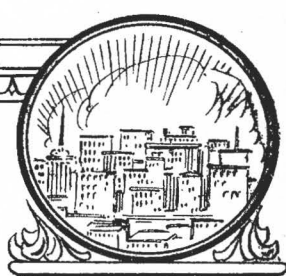


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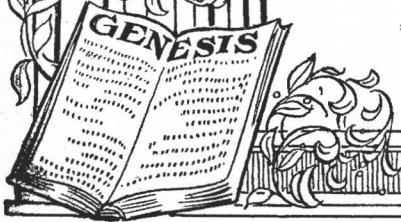


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"BLESS YOU, MY CHILDREN"

AND  
THE FAITH  
OF  
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## ARE THE LAODICEANS SPUED OUT?

(Concluded)

By C. A. Edwards

A careful comparison of the history of both the houses of Israel, Ancient and Modern, Isaiah 8:14 will convince any candid mind, that, Jesus has become indeed "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to both houses. Both turned their back against Him Jer. 2:27; Test. 5, Pp. 217 258; both showed no appreciation for His testimonies. Jer. 6:10; Test. 5, P. 217; both refuse "the message of righteousness by faith," Rom. 10:1-4 (In Christ) Sis. E. G. White in Review Nov. 22, 1892. R. D. Quinn, Review, April, 1921. A. G. Daniels, Review, April 23, 1925. Each mocked the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, Act. 2:13. Sis. E. G. White to Elder Olsen, General Conference, president Cooranborg N. S. W. May 31, 1896. Result, divine withdrawal, Jer. 12:7. Test 8, P. 250, though with reluctance. Test. 5, P. 212. Rev. 3:20.

But the time came for a reformation, Heb. 9:10; Test. 8, 250, and the great reformer reorganized the church with but twelve men, John, 6:70. If they would accept him and his message he would have reformed the entire church and change their ideas, habits and practices. They rejected him and he was compelled to quit and "the remnant according to the election of grace" went with him. Rom. 11:5. But the fact that there was a new organization or the necessity for a new one, prove; that the former was set aside. Modern Israel, Laodiceans, or Seventh Day Adventists organization which followed in the footsteps of Ancient Israel, Test. 5:94. Naturally has similar experienced "the divine presence and glory departed"! Test. Vol. 8 P. 250. As a consequence, churches and institutions comprising the organization intended as the Lord's instrumentalities to do a specific work, Test. 1, P. 106, have been turned into desecrated shrines, Vol. 8, 68. And Sister White who side by side with her husband laboured for thirty-six years with hard-

## NOTICE

*The general session of Free Seventh-day Adventists will not be held this year. The session will be postponed in harmony with a request coming from our foreign brethren. This will give all of us more time to prepare for the general session in the spring of 1928. The date will appear in the pages of this paper.*

*Let all of our brethren everywhere plan for the session. Start a savings account for the session. Plan to come and help with your prayers and with your cash. Let your slogan be, "Going to the general session in 1928."*

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ship and privation for the upbuilding of these institutions, Vol. 1:105-107, would rather, said she, "lay a child of mine in his grave than have him go there to see these principles mangled and perverted." Gen. Conf. Bul. 1901, P. 25. Hence a call for a thorough reformation, Vol. 8, 251.

### *Reformation Defined*

God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation . . . Rival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, reformation signifies a reorganization, a change of ideas and theories, habits and practices. Sis. White, Review, Feb. 25, 1902. Reorganization according to Webster, means to organize anew, to reduce again to an organized condition. And to this agree the following statement by Sis. White at the general conference, Battle Creek, April 1, 1901. "There must be an entirely new organization. There must be a renovation without delay. God means what He says. I want a change here. . . . The work all over the field demands an entirely different course of action than we have had. There needs the laying of a foundation that is different from what we have had."

