

The Old Meeting House.

We love the venerable house
 Whose fathers built to God;
 In heaven are kept their grateful vows,
 Their dust endears the sod.

Here holy thoughts a light have shed
 From many a radiant face,
 And prayers of tender hope have spread
 A perfume through the place.

And anxious hearts have pondered here
 The mystery of life,
 And prayed the eternal Spirit clear
 Their doubts and end their strife.

From humble tenements around
 Came up the pensive train,
 And in the church a blessing found,
 Which filled their homes again.

For faith and peace and mighty love
 That from the God-head flow,
 Showed them the life of heaven above
 Springs from the life below.

They live with God, their homes are dust;
 But here their children pray,
 And in this fleeting lifetime trust
 To find the narrow way.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Great Thing in the Life of a Young Man.

What better thing can a man do with his life than to help his fellow-men? He can build ships, he can build foundries, he can build great buildings; but suppose he builds character—character of men that power in their fingers to paint pictures and to build locomotives! Suppose he develops an Edison. How proud we were of that little man wizard, who brought home from the last Paris Exhibition the only decoration that any American citizen received! Suppose he encourages some poor, drifting fellow, leads him to Christ and the cross, and he becomes a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the message that he speaks goes on down through all the ages! How much larger a thing that is for a man to do with his life than anything else!

I believe that God calls us to business. I believe that it is right for a man to be diligent in business, not slothful, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Business men are needed to stay in their counting rooms, and watch the wheels of their business; and there may come to them the product of their toil, and investment of their capital. I have been speaking about the great things of life as being better than living for and nursing the bonds of a railroad, or the stock of a bank, or listening to the hum of the mill. A slight shade of the telegraph wire may unsettle a man and make a rainy day for him and a heavy heart. It is well worth while for a man to have before him as a dream a fine country seat, a garden, quietness, a splendid position in the city; but if that is all he has got, what little satisfaction it will be to him when he comes to that time when he will go up stairs and say: "I am not very well to-day; I guess I won't go to the office;" and the next day: "Perhaps you had better send for the doctor." He lies with his face to the wall, and all the great stores he has built, all the great activities that have felt the touch of his fingers, fade out of his eyes; and he thinks of the other shore, and of what treasures he has laid up beyond the stars.

I tell you then, men, we want something more than things of this present life. What a splendid picture that is of Mr. Gladstone, the great Premier of England, going into the little church on his place and preaching the Gospel! Is he any less great because he witnesses for His name? I do not believe in ticketing a man, or giving him a trumpet, and sending him out to parade his religion. The clock that never strikes sometimes tells the time just as well as the great big thing that awakens us up at night; but I believe in a man being a witness. You want a man with an opinion, and willing to speak it out. A man in the Board of Trade has something to say about the shipping, and about the railroads, and about the terminals, and about the city affairs. Why should we not be just the same kind of men when it comes to Christian work and Christian living?

I think the greatest wreck of all in this world is the loss of a young man. When he goes down, the world is poorer than for anything else that could be lost. It is the young men who will rule this country in coming years. In their hands are the keys to unlock the hills. They have the will and the vigor to cut paths through mountains, to set sail out on seas, going out in the dark night and the storm, carrying the products of the soil. I pray God to plant every young man in the good soil of Christian truth, with new hearts consecrated to God. What a country this will be, with Christian men building a good, honest, straight-forward, intelligent government.

As I journey over these thousands of miles through the country, I am the more impressed with its possibilities. What is there we cannot do

with the soil, climate, sunshine, the good government, and the great influences that have all conspired to make this the land of all lands—the enterprise, the power that we have—God's great gift to us—what is there we cannot do? There is an inspiration in looking over the country, but the greatest of all inspirations to me is not that the mines are opening in every mountain, or that the network of railroads is creeping up the mountain sides, down the valleys, and along the shores; but the inspiration is in the shining eyes of the young men, in the great life and vigor of the youth—the rising power of this country.—Hon. John W. Wamaker.

Happiness or Unhappiness in The Home.

An editorial in a current magazine says: "A home is what a woman makes it." Now in many cases this may be true, but it certainly is not always so.

A woman may be the best of house-keepers and home-makers, but if the husband and father spends his time and money in drinking, gambling and carousing generally, how is that home to be a happy one?

Some one says that it is the woman's fault, for marrying a man who ever touched liquor, and holds to the fact that she is responsible for all his faults and wrong doings.

