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'The destiny of the nations lies far more in
the hands of women—the mothers—than
in the hands of those who possess power.'

Froebel.



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TO MY OWN BELOVED CHILDREN,
IN WHOM I THUS EXPRESS MY TRUST,
I DEDICATE THIS MY EFFORT
IN BEHALF OF OTHER CHILDREN.

MARTHA B. MOSHER.

He who helps a child helps humanity—with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of human life can possibly give again.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

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PREFACE

THE best promise for to-morrow lies always in the best fulfilment of the opportunities of to-day. If the decision regarding the eligibility of women to higher social and political status rested on their success as homekeepers and mothers, a favorable one might be warmly contested. There would be no impeachment of their mother love, moral appreciation, or good intention, but of their thoughtfulness, consistency, and knowledge of the best methods to secure the best possible development of their children.

Everywhere women of to-day are seeking improvement—their energies being aroused to the utmost by the new independence and intellectual life which has come to them. The friction of mind with mind, the stimulus from associated ideas is awakening thoughts and theories on all possible subjects, which, if wisely directed, will result in the greatest benefit to mankind. But in their efforts for ameliorating human conditions, women should bear in mind that the best study in the humanities is in their own home. The more one observes, the