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"THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST."—Peter.

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A COAT FOR SAMUEL.

"Moreover his mother made him a little coat,

and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up

with her husband to do her yearly sacrifice."—I Sam.

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The story of Deborah and Abigail is very

apt to discourage a woman's soul. She says

within herself, "It is impossible that I ever

achieve any such grandeur of character, and

I don't mean to try;" as though a child should

refuse to play the eight notes because he can-

not execute a "William Tell." This Hannah

of the text differs from the person I have just

named. She was an ordinary woman, with

ordinary intellectual capacity, placed in or-

inary circumstances, and yet, by extraordi-

nary piety, standing out before all the ages to

come, the model of a Christian mother. Hannah

was the wife of Elkanah, who was a person

very much like herself—unromantic and plain,

never having fought a battle or been the sub-

ject of a marvellous escape. Neither of them

would have been called a genius. Just what

we might call, in the words of Elkanah and

Hannah, "the brightest time in all the his-

tory of that family was the birth of Samuel.

Although no star ran along the heavens point-

ing down to his birth-place, I think the an-

gels of God stood at the coming of the boy.

He had been in the womb for seven months,

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the way she managed this boy, you know she

was intelligent. There are persons in our

community who need to be so wise and well-

informed as mothers. O, this work of cul-

turing children for this world and the next.

The child is timid, and it must be roused up

and pushed out into activity. The child is

forward, and he must be held back, and

tamed down into modesty and politeness.

Rewards for one, punishments for another.

That which will make George, will ruin John.

The rod is necessary in one case, and the

rod is necessary in more than one case. In

front of discipline is more than enough in

another. Whipping and a dark closet do not

exhaust all the rounds of domestic discipline.

There have been children who have grown up

and gone to glory, without ever having had

their feet bound. O, how common and how

intelligence is necessary in the rearing of chil-

dren! But in this day, when there are so

many books on this subject, no parent is ex-

cusable in being ignorant of the best mode of

bringing up a child. Parents know more of

discipline, there would not be so many dys-

peptic stomachs and weak nerves and in-

active lives among children. If parents knew

more of physiology, there would not be so

many curved spines and cramped chests and

indurated throats and diseased lungs as there

are among children. If parents knew more

of art, and were in sympathy with all that is

beautiful, there would not be so many chil-

dren coming out in the world with boorish

proclivities. If parents knew more of Christ,

and practiced more of his religion, there

would not be so many little feet already start-

ing on the wrong road, and all around us

voices of riot and blasphemy would not come

up with such ecstasy of infernal triumph.

The angels in the air have no advantage

over the eagles of a thousand years ago;

the kids have no superior way of climbing

up the rocks than the old goats taught them

hundreds of years ago; the whelps know no

other method of climbing than the lions of

the desert; but it is a shame that in this day,

when there are so many opportunities of im-

proving ourselves in the best manner of cul-

turing children, that so often there is no more

advanced in this respect than the boys of

Sodom. I do not think that there is much

between the kids and the eagles and the

whelps.

Again, Hannah stands before you to-day

as a Christian mother. From her prayers,

and the way she consecrated her life to

God, I know she was good. A mother may

have the finest culture, the most brilliant sur-

roundings; but she is not fit for her duties un-

less she is a Christian mother. There may

be well-read libraries in the house; and ex-

hibitions in the parlor; and the most beau-

tiful art adorning the walls; and the war-

rior be crowded with tasteful apparel; and

the children be wonderful for their attain-

ments, and make the house ring with

laughter and innocent merriment; but

nothing would look better in that house, if

it were not the residence of a Christian

mother. A blessing God that there are not many

prayerless mothers—not many of them. The

prayer of responsibility is so great that they

for the need of a divine hand to help, and

divine voice to comfort, and a divine heart

to sympathize. Thousands of mothers have

been led into the kingdom of God by the

hands of their little children. There are hun-

dreds of mothers who have been saved by

the prayers of their children. I have known

of a mother who had been a drunkard, and

for the prattle of their little ones.

Standing some day in the nursery, they be-

thought themselves, "this child God has given

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