In many cases a woman is to blame, when she marries a man that she knows to be intemperate and immoral, but there are two sides to every question. Two cases have come under my observation of men, who, at the time of their marriage, were as promising young men as can be found anywhere to-day and who had never touched liquor. For several years they were sober, industrious and highly respected, but suddenly they commenced drinking, and for twenty years they have been steadily going down hill. Their wives are lovely, earnest women, who have suffered in silence for years.

Everything has been done to reclaim them, but in vain. The habit formed is stronger than they are, and will probably never be broken.

Now, I ask, are the wives of those two men responsible for the unhappiness in those two homes?

They are other things besides drink that causes desolation and unhappiness, misery and wretchedness in a home. A violent temper on the part of the husband and father may cause the whole household to stand in fear of him.

A woman may do her level best to make a happy home for her husband and children, but if she is treated as a slave, and only given her board and clothing in payment for her services as mother, wife, cook, laundress, nurse-girl, chamber-maid and seamstress, is it any wonder that little or no happiness exists in that home?

If a mother spoils her son by pampering and waiting on him all the years of his childhood and boyhood, and making him think that a man should always be waited on by the woman of his household, is it strange that he expects a wife to do the same, and that, in all likelihood, she either wears out in a few years from such service, or else becomes bitter and disheartened?

There are very many reasons why a home may not be a happy one, and the happiness found therein depends full as much on the husband as it does upon the wife.

We are often told that in every true and ideal marriage both husband and wife must learn to bear and forbear.

In every home where happiness exists, there must be perfect trust, confidence and love between the husband and wife. There are two kinds of sunshine in the world, and both quite necessary—the one which is caused by the sun's shining outdoors, and the other by its shining in our hearts.

Happy homes abound in the heart sunshine, and whether it shines without or not, there is naught but brightness within doors, it is the loving deeds, the cheery, helpful words, and the kindly thoughtfulness, that each member of the family shows toward the other that makes an ideal, happy home—a perfect heaven on earth.

How many of us do our share in making such a home that shall be a haven of rest to all who may come within its influence?—Exchange.

Which Should Have The Wedding Fee?

This is the question I asked of a good natured young preacher, as he lay stretched out at his ease under an apple-tree not far from Sterling camp-ground one sunny afternoon this summer.

He answered in a tone of mild surprise:

"Why, I supposed the minister's wife always had the wedding fee."

"So she does, in theory," I replied with some energy; "but how is it in practice?"

"Well, the rule in our house," said my young preacher, propping himself up on one arm and begin-

ning to realize that he was "in for it," "has been that if I was 'hard up' I kept the wedding fee; and, if not, my wife had it."

"Precisely, my young friend," said I; "you have confessed a truth of wide-spread application. If the minister is 'hard up,' he keeps the wedding fee; if not, his wife gets it; and who ever knew a preacher when he was not 'hard up'?"

I had not expected to see such immediate results from my little sermon, and was somewhat surprised when my friend sat upright and began fumbling in a small vest pocket.

Presently he brought forth a neatly-folded five-dollar bill, and, with every appearance of genuine contrition, confessed that it was his last wedding fee, and that he was holding it to see if he wouldn't be "hard up" pretty soon, and so be entitled to keep it.

"But," said he, with a determined ring in his voice, "I shall give that money to my wife as soon as ever I reach home."

Of course we both laughed over it, and yet we were both in earnest.

If the farmer's wife has the butter, money, and the dentist's wife the gold pieces (as a friend of mine does), and the merchant's wife the dimes, why should not the minister's wife have the wedding fees?

One feature of the millenium, I am sure will be the fact that every married woman will have a certain amount of money regularly that she can call her own.

One reason that the minister's wife especially needs some money of her own is that she may give.

How can she bear to hear the appeals for aid that come in her church a dozen times a year, and give nothing? And if, on the other hand, she expects the pastor's suggestion—that those not prepared with money write the amount of their subscription on slips of paper and hand them in—how is she to know whether, when her husband is looking over these same slips, he pays her amount with a little sigh over his wife's mistaken generosity, or marks it "uncollectable" and puts it one side as extravagant and unnecessary.

Then, the minister's wife needs books as well as her husband. A friend of mine told me that in a certain Oldendorfian French sentence she came across the following: "Has the wife of the clergyman a silk dress?" "No, the wife of the clergyman has not a silk dress, she has a book."

"Well, perhaps she has," I told my friend, "but very likely, if you opened it at the front page it would say, 'No. 478. Library of Rev. _____.'"

