

stood by the Spartan mother, who, when asked how it was that the women of Lacedemon rule the men, replied: "Because we grow men."

I have thus far spoken regarding the mothers of the race; but what shall we say regarding the fathers of the people? Referring to the "Social Evil" an acute writer says: "Society condones man's moral lapses . . . but society demands that the mother be without taint or blemish of immorality . . . ." "Differences in environment due to occupation multiply the opportunities leading to man's temptation." "Modern industrialism is one of the most potent factors." "America is rapidly becoming urban. The occasional contact of the sexes found in rural districts has given way to practically constant contact in the cities. Woman's sphere in the world has ceased to be domestic and every day finds her invading some occupation heretofore filled by man." Extending his observations to the immediate causes of immorality the same writer gives lack of occupation as of the idle rich and inherited wealth, lasciviousness in papers, books and plays, erotic pictures and suggestive styles of dress and abuse of alcohol. But I need not illustrate further the immediately causative factors in our problem. We know many of them and they vary with time, place and circumstance. What we must endeavor to recognize is that there is a real distinction between the *original* or *initial* and the *immediate* or *proximal* factors in the problem, and that in any attempt to find a real solution we must discriminate between essential causes and the superficial phenomena of immoral conduct. From what has been stated in a previous paragraph it will be understood that to me it is of the utmost import to fully investigate the original causes of the moral disease. I recall correspondence with a prominent English physician regarding specific disease in the child of a family purposing to come to Canada in which as an argument for its admission he stated "That if we were to refuse admission to Canada of every syphilitic then three-fourths of the English immigration would be stopped." Making every allowance for exaggerated statement we are forced to enquire: What have been the most potent causes making such a statement possible? While we recognize the profligacy of