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inspiration to me in student days,
and the richness of whose life
grows upon me as the years pass,
I dedicate this little volume.*

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Will the Home Survive

I

INTRODUCTION

WILL the family, that institution which we have long regarded as the unit of civilization, the foundation of the state, survive? The very form of the question may startle us, but we have to recall only a few facts to remind ourselves that the family of our fathers' time has almost entirely gone. Its going has not been caused by any revolution, it has passed so imperceptibly that we scarcely realize that it has gone. Indeed, in a few cases it may remain in something like its original state, but for the most part the home, as our fathers knew it, has entirely passed from our civilization.

Home life, for the most part, especially in large cities, is a matter of history. Hunter in

his suggestive book on *Poverty* says of the home of our fathers: "The economic development of the last hundred years has destroyed it and left in its stead a mere shadow of what once was the source of all things essential to the world. The mills, factories, abattoirs, breweries, and bakeries took from the home the various trades; the state supplied the defense, and the city the water supply; the sanitarian, the surgeon, and the alienist took precaution against disease and replaced home remedies by skilled practice and medical science; the sick have hospital care, the schools undertake the instruction of the child, and the factory, etc., the technical training. The home is now a few rooms in a crowded tenement or apartment-house. The fields have diminished to commons, the commons to yards, the yards to courts and light shafts; the tenement has become yardless. Little or nothing has replaced the social losses of the home."

A few decades ago virtually the entire life of the parent and the child was in and about