

self in the place of the moral leper will soon be incurably effected. On the other hand, what a power for the propagation of truth, purity, moral beauty and good, lies in cultured speech! I mentioned awhile ago the salons of Paris. At a period when licentiousness of living was infecting all classes of French social life, from the court to the humblest of homes certain ladies of startling character and intellectual preeminence and graceful manners, opened their drawing rooms to the learned and witty of the gay capitol. The hostess set the style of conversation, frowning upon anything that was low, encouraging all that was refined, and so gave tone to that part at least of fashionable life that an atmosphere of tasteful elegance took the place of the tainted air of loose living in which the city had been steeped. If you have any good to impart, if you feel that aesthetics, literature, art, ethics, christianity, might receive a new rendering at your hands; if you feel that it is at all your province to teach others as you yourself have learned; if God has given you that lofty and distinguishing characteristic of humanity, social inclinations, make the most of your calling and gift by forming a style of speech at once pure, original, and hightoned. To do so, read the best and cleanest literature only, have a few sprightly and intelligent correspondents of both sexes, above all, frequent the society of intelligent people and the plans of amusement which are edifying. Form the habit of judging men and things with the nicety and discernment that true intelligence imparts. Cultivate a delicate tact. Even St Paul felt the necessity of being at proper times "all things to all men" not for selfish ends, but to win them to that higher and better life for which men so often strive in vain because they have unsafe guides and no self experience.

The young man is suffering under great disadvantages who has not a few lady friends of the proper maturity to whom he can with confidence open up his experiences. I speak not of the frivolous butterflies of society and fashion, pretty to look at, but as aimless and devoid of all that is ele-