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THE POWER OF MOTHER'S VOICE

A MOTHER sang to her child one day
A song of the beautiful home above;
Sang it as only a woman sings
Whose heart is full of a mother's love.

And many a time in the years that came,
He heard the sound of that low sweet song;
It took him back to his childhood days;
To keep his feet from the paths of wrong.

A mother spoke to her child one day
In an angry voice, that made him start
As if an arrow had sped that way,
