

on the character of men and women, fathers and mothers might well ask themselves, what sort of a home are we giving our children—is its influence all for their highest good?

I. Home Life is Menaced in Our Time.

1. It is not easy, especially in our larger cities, to find a place to make a home. High rents, etc., force people to live in apartments—apartments often don't want children. You can't have a home without children.

2. It appears to be "the thing" to demand a "good time" which generally means being excited by something to no purpose.

Most people cannot have a "good time" most of the time, and at the same time look after their children and be with them as they should.

3. Selfishness on the part of a father or mother will blight any home. A selfish father, who thinks his duty is done when he has provided material necessities for his family, but who does not "bother" about the children except when they bother or disgrace him, creates a bad atmosphere in which to bring up children.

A selfish mother whose one regret is that the children are "such a tie" and who chafes at her God-given task to bring the children up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord," robs her children of one of the most potent influences for their future good conduct—"a mother's unconscious influence." Selfish parents make selfish children.

4. The ruin of a home is an "unhappy marriage." It bears its fruit in "family rows" or an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust. If such is the condition, is it any wonder that