

And exquisite are these marvels. Take the most minute speck of organic matter: look at it under the microscope. How marvellous is the structure of its cells! Deeper and deeper wonders of structure unfold themselves as the power of the microscope increases. Then, by chemical means, we take to pieces the cells, and reveal the molecules that make them up; every molecule an orderly regiment of complex atoms, each atom a musical instrument, whose song comes to us as light, telling of hundreds of millions of millions of vibrations a second. Such is the complexity of the minute. But, on the other hand, what tremendous extension is revealed by the telescope, inconceivable masses of matter, all of the same refinement of structure. Such illimitable, unimaginable extension! We blink an eye, and in that time light could encircle the earth. Yet even with the prodigious speed of light, the flash from distant clashing suns may take hundreds of years to reach us.

Mystery surrounds us, unfathomable mystery; but where the human mind can fully read nature, it sees perfection, until a religion of infinite trust is alone possible to the patient student. But we are often as foolish children, fearing to look the Creator's works fully in the face. We fear to study our impulses with open minds. We are the creatures of prejudice, and struggle in a morass of error. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," contains a profound truth. Our thoughts are unclean, and we cannot see one half the marvels of life. How wondrous sex is seen to be when seen with "pure heart." Nowhere is God more plainly seen. Everything lovely in organic life is the product of sex, for sex is the mother of love. The perfume of the flower, its perfect form and colouring, its delicious nectar, every entrancing combination of floral wonder, are the gifts of sex to nature. The exquisite thrill of the nightingale, the plumage of the bird of paradise, the light of the firefly, are some of its marvellous products. To its power in evolution, all the nobility of man is owing,

and on it all possibility of further race improvement depends.

As our new century dawns, men will have learned to see how tremendous is the power of an emancipated womanhood. All literature teams with the idea of an equality of the ethics of the sexes. No other thought is possible. But our writers divide: on the one hand, we have Sarah Grand and the group of noble women who advocate an equality of expression; on the other hand, we have Olive Schreiner, Meredith, Hardy, and the immense conclave of great thinkers who see that an equality of liberty is the cure leading to perfect purity. Science alone can decide the question. Evolution tells us that the impulses of an animal are its safe guides, if it be in the environment in which it has evolved. If not, they may mislead. So with Man. If we can change the environment, so that his impulses are his guides, man may at once enter into his inheritance of joy. If, on the other hand, man must be moulded by evolution till the old impulses disappear and new impulses are developed, thousands of years are wanted. But in the life pictured by Christ as the Kingdom of Heaven, where each lives in the service of all, where he who is most the servant of his fellows is the most honoured, there men's impulses are their guides. It needs a race of angels to keep clean in a world of competitive greed, but men are good enough for a rivalry in generosity; and it is to this life that the opening century is leading us. The power of Prof. Heron, the millions of copies of Sheldon's books sold, though but glimmering lights, indicate the spirit that animates mankind as the new century is born.

This, then, is the outlook of the coming century—a productiveness so wonderful that all may have plenty and leisure, science showing us that we are not to fight the evils of the world, but to avoid them, and allow them to die of neglect. On every side, countless willing workers, fearing neither the difficulties nor the dangers, are waiting the inspired word that shall show them the road to salvation. The most recent investigations