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### CHAPTER I.

#### TRIALS OF YOUNG MOTHERS.

THERE are few events in the life of a woman which produce such a change in her character as the birth of her first child.

The duties imposed by marriage are often veiled, at first, by the gay illusions of youthful fancy; for the bride seldom realizes, upon her wedding day, the serious cares of the new life upon which she has entered. She forgets, for a time, that it has its burdens, or believes they are not for her; for has she not a fearless protector

at her side? and can aught harm her while she leans upon him for strength?

The love of a young, confiding wife is beautiful to witness, as she leaves home and friends to share the fortunes of him whom her heart has chosen; but she does not win our interest like the helpless young mother, when she feels, for the first time, her first born's breath. Then, if never before, from the depths of a joyful heart she thanks God for the gift, and breathes a prayer for strength and wisdom to guard and guide her charge.

Ay, then, if never before, she feels the need of higher wisdom than that of her husband, and finds welling up in her heart a deeper fountain of joy than any which her girlish fancy had pictured. I will not dwell upon the mingled joy and pain, the hopes and fears, which fill the heart of a young mother at this period.

I can say, from experience, "the heart knoweth its own bliss;" and I believe I may add, that with the Christian wife distrust of self and confidence in God is the prevailing feeling.

It was at the birth of Samuel that Hannah