To any well thinking person it is as clear as word can make it that the present organization of Seventh Day Adventists is entirely set aside, for even a new foundation is demanded. Then are the Laodiceans spued out? Yes. What need for an entirely new organization if the present one was still in favor with God? And if she is still in favor with

God what is the meaning of such statements as found in Sis. White's writing so many times such as displeasure of the Lord surely resting upon them, Vol. 5, 94. "Spirit of the Lord departed," Vol. 1, 113. "Divine presence and glory departed," Vol. 8, 250. "Christ has departed," Vol. 2, 442; Vol. 5, 240. "Satan plant his hellish banner in the stronghold." (gen. conf.), Vol. 2, 440; Vol. 5, 12-14; 2 Cor. 4:3, 4, and Satan working side by side with the organization and their plans are worked by his methods. Test. to Min. P. 336.

### *An Eighth Church*

This eighth church idea is being used to deceive the unstable and unlearned; but is this entirely new organization called for to be an eighth church? No! The church called Laodicean in Rev. 3:14-17 means the church in the judgement period which begun since 1844 and as long as the judgment lasts the church during that period is the Laodicean. But in two forms Apostate, and reform or the small number of those now professing to believe the truth, Test., Vol. 2, P. 445. Which small number called the remnant, Rev. 12:14. Will decide to return to the Lord. Hosea 6:1-3. Isaiah 1:9, and 10:20-22; Rom. 11:5. But Apostate Laodicean will never be reformed on the whole we are told, and these will be strong opposition to the Reformers who are forced to turn away from the churches they love. B. T. School, May, 1907. Desire of Ages, 232. In the Review and Herald for

Dec., 1925, week of prayer issue, we are told by one of its writers that it is not a new organization that is needed, and in Dec., 1926; week of prayer issue we are told by another of its writers that the Lord will never set aside that organization. Now reader compare those two statements with that of the prophetess above and see if they agree. But it reminds me of a statement found in Test. Vol. 5, P. 79. As follows: "The prevailing spirit of our time is that of infidelity and apostasy—a spirit of pretended illumination because of a knowledge of the truth, but in reality of the blindest presumption. There is a spirit of opposition to the plain word of God, and to the testimony of His Spirit. There is a spirit of idolatrous exaltation of mere human reasoning above the revealed wisdom of God. There are men among us in responsible positions who hold that the opinions of a few conceited philosophers, so called, are more to be trusted than the truth of the Bible or the testimony of His Holy Spirit. Such a faith as that of Paul, Peter, or John is considered old fashioned, and insufferable at the present day. It is pronounced absurd, mystical, and unworthy of an intelligent mind. God has shown me that these men are angels. (Heb. Archangel which means devils or representatives of Satan, Sev. 16:8), to prove a scourge to our people. They are wise above what is written. This unbelief of the Very Truth of God's Words, because human judgment cannot comprehend the mysteries of His work, is found in every district, in all ranks of society. It is taught in most of our schools and comes in the lessons of the nurseries (Sabbath School quarterlies). Thousands who profess to be Christians give heed to lying spirits." Reader, in the name of Him who bled to save you will you trust your salvation in the hands of men such as these? We Free Seventh Day Adventists will not. Instead of being angry and blaspheme at the exposition of these truths like ancient Israel, Act 13:45; 18:6; be noble like the Bereans, Act 17:11, and read these things for yourself and see if the present organization called Seventh

Day Adventist is not entirely out of harmony with God, and has invited and assisted Satan to take hold of the center of their work, and most of her methods is after the working of Satan. Consequently become the habitation of devils and the cage of every hateful and unclean birds (people), Rev. 18:2.

### FORGIVE AND FORGET

Oh, forgive and forget! for this life is too fleeting  
To waste it in brooding o'er wrongs we have met;  
It is better, far better, to smother our anger,  
To teach the proud heart to forgive and forget.

In the path we must tread, leading down to the valley,  
Are the crosses and trials to lift and to bear;  
And the chalice of life from which we are drinking  
Oft bears to our lips draughts of sorrow and care.

But life is so short, be it sunshine or shadow,  
That we cannot afford to brood over a wrong;  
Let us take up our burdens and bear them on bravely,  
We'll lay them down shortly, —it cannot be long.

