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EDUCATE OUR MOTHERS. By Mrs Pearsall Smith.
(London : James Nisbet and Co.)

This little volume is an instructive chat to parents, and particularly to mothers, as to the bringing up of their children, and many of her hints are undoubtedly inspired by a deep and sympathetic knowledge of child nature. She reminds us that in ancient Sparta, if a child did wrong its parents were punished, and she maintains that if justice were done many parents would to-day be taking their children's places in reformatory schools and prisons. The fault is that the training is not begun early enough, so that by ten or twelve years of age the child thinks its own judgment quite as good as its parent's, whereby incalculable mischief is occasioned. Our author also reproves the parents who answer the pressing inquiries of children in a quick, impatient way. No doubt she is right, but some of their artless inquiries probe very deep, and the cleverest of us may be excused for being puzzled at times to know how to deal with them. It is sometimes not possible to answer completely, but we are convinced that the best plan is to answer to what extent we can, and if no surprise is occasioned, the little mind quickly transfers its attention to other matters.

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