So, even the book is not her own.

Now, Mr. Editor, don't think I came home from my vacation wearing blue spectacles. I am as happy and serene as "Aunt Serena" herself. I have a silk dress and I have a book, both of them all my own; but some pastors are thoughtless, and some pastor's wives are too saintly and sweet to ever say what I have said; so you will forgive me if I say it for them!—Zion Herald.

His Partner.

Jabez Jones was talking about our good Deacon Amaziah Adams. He said: "That man is a mystery to me. He is not rich, and yet he gives more than our rich men."

When we were going to enlarge the church and Mordecai Moneybags subscribed one hundred dollars, saying he thought that would be his share, Amaziah subscribed two hundred dollars, and paid it on the spot. He seems to prosper, even when the times are hard, and whatever good object comes along he is ready to help it, not with promises, like so many others, but with coin.

"I can tell you the secret of Deacon Adams' success. He has one of the best partners in the world."

"You mean his wife, I suppose. I know that she is an excellent woman, and in full sympathy with all he does for the church, and yet I don't see how she helps him so that he is always ready."

"I agree with you as to Mrs. Adams, but she is not the partner I refer to. He has a silent partner whom he consults in all his business affairs, and to whom he attributes his prosperity."

"A silent partner! I never heard of that before. Who is he? Does he live in this town?"

"He is the Lord."

When Amaziah went into business more than thirty years ago he asked the Lord to be with him in all his operations, and promised him his full share of the profits. He has kept a strict account, and passed regularly a proportion of the proceeds of the business to his partner. The result is that the Lord has worked with him, has kept him from making mistakes, and has given him a good degree of success. Peter Pennymann started in business about the time that Adams did. He didn't want to work with the Lord. He proposed to go it alone and get rich. You know how successful he was for a time. But the prospect of

large profits tempted him into risky operations, and he has been a bankrupt for years. I tell you, Jabez, it pays to have a good partner, one who has plenty of capital, and whose wisdom makes him a first-class adviser."

"But I don't quite understand you. How does this partnership work? How does Adams know that the Lord is with him in his business?"

"I will give you an illustration. You remember that night when we were trying to raise the money for repairing the church, and when he laid his two hundred dollars on the table?"

"Yes."

"Well, this is the history of that two hundred dollars. Amaziah has a farm, as you know. He set apart one field in it for the Lord. He said: 'Now, my divine partner, this is your share, and all that this field produces I will use for the Church and for missions.' He expected a yield of twenty bushels to the acre on that field. This would have given him two hundred dollars, about enough to meet his regular contributions to the church. But to his surprise, and that of all the neighbors, the crop on that field was forty bushels to the acre. This extra two hundred dollars was, of course, set apart for the silent partner."

Amaziah said: 'The Lord has something special that he wants me to contribute to. And when the enlarging of the church was proposed he understood what that 'something special' was, and promptly paid the money.'

How easy it would be to get money for all the benevolent work of the Church if we all, like Elder Adams, went into partnership with the Lord.—Senex Smith in Journal.

Trained in Selfishness.

That mothers are too often responsible for the heartaches of wives is clearly shown in this characteristic instance told in the Century:

On a railway train the writer noticed the entrance of a mother and her little son, who were unexpectedly greeted by a friend of the mother's. The friend was only going from one way station to the next, while the others were on a long journey. There happened to be but one vacant double seat in the car; and into this the boy slipped, taking the seat next the window. His mother, eager to improve the ten minutes with her friend, asked her son to give up his seat and take another for that little time, so that she could sit with her friend. "No, I won't; because I want to sit by the window, and all the other seats have people already at the windows."

"But, darling, only for ten minutes, and then you can sit by the window all day."

"No, I won't go. I want to sit by the window now."

"But, dear, not to give mamma pleasure?"

"No."

"Not for just ten little minutes, when mamma wants so much to talk to her friend, and you can sit by the window the whole day long?"

"No,"—with impatient emphasis. And in spite of humble entreaty from the mother, and good-natured urging from the friend, that home-nurtured bit of selfishness kept his place, the mother never dreaming of insisting on the right and courteous thing, but murmuring gently that "Bobby did so enjoy looking out of the window." When seven-year old Bobby becomes Robert the husband, his sad little wife will wonder "Why is it that men have so little tenderness for their wives?"

He is a selfish man indeed who can sit down to well cooked victuals three times a day, every day for a whole year, and not once in all that time give his poor, tired wife a word of praise or a grateful look.

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