

generally speaking, to be the favorite study, and is sometimes cultivated at the expense of others not less important. I have often seen classes, dull and lifeless during their other exercises, rouse themselves to activity the moment the slates were put into their hands. The same, or even a less amount of care bestowed upon the other branches, would soon raise such Schools to a higher rank than they now hold.

“English Grammar.”—This study is prosecuted in 64 Schools. In about one half of these it is well taught, in the other, the time spent seems nearly lost. Those Teachers who really understand this science, would do well to consider the propriety of early initiating their pupils into the habit of putting its principles into practice.”

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Education of Women, and Women as Educators.

“Never, since the world began, have women stood face to face with God. Individual women have done so, but not women in general. They are beginning to do it now; the principle that Jesus Christ laid down is beginning to be admitted. Young women begin to ask at the age of sixteen or seventeen, ‘What am I created for? Of what use am I to be in the world? According to the answer is often the destiny of the creature.

“Mothers, the responsibility lies with you; what do you say in answer? I fear it is almost always some thing to this purport—‘You must marry some day. Women are made for men. Your use is, to bear children; to keep your home comfortable for your husband. In marriage is the only respectable life for women.

“If a girl, has a religious or an inquiring mind, she will be much dissatisfied with this answer, and say, ‘But if no one ask me to marry whom I can love? or suppose I do not want to marry? Suppose my husband dies? or what am I to do all the years I have to wait for a husband? Is there nothing I can do for any body?’

“The newness of the world and the vigour of young life will prevent some years from being absolutely miserable. Among the rich, music, languages, drawing—‘accomplishments,’ in fact, fill up much of life, and stop the questionings and discontent of heart. In so far as they do this, they are pernicious. In so far as they are amusements only, they are killing to the soul. It is better far to hear the voice of the hungry soul loud and crying. It is better to have the bare fact of idleness, than to be busy always doing nothing. Accomplishments, which are amusements only, do more harm than good. Do not misunderstand: ‘accomplishments’ may be

works, serious studies; and may, by helping others to bear life better and giving pleasure to those who have none, be made worthy work for woman; but for this end they must be studied and with self devotion.”

They must also be kept in subjection to more directly useful pursuits. Every woman, be her rank in life what it may, should be made practically acquainted with every branch of housekeeping. She should know all the duties of every kind of household and domestic service. The more servants her husband is likely to keep, the more is this requisite. She should also be educated in the arithmetic of housekeeping and learn to be a fair accountant. If to this she adds some knowledge of the common trades and how to guard against imposition, the economy resulting therefrom may be incalculable. On’y yesterday the writer of this article was conversing with the land agent in a remote country town on the approaching sale of the last remnants of a family estate, owned by a man who inherited them with a princely fortune. “Ah Sir,” said our informant, “it was his wife who ruined him, she had never learned the worth of money, and it was not only her ignorance of all business that brought them to this: he troubled himself about nothing, and she was cheated right and left. How different it is with Lady—she looks into everything and understands everything. The other day they wanted new cupboards and book shelves at—and as it was to be done by contract it was all measured and the estimate sent in. Her ladyship was not contented with it and went through it herself and convinced the man that he had made several mistakes and could very well afford to do the work, which was considerable, at two thirds the amount he asked, and