

must proceed. The words in which she expresses her views are an echo of the 'Symposium,' in which a woman figures as a teacher with more than human authority. It is not to be supposed that, in their ardor for winning men's hearts to a love of the Beautiful, such women as Margaret of Navarre were working for their personal happiness. Platonism to them was a means of giving their souls to mankind; Margaret was the pilot of men's souls to the idea of the Beautiful; and in this rather hazardous profession she piloted so well that, as she tells us, "the most daring were reduced to despair, and the most down-hearted saw a ray of hope." Platonic love for these ladies "consists precisely in loving up to the very verge of the forbidden." Naturally this led to some inconsistencies of conduct which were easily misunderstood. But, on the whole, the effect of this mission of beauty on the part of women was a wonderful increase in the lightness and gayety of life, and a certain Platonic sentiment of the brotherhood of man.

M. de Maulde's chapter on the "Science of Platonism," as Margaret and other distinguished women conceived it, is the most readable in the book. The author's style does not lend itself to translation. It is lively enough, but too florid for lucidity. "Then Terror spread her vampire wings, and the silent prisons swam with holocausts of blood" (p. 321)—if M. de Maulde had spared us that sort of thing, and had resisted the impulse to moralize on the degeneracies of the present day, his volume might have been reduced by some hundred pages. As a picture of the influence of women on society, the book is decidedly pessimistic. Women, we are told (p. 410),

ought not "to do violence to their thought by printing it," and, again (p. 502):

"Let them renounce public life! But let them take complete possession of the home life. Let mannish women, if they must, turn doctors, and womanish women turn priests! Let all be philosophers, comforters, ministers of love, human and divine; let them work through love, and love through love! Let them have what we lack; let them excel us, enlighten us, encourage us! And in our hearts we Latins shall bless them as we bless the sun. Passion is a royal-warrant of life. The moral of our book is that good women should love the beautiful. . . . There is no need to be always a maiden of twelve."

With this lucid and inspiring appeal to the new woman, as envisaged by a Frenchman, ends this clumsy and irritating, though not unreadable, work. To the Anglo-Saxon reader it supplies, too often, an amusing commentary on Mr. Leonard Courtney's recent reference to the "vuluble indignation of the baffled male," confronted, in France, with the economic emancipation of woman.

In spite of the total lack of sequence, one can disentangle a few leading ideas from the general chaos. M. de Maulde's work can be recommended to the ordinary reader who knows how to skip. For the student it has little value in its present form, because the bibliography, which is indispensable, and the voluminous foot-notes of the original are, in deference to the French publishers, omitted from the translation. Doubtless, in the French edition both the style and the handling produce a very different effect.

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