crown more regal than a queen's." Could the Church but duly impress upon the parents of her families the tremendous importance of their position and the increasing character