

in the school-room, under more refining influences than the home affords.

We can, in the school, insist invariably on polite conduct toward ourselves, upon polite treatment of one another. We can, by constant supervision, restrain the rude tendencies of youth, and by our presence among the children at their play, bring about the use of gentler words and more civil action.

We can, by our unvarying courtesy toward the children, set them such an example of politeness as they may safely follow.

Teachers have no right to be rude to children, to call names, to make mean insinuations, to hold up to contempt the frailties of any unfortunate child, and the public have a right to demand the immediate removal of one who, forgetful of his high calling, conducts himself in such a manner as to debase the morals or manners of any child committed to his care. If there is any one argument stronger than another in favour of sending children to private schools rather than public, it is that more attention is given to the training of the child in what may be called the civilities of life.

Let a man be ever so highly educated; let him understand all the mysteries of science; if he be uncivil in his treatment of his fellow-creatures, he is, to a certain extent, a nuisance in society. He should den himself up, so that his sharp claws may not scarify the souls of his fellows.

The public does not demand angelic conduct from teachers, but that they be right-minded, of grand and noble character, unselfish, dignified, polite in word and action to both parents and children, and outwardly, at any rate, such examples of morality and manners that every child may safely use them as models in both.

God not only created the worlds and those beings that inhabit them, but he adorned them with countless beautifying features, showing, at any rate, that strength and wisdom were not all that is desirable in the eyes of the Divine Creator. He, moreover, endowed man with a love for the refined and beautiful in his creatures; therefore, we who make society what it is, to a very great extent, should copy the Divine plan, and while we strive to make mind strong and active, and body healthful and vigorous, we should not forget those polishing, refining processes which do so much to render life joyful and beautiful.