Then forgive and forget! If the friends you love fondly,  
Prove themselves false and unworthy of trust,  
Deal with them kindly, for they are but mortals,  
Erring like us, for we are but dust.

Deal with them tenderly, pity their weakness.  
We know every heart hath its evil and good;  
One Father in heaven we have, hence are brothers:  
Then let us forgive and forget as we should.

—Selected.

"When a bit of sunshine hits ye,  
After passing of a cloud,  
When a bit of laughter gits ye,  
An' yer spine is feelin' proud,  
Don't fergit to up an' fling it  
At a soul that's feelin' blue;  
For the minute that ye sling it,  
It's a boomerang to you."

### CAN'T

Can't is the worst word that's written or spoken,  
Doing more harm here than slander and lies;  
On it is many a strong spirit broken,  
And with it many a good purpose dies.  
It springs from the lips of the thoughtless each morning,  
And robs us of courage we need through the day;  
It rings in our ears like a timely-sent warning,  
And laughs when we falter and fall by the way.

Can't is a word none should speak without blushing;  
To utter it should be a symbol of shame.  
Ambition and courage, it daily is crushing;  
It blights a man's purpose and shortens his aim.  
Despise it with all of your hatred of error;  
Refuse it the lodgement it seeks in your brain;  
Arm against it as a creature of terror,  
And all that you dream of you some day shall gain.

Can't is the word that is foe to ambition,  
An enemy ambushed to shatter your will;  
Its prey is forever the man with a mission,  
And bows but to courage and patience and skill.  
Hate it with hatred that's deep and undying,  
For once it is welcomed 'twill break any man;  
Whatever the goal you are seeking, keep trying,  
And answer this demon by saying, "I can."

—Edgar A. Guest.

"It is easy enough to be pleasant  
When life flows along like a song,  
But the man worth while  
Is the man who can smile  
When everything goes dead wrong."

"No other person in love acts so foolishly as the person in love with himself."

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## DO WE COMMIT SACRILEGE BY DEPARTING FROM OUR FORMER CHURCH?

*“Watch Ye, Stand Fast in the Faith, Quit You Like Men, Be Strong.”*

As soon as one accepts Christ and is converted, his name is enrolled in the book of life as a candidate for eternal life: This book contains the names of all who are members of the true church. If we prove disloyal to Christ, and refuse to walk in the light, we thereby separate ourselves from the fold of His church, and in the day of judgment our names will be removed from the book of life. Those who are converted and are faithfully walking in all the light they have, constitute the membership of the true church of Christ. These at present are scattered throughout the various denominations.

Many professed Christians entertain the idea that to separate from the denomination in which they have been reared in is sacrilege; but this does not necessarily follow. If this were so, then the Reformers committed sacrilege by separating from the Church of Rome. There is but one source of authority to which the Christian can pledge unswerving allegiance, and that is Christ. So long as a denomination remains loyal to Christ, we can affiliate with it, but as soon as it refuses to keep pace with the pillar of cloud as it advances toward the promised land, we

are forced to choose between it and Christ; to stay longer with that organization is to become a partaker of her sins and receive of her plagues. See Rev. 18:4. The salvation of believers depends upon their loyalty to Christ regardless of earthly ties, or even of life itself. Some people go so far as to assert their allegiance to their particular denomination by declaring that they will remain members of that church as long as they live. This is a most dangerous position, and if maintained would eventually lead to a separation from Christ. Our only purpose should be to maintain our membership in the one body of which Christ is head.

Many Seventh-day Adventists like “Melancthon”, characterize Crawfish, they go backwards.

