

The Pivot of Civilization

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To
ALICE DRYSDALE VICKERY

Whose prophetic vision of liberated womanhood
has been an inspiration

I dream of a world in which the spirits of women are flames stronger than fire a world in which modesty has become courage and yet remains modesty a world in which women are as unlike men as ever they were in the world I sought to destroy a world in which women shine with a loveliness of self revelation as enchanting as ever the old legends told and yet a world which would immeasurably transcend the old world in the self sacrificing passion of human service I have dreamed of that world ever since I began to dream at all

—*Havelock Ellis*