

into life, no vistas of mental life open up before her. Sometimes in spite of all this the fires of a divine genius would burst through the superincumbent mass, and then exulting in her freedom she would draw inspiration from the "eternal melodies."

The discovery has been made that woman's mind has life and power, and in consequence there is a general movement to admit her to the highest walks of culture. The enthusiasm of educationists in this regard is not abating, but rather increasing, thus an enduring basis is being laid of moral and national prosperity. Co-education is a success. Young women are now taking their place by the side of young men, and if woman is inferior to man in any respect the class room and the examination hall do not show it. It is not necessary to settle the question whether man's and woman's minds are the same. The Creator may have designed that the spheres of the manifestations of their minds should be different. The power that evokes fresh scenes, fresh existences may be man's, but woman's sphere is no less important.

In view of what has been done and is doing to raise women to the scale of mental culture *women should be educated for her own sake.* What scenes the world presents of the results of neglecting to educate women morally and intellectually. There is no reason why she should be debarred from the sources of knowledge. If geology and astronomy are great means of human culture, let her study them. If she wishes to be lifted above passion and prejudice into the regions of pure reason, let her study mathematics. If language is the highest manifestations of mind, and it is necessary for her to enter into close communion with the greatest minds of all the centuries, let her study language. If man's mental vision should be widened and clarified, women's should too. Knowledge and culture is women's birthright. A good, healthy, generous, sound education should be had. She is made a different being, and her relations to all things are recognized. Her spiritual life flows out in a new and healthier current. The high purpose of her existence is better served. Teachably she sits at the feet of infinite wisdom and drinks from the unfailing sources of pleasure and wisdom.

For her own sake women should be educated. But she is no isolated creature. She can exert an influence which it is impossible to estimate. Inestimable because it affects human character. Some think that everything in the future man depends upon his mother. Who ever read of a remarkable man that had not a remarkable mother? If study is requisite for the men who are to rule the world, what must it be for those who are to form the men? The whole future fate of life largely depends on the efforts and influence of the mother. Man through woman regains in home, the lost Paradise of Eden.

Woman, ignorant of the laws of her moral and intellectual being has no adequate sense of the sphere she occupies. She has in her charge, in a very high sense, the destinies of the world. Influencing the character for time with results which reach

into eternity, she leaves her impress on the plastic clay, instilling influences which touches the hidden springs of action. She increases sensibility and tenderness of heart to all the finer motives, Her own inner life running deep and pure and strong and rushing outward flows into and penetrates the life of her child. The streams of the mother's life flowing from the unfailing sources of Divine truth, her heart mellowed under the influence of unseen realities, she has a power which cannot be resisted. The influence of an educated, refined, and religious woman is indescribable. In her presence our baser life dies away. Then comes the inflow of a higher life and purer purpose.

Woman standing on educational equality with man does not imply the right of one to invade the sphere of the other. It is not wonderful if woman in the first flush of newly found power and life should be a little excessive in her manifestations. Woman need not abandon the hallowed precincts of home to harangue public assemblies or enter senatorial halls. Great depths in learning the antidote for this.

Man and woman different mediums. The manifestations of their mind widely different. Literary work need not interfere with woman's proper life-work. Man the sun glowing in meridian splendor, woman the moon shedding a soft and mellow light. Man affects his purpose by logic and rhetoric, woman accomplishes hers you can scarcely tell how. She is simply in possession of the fortress. There is an analogy between the mental and physical world. Through man come ocean, forest, mountain; through woman lake, flower, valley, the settings, so to speak, of the perfect picture. Man and woman the two parts of a splendid harmony.

Woman's ready genius and fine, tender instincts will show in her home an exhaustive source of joy and satisfaction. Home ought to be the grand centre around which the affections should cluster. The earthly Eden of her existence. Into it the full tide of her purified life should be poured. The beauty of her spirit must beam through its duties. She is a ministering angel sent forth to minister. Sent on errands of love and mercy. If thoughts come "fast and thick," let her express them. If she must be an authoress, let her be one. The world is benefitted. Other minds are fed and raised. Let her be to the world what the Nile is to Egypt. Let beauty and verdure burst forth everywhere. Let her power manifest itself in a thousand endearing charities. In unutterable look of love and tenderness. In the manifold forms which attract the young. In the innumerable exhibitions of an indwelling power that unceasingly expresses itself in accents of truth and wisdom. In the full outgushing and felicitous expression of all that constitutes a claim to genuine womanhood. Home is the place for woman to expand the riches of her mind. The place in which all her faculties find best and fittest expression in which she sees the incarnation of her deepest and truest life. The Paradise of many precious hopes and joys. The training school for life's great work—the nursery of heaven.