In every Reformation, there are to be found those that are fearful, timorous, weak-kneed; and, those that are tenderfoots. Melancthon though a good man had not that force of purpose as his friend Luther. He was inclined to have things easy with the papacy,—loth to break away entirely from his jurisdiction, and as a consequence of his passive position, the Reformation was in danger of collapsing, and return to the bondage of spiritual tyranny. He was endeavoring to keep the peace with Rome, and thus clothe the gospel with sack cloth. Seeing this, Luther wrote to him as follows: “But if, which Christ forbid, you do not put forward the gospel—if on the contrary you shut up that glorious eagle in a sack, Luther—doubt it not—Luther will come and gloriously deliver the eagle. As certainly as Christ lives, that shall be done; thus spoke Luther, but in vain: everything in Augsburg was tending towards approaching ruin; Melancthon had a *bandage over his eyes* that nothing could tear off. He no longer listened to Luther, and could not for popularity. “It does not become us,” said he, “to be moved by the clamours of the vulgar; we must *think of peace and of posterity*. If we repeal the episcopal jurisdiction, what will be the consequence to our descendants? . . . Besides, too much dissimilarity in the

churches is injurious to peace: we must *unite with the bishops*, lest the infamy of schism should overwhelm us forever.” Thus it is today. There may be those in this reform movement who are timorous; who fear to take a decided stand *against injustice and oppression*. They are threatened with a boycott of our *literature* that no Sabbath school pamphlets will be sold to them; neither periodicals of any kind. So they ask what shall we do? Shall we do without the Sabbath School pamphlets and our other periodicals? Suppose we were cast into prison for the gospel sake, would we do without them? Would our persecutors allow us to be *supplied with them, or to read them there?* The time is not far distant when this boycotting will be carried on extensively. No man will buy or sell *anything to you*. That means Sabbath School pamphlets and periodicals, too. Be *men!* Your salvation does not depend *upon* the Sabbath School Pamphlets, or upon the boycotted periodicals, but rather *upon Jesus Christ*. But as far as the Sabbath School pamphlets are concerned, we can unite up the lessons and in time we shall unite up other periodicals as we have begun to do with The Banner.

Continuing, the historian said: “The evangelicals too readily listened to Melancthon, and vigorously labored to bind to the papacy by the bonds of the hierarchy that church which God had so wonderfully emancipated. ed into the nets of its enemies. Protestantism rushed blindfolded the return of the Lutherans Already serious voices announced into the bosom of the Romish Church. “They are preparing their defection, and are passing over to the Papist,” said Zwingle.

But Philip of Hesse endeavored to check the fall of protestantism. “When we begin to yield, we always yield more” wrote he to his ministers at Augsburg. “Declare therefore to my allies, that I reject these perditious conditions. If we are Christians, what we should pursue is, not our own advantage, but the consolation of so many weary and afflicted consciences, for whom there is no salvation

if we take away the word of God. . . . If the Baptists will permit the free preaching of the pure gospel, *let us come to understanding with them;* for the truth will be the strongest, and will root out all the rest. But if not, no. This is not the movement to yield, but to remain *firm even to death.* Baffle these fearful combinations of Melancthon, and tell the deputies of the cities from me, *to be men, and not women.* Let us fear nothing: God is with us." History of the Reformation, Vol. P. P., 259-262.

And let us, too, "baffle these fearful combinations" of passive resistance, that some who once focused this reform movement, are now exercising; being bribed to operate against the movement, and to bring us again under the iron heels of *Conference officialism.*

J. W. Manns.

## SATAN THE MASTER COUNTERFEITER

### *Does the Working of a Miracle Or a Wonder Prove Any- thing?*

In the last days Satan will perform great miracles in an attempt to bring the whole world to accept his false doctrines. The human mind is always deeply impressed by the miraculous. Thus it was that Simon was able for a long time to bewitch the people of Samaria, "giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God." Acts 8: 9, 10. These people were deceived by his miracle-working power. They thought that he was the great power of God, when in reality his sorcery was a manifestation of the power of Satan.

