

“ Upon you now devolves a double duty—that of supplying to one another the place of your departed mother. You, Fanny, must take your mother’s place in the performance of the household duties. You must be prepared to find it a great care. It will need order, decision, and promptness to perform your several duties well. These traits of character you have not of yourself, therefore you must look to God for his assistance in the work before you. You are old enough now to do well; you have had the best instruction all your life. I trust your mother’s prayers will be heard in your behalf, and that you will be led to give your heart to God, and receive from him assistance and consolation for your new and trying duties; and while I recollect it, I think, Fanny, your mother always planned her work beforehand. In the morning she knew what she was going to do through the day. By this means she spent her time far more profitably than she could otherwise have done. She also had a certain day for a certain work—for instance, Monday, washing; Tuesday, baking and ironing (she ironed upon baking-day, as she was obliged to keep a large fire in order to bake, and by doing both at once, saved fuel); Wednesday, after the clothes were aired, she mended and put them away. Thus, all of the hard work