THE BATTALION.

Without a question woman's mission as a home-maker is paramount to every other interest; but her influence beyond the home circle is always mightier when she comes with her countenance brightened by the light of home, and bearing upon her heart the responsibilities of her family relations, and it is the fidelity with which she performs the duties growing out of these Heaven-blessed relations which gives her power and widens her influence. The fear is always expressed that women of the period are stepping beyond her natural sphere, that the coming woman will be home forgetting, family-neglecting, masculine and assuming. Let every such thought perish. History furnishes no example of education and liberty of thought and action developing such a class of women.

Every true woman knows her God-prescribed sphere and needs no legislative action to define its limits. Every true woman finds her purest and most exalting happiness in her home and family. But her womanly instinct also teaches her that her home is a part of a great throbbing world, and her family a part of a living, moving throng and her womanly yearnings go out after them into all the paths of life.

And as man's aims become higher, woman's aims are higher, for however different man and woman are in character they are alike in aim. Taking this view of the general situation it follows that whatever woman is capable of doing, north, south, east and west, she should have the privilege of doing, if practicable. More anon.

Mathematics.

If the utility of everything should be tested by the pleasure it immediately affords to the generality of mankind, mathematics would certainly be considered the most useless study in which men could possibly engage. It would be an index of frivolity and misdirected genius for a man to engage in mathematical reasoning. But it is almost a peculiarity of this science that, as it becomes more uninteresting to the

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