#### *Method of Deception*

This is the way Satan will deceive the world. Just before the end he will work with all power, signs and lying wonders. (2 Thessalonians 2:9.) He will lead the people to accept his false doctrines by the performance of great signs and wonders, and will attempt to substantiate these doctrines by the same sign that was once used by the Lord in the demonstration of His true

worship. In the time of Elijah, God sent fire down from heaven in answer to the prayer of His prophet, that all the people gathered on Mount Carmel might distinguish between the false worship of Baal and the true worship of Jehovah. In Satan's final effort to swing the whole world over to the false worship of Antichrist, and thus capture the world for himself, he will counterfeit this sign that Elijah used. Satan will bring fire down from heaven for the purpose of leading the people into the false worship of Antichrist. (Revelation 13:13, 14.) He will deceive the people of the earth by means of those miracles which he has power to perform.

#### *Some People Will Believe Anything*

The majority of persons always seem ready to accept any teaching that is supported by miracles and wonders, without ever comparing it with the Bible to see if it be true. The impression prevails that the performance of great miracles in connection with the preaching of a certain doctrine, is proof that such teachings are from God. If some miracle-working man were to arise, preaching doctrines directly contrary to the Bible, many persons would accept those false doctrines as the truth just because of the miracles performed.

We need to remember that just as there are two kinds of angels,—the good and the evil (Matthew 25:21, 41),—so there are these two sources of miracles. The ability to perform miracles does not constitute an absolute proof that the performer is of God. In Revelation 16:14, we are plainly told that in the last days the spirits of devils will work miracles. When Christ's kingdom is set up, many will be found on the outside, who will claim to have cast out demons and to have done many wonderful works in His name. (Matthew 7:21-23.) God has plainly warned us against being led astray by those signs and wonders that teach us to do contrary to His holy law. (Deuteronomy 13:1-3.)

#### *A Master Counterfeiter*

Satan is ever seeking to counterfeit the works of God. He knows that the closer he can

make his counterfeit resemble the genuine, the more persons he can deceive thereby.

As the magicians of Egypt attempted to counterfeit the work of God as performed by his servant Moses, so in the last days Satan will attempt to make his errors look like God's truth, so that many will be deceived by his counterfeits. (2 Timothy 3:1, 7, 8.) The magicians of Egypt, under the influence of Satan, were able to counterfeit three of the miracles that God performed through Moses; namely, turning rods into serpents, turning the waters of Egypt into blood, and bringing swarms of frogs up from the river.

In the last days, Satan will work the same way to deceive the world. "Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. The more nearly a counterfeit coin looks like the genuine, the more persons are fooled. It is in this way that Satan would sweep the whole world into his net, if it were possible. When the counterfeit is thus made to appear like the truth, we shall need to know the exact truth of the Bible, in order to avoid being misled.

Jesus pointed out the subtlety of these last-day deceptions. "There shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect." Matthew 24:24, A. R. V. Satan will make these false doctrines to resemble so closely the true, that persons who have the truth will be tempted to throw it away as something that is not genuine. All but the elect will be misled by these deceptive signs and lying wonders.

Why will the elect not be deceived? The next verse answers that question: "Behold, I have told you before." Matthew 24:25. To be forewarned ought to make us forearmed. Bible

prophecy unmask these latter-day delusions. Those who give heed to God's prophetic Word will be on their guard against these great deceptions. The elect will not be led astray, because they know the Word of God.

#### *Bible Students Not Deceived*

Jesus has promised that those who cling to His word will be kept safe in this hour of temptation that will try all the people which dwell upon the earth. (Revelation 3:10.) We need to realize that unless we fortify our minds with the true teachings of the Bible, we shall be swept off our feet by these delusions. One great writer says: "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive." "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." Then the most important matter demanding our attention today is carefully to study the Bible to obtain a knowledge of its truths, that we may be kept in this coming hour of temptation.

God's people must not believe every teaching that is presented; but they must try the spirits, to see whether they are of God. (1 John 4:1.) They are to prove all things, and to hold fast that which is good. (1 Thessalonians 5:21.) They should accept nothing until they have proved its truthfulness by the Bible. God has given His people an un failing test, which will enable them always to distinguish truth from error. "To the laws and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

#### *The Testing Rod of Truth*

When you are in doubt, apply this testing rod, and it will show you the true doctrine. Every doctrine that comes from God will be found to be in harmony with His law and His Word. If some man arises who does wonderful things and performs great miracles, and yet his teachings are contrary to the law of God, this is proof that he is not of God. "If there arise among you a

prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, where of he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 13: 1-3.

The nearer we come to the end, the more Satan's deceptive workings will appear. (Revelation 12:12.) But God will counteract these multiplied delusions by causing additional truth to shine forth from His Word. (Daniel 12:4.) Hence, the brighter the light of truth will shine. (Proverbs 4:18.)

These two last-day features are now in process of fulfillment before us. And this brings us face to face with the question, How will our lives be affected by these conditions? Shall we heed the increased light, as it shines from the Word, and thus stand secure on the true foundation? or shall we fall into the net of error, and be entangled in Satan's false doctrines? When the crisis comes, there will be only two classes—those who will receive the truth and be saved, and those who will believe a lie and be lost. (2 Thessalonians 2: 8-13.) In which class shall we be found?

### CHRISTIANS

Christians cannot be half-baked. Hosea 7:8.

Christians cannot be dry-cleaned. Eph. 5:26.

Christians cannot be dare-devils. James 1:14; 4:17.

Christians cannot be near-sighted. 2 Peter 1:9.

Christians must be washed and ironed. Eph. 5:27.

Christians must be Artesian wells. Isa. 58:11.

Christians must be 100 per cent pure. Rev. 14:5.

Christians must be standard measure. Dan. 5:27.

Christians are dealers in stocks and bonds. Acts 16:24; 20:24.

### SERMONETS

Noah didn't plant any crop the year the flood came.

The nearer we get to the end of the journey, the less baggage we should have.

We are on our way to heaven, having just stopped on earth for a little while.

Will you make the round trip to heaven, with Jesus when He returns, and back in the new Jerusalem when it descends?

A railroad ticket is just as good in a tunnel as in the sunlight. So your title to heaven is just as clear in war and pestilence as in worship and prosperity.

Will you be on the reception committee appointed to meet the Saviour when He returns?

The disciples were sorry to have Christ go away. Many today are sorry to have Him return.

Paul hadn't very good eyesight; but when he was talking about the return of Jesus, the Lord gave him wonderful foresight.

God once drowned a flood of wickedness by a deluge of water. Soon He will burn up the fever of sin by the heat of fire.

The watchman who does not know the time is either asleep or does not read his timepiece, the Bible.

The devil knows more about the second coming of Christ than do many modern preachers, for "he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

Those who emphasize baptism, and deny the advent, forget that Paul mentions baptism only thirteen times, while he speaks of the advent fifty times.

What do you think of the wife who hopes her absent husband will never return? Then how about the church (the bride) that says, "I hope He (Christ) will not come in my day"?

Enoch, the pioneer, preacher of the advent message, is still living.

If words for Christ to an individual are most effective in the winning of souls, why are they not more commonly spoken by those who love Christ and love souls?

## WIFEHOOD

Many books have been written and lectures given on the "ideal wife," and yet nowhere can be found in so few words such a beautiful and complete portrayal of her as we read in Proverbs 31. Here we have, in this one typical woman, business ability, kindness and consideration for others, strength and courage, joyfulness and praise, tact and wisdom. She is an early-rising mistress, an industrious, practical housekeeper, and a faithful wife and mother.

As a maiden enters upon married life, all her interests, which before have been individual, are from henceforth to be merged into the interests of another. There is now to be so strong a bond of sympathy between two persons that whatever affects one will equally affect the other. That which is important to one is equally important to the other.

With married life come many new duties for the young wife. She should strive to keep the best of herself for her husband. Let her seek to familiarize herself with his interests and habits of thought, and be intelligent about his business.

The average husband is only too glad to find his wife interested in his affairs. It is a wonderful help and encouragement to a man when he is certain of finding some one at home with whom he can take counsel.

"If there should come a time, as well there may,  
When sudden tribulation smite thine heart,  
And thou dost come to me for help and stay  
And comfort, how shall I perform my part?  
How can I make my heart a resting place,  
A shelter safe when strong temptations smite?"

A woman who desires to be a true wife will not fail her husband in any of these particulars.

When the husband comes home tired at night, it is well for the young wife to avoid telling him of every little annoyance that has arisen during the day. Tell him the pleasant things. Let him feel that his home, however

simple, is a haven of rest, and his wife the guardian angel of its peace.

One should rise above the annoyances and frequent irritations of domestic life, and not become a nagging wife. Nothing will drive a husband and children from home more quickly than a grumbling, scolding wife and mother. She may work and sacrifice for them from morning until evening, but nothing will atone for this deplorable habit.

Pettish, childish tears seldom touch a man's heart, and yet it is right and important from the moment married life begins to tell him every reasonable heart-ache one has. It is not foolish nor sentimental to keep the wedding day always fresh in the memory.

When motherhood is added to wifehood, the young mother sometimes makes the mistake of forgetting in her new love and responsibilities for her children, that she has duties to her husband. Oftentimes she has experienced her first feelings of neglect as she has confined herself too closely to the nursery and to domestic tasks, in ministering to the physical needs of her family.

Few husbands like to feel that they are neglected, even for their children; and if one is suddenly deprived of the whole of his wife's society, he may seek entertainment outside the home.

A wife may not always agree with her husband, but if she differs with a kindly, ladylike dignity, the husband who is a true gentleman will respect her none the less for this difference of opinion. As they counsel and plan together, each will become broader and more useful because of looking at different sides of the questions which may arise.

A grandfather once gave to his granddaughter on her wedding night the following good advice: "It is one of the finest arts ever studied by woman to learn how to keep her husband her lover. Master this secret, and yours will be a happy wedded life." In a beautiful book on English literature we find the following on the dedicatory page: "To My Wife: Best of companions and truest of friends." What a peep these

few words give us into the relationship which existed between this husband and wife!

Some years ago two women sat on the veranda of an Indian Ocean summer resort. The sun was slowly setting, and they were looking out across the bay to the mountains beyond. They talked of their girlhood, and also mentioned the experiences of married life. One was a hard-working, untidy-looking woman who was doing all in her power to keep together a home. Her efforts were little appreciated, however, by her husband and children. Her whole manner was that of a woman who had lost the last spark of courage. It was her fiftieth birthday, and she remarked to her companion that thirty years ago her husband had walked all the way from the mountain pass twenty miles distant to spend the evening with her, but today he would not trouble to cross the street to be in her company. The listener knew that what she said was all too true, but she could not help but wonder whether, if the wheels of time could be turned backward, the disheartened, discouraged wife could have made a better beginning as a bride. If she had only begun twenty years earlier to study how to keep her husband a lover, hers would doubtless have been a far different experience on this anniversary day.

There is a wonderful lesson in the experience of the unselfish young girl who married Audubon. Yearning for her own home, yet realizing that it was necessary for her husband to journey thousands of miles and give months of study to the habits and haunts of certain birds, she determined to go with him into the forests, living now in tents and again in some rude cabin, until the children came. Then it was necessary for her to remain behind while he went abroad. At last the naturalist came home after a long absence to fulfill the long-cherished dream of years of quiet study by his own fireside; but he found that mice had destroyed his drawings and ruined his sketches left in his studio. He was numb with grief and disappointment, but his brave wife

led him to the gate and sent him back into the forest, saying that there was no valley so deep, no wilderness so distant, but that his thought, turning homeward, would see the light burning brightly for him.

What a noble example of loyal wifehood do we find in the life of Ann Hasseltine Judson, when she journeyed across the Indian sands with her infant in her arms, to carry to her husband food prepared by her own loving hands. How her bravery must have cheered him in his lonely prison cell!

Martin Luther said many beautiful things about marriage, and in speaking of his own wife, paid this tribute: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." "God," he says, "has endowed women with noble and great virtues which, when they are modest, faithful, and believing, far overbalance their little failings and infirmities."

"And if the husband or the wife

In home's strong light discovers

Such slight defaults as failed to meet

The blinded eyes of lovers,  
Still in mutual sufferance lies

The secret of true living,  
Love scarce is love that never knows

The secret of forgiving."  
—Selected.

### HOW CAN I MAKE VISITORS FEEL AT HOME WITH US?

Trying faithfully to apply the golden rule to those who might come to our church, I should first give the stranger a cordial handshake and learn his name. Nothing makes a person feel quite so well acquainted as to be called by his own name when spoken to.

Then I should find a place for him in a class best suited to his age, and after introducing him to each member of the class, I should encourage him to take part in the lesson by giving him a Bible if necessary. This might be his first introduction to the Book of books.

At the close of the lesson, I should try to let him know how much we appreciated his visit, and give him an earnest invitation to come again. And not

wishing to confine my interest in him to Sabbaths only, I should learn his residence address, and call during the week. Perhaps sickness or death has brought him to our doors, and sympathy and comfort are needed.

The following incident may serve as an example of the good which may be accomplished by making strangers feel at home with us: A woman in the East was advised by physicians to take her daughter to the West as the only means of saving her life. Consequently, she found herself a stranger in a large city. It was then she remembered the God her mother had worshiped, and decided to attend services at one of our churches. She was given a hearty welcome at the church, and was visited by different members during the week. Before she returned to her home in the East, she had given her life wholly to God. Eternity alone will show the good results that have been accomplished by making strangers and visitors feel at home in our Sabbath school.

If each of us felt his duty to make at least one stranger or visitor "feel at home with us" each week, I am sure no one would ever leave our Sabbath school without feeling he was more than welcome. If we are all faithful in doing our part, how sweet will be the words of Jesus to us when He says, "A stranger, and ye took Me in."—Selected.

### THE CHRISTIAN'S STOREHOUSE

Are you hungry? Christ will feed you with the bread of life. Matthew 5:6:

Are you thirsty? He will give you a drink that satisfies. John 4:14.

Are your clothes soiled and torn? He will give you a change of raiment. Zechariah 3:4.

Are you naked? He will clothe you with a robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10.

Are you soiled by sin? A fountain for cleansing has been opened for you. Zechariah 13:1.

Are you lonesome? He will visit you. Revelation 3:20.

Are you tired? He will give you rest. Matthew 11:28-30.

Are you troubled? He will give you peace. John 14:27.

Are you sad? He will comfort you. Isaiah 61:2, 3.

Are you poor? He will make you rich. James 2:5.

Are you blind? He will restore your sight. Revelations 3:17, 18.

Are you wounded? He will bind up your wounds. Psalm 147:3.

Are you sick? He is the Great Physician. Psalm 103:3.

Are you friendless? He is a friend that never fails. Romans 8:38, 39.

Are you homeless? He has prepared you a mansion. John 14:1-3.

Are you in prison? He will liberate you. Isaiah 61:1.

Are you defenceless? Weapons and armor are provided. Ephesians 6:11-18.

Are you still in want? He will supply all your needs. Philippians 4:19. — Taylor G. Bunch.

### GOD GIVE US MEN

God give us men, strong men of noble mien,  
Who face the ill of life with soul serene;  
Men who will honor Thee with heart sincere;  
Men who will serve the truth without a fear;  
Men whom a false ambition can't entice;  
Men who will form no partnership with vice;  
Men who for winning favor will not lie;  
Men who for honor's sake would gladly die;  
Men whose strong will no grasping greed can bend;  
Men to the best in other men a friend;  
Men who see in other men a brother;  
Not to self more true than to another;  
Such men as these, O God, we pray thee give,  
That men more like to thee may learn to live.

Even before the prayer is uttered, or the yearning of the heart made known, grace from Christ goes forth to meet the grace that is working on the human soul.—Ellen G. White.