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I

THE NEW POSITION OF FEMININITY

BECAUSE the Girl in her middle teens, and a little beyond, is the mother of the woman; indeed, under our system of rapid twentieth-century development, when everything is precocious and well-nigh marvellous, she is almost the woman herself; and, because the swing of the pendulum of modernity has carried woman, unwontedly, to a more exalted position and to a larger share and influence in the affairs and activities of life than she has hitherto enjoyed, that part of the life-work of fathers and mothers pertaining directly to the building of the Girl presents new and interesting, as well as vitally important, phases, well worth candid attention and

study. To invite this attention and induce this study, mayhap to offer some suggestions which shall prove helpful, is the object of this booklet.

Primarily, there is the same beautiful ordination of fatherhood and motherhood, in this Girl-building. And it will go without saying that nothing in human life and living can be more appealingly beautiful than this ordination of parenthood, where it is true and loyal to its elemental thought and design, and so suffused with love, and care, and pride, and interest, that its responsibilities, while actualized, are gladly accepted; where the fathers and mothers never become so conscious of its cares and obligations as to think of them as burdensome and to wish that they might end, but instead, have a positive dread of the quickly oncoming time when their children have grown and are gone, and they, the parents, sit in their empty homes; no boys and girls to put them in disorder, no more the kiss of baby lips, the patter of little feet, and the

sight of the dear heads safe on their pillows.

Human life presents no feature more captivating and more desirable to the average man and woman than this, nor any so fraught with the richer, purer joys coveted by them, nor yet any whose retrospection in after years, promises so much of unmingled joy and satisfaction.

In such parenthood as this, manhood and womanhood rise to the highest possible plane of life and living. It touches the ideal that had its birth and fashioning in the mind and heart of Infinite Wisdom. The ideal is that beauty which is above and beyond the beauty of the artist; the truth which is above and beyond the truth of the philosopher; that sacredness which is above and beyond the sanctity of the saint; that love which transcends all other love. In art, the loss of the ideal would be its degradation to mere realism. In human life, the loss of the ideal of parenthood and home would be degradation and death