

Educational institutions may educate and reformatories reform, but without the influence of home with a mother's love and a father's care, we may well despair of the nation.

Napoleon Bonaparte once said ; "What France needs is mothers." As the homes are, so is the nation. The nation is embraced by the home wheos royal queen is mother. Home is the channel of woman's influence. The degree of a nation's prosperity and liberty corresponds to the degree of sanctity accorded to womanhood. This sanctity, inbred for generations among a people, becomes a national instinct. All hail to womanhood inviolable in America! French mothers look with astonishment at the liberty of our young girls. English girls at 16 are in the nursery while young American spirit is enjoying the frolics that only youth can know. In this country the relations of mother and daughter are much larger the same as those of sister to sister in which lies the secret of the possibility of the safe and sacred freedom of our young people. While our women can go from New England to California alone in safety, it is a notorious fact that in England women travel alone but 20 miles in their compartment carriages at extreme peril. To day in many of the European countries woman is man's drudge. In England and France she is ornamental. In *our* homess he is man's equal. To *this* fact we owe very largely the complexion of our nation's history.

But the day has never been in our history when some vexed question was not calling for attention. The outlook of our land is yet fraught with danger ; gigantic evils rise in the path of our future ; there is the problem of foreign immigration. The exclusion act as recently passed virtually closes but the one back gate of the Pacific, leaving practically unguarded the many open portals of the Atlantic.

Has not the time come when we should be more conservative? Statistics show a net increase of illiteracy in five states of the Union within a decade ; notwithstanding our increased educational advantages. This startling revelation is statistically proven due to the influx of ignorant foreigners.

Besides the wide spread of ignorance due to foreign immigration, we cannot lose sight of the dangerous elements to politics and degraded standard of citizenship due to the same cause.

Our politics should grow purer and better as our people grow in numbers and intelligence. But this wide, free, rich country of ours, spreading out like a mammoth lawn, broken by rich forests here and vast mineral resources there, is yearly inundated, covering us with a vitiating sediment. We awaken each successive year to find the carefully worked ground of the previous season now strewn with un cultivated material.

Again, intemperance is an evil that threatens our national well-being.

In this bright land of ours thousands are destroyed annually, who are as clearly the victims of the war that intemperance wages against society, as are the slain found upon the field of battle, victims of a conflict at arms. Can we as a nation harbor this deadly poisonous germ and not be contaminated thereby?

Another monster is monopolies, which flaunt the threatening red flag of disintegration over against the stars and stripes.

Once more we mention a menace to the nation's fair future—'tis mormonism. Though we believe that mormonism never could succeed in America, controverting gas it does, the American ideas in turning back to sensualism for its inspiration and despotism for its model, yet under the leadership of men at once so sagacious and unscrupulous as they have proven themselves to be, and when allied by men like President Elliot of Harvard, to commend their deeds, and liken their vice-ridden, crime permeated career to the victorious steerage of the Mayflower, in which were borne the seeds of the Republican tree under which millions of freemen now repose, is it not high time that the smouldering evils be CRUSHED under the foot of indignant virtue?

Such as these are the clouds against the afternoon sky of the 19th century. Who can foretell their growth? Who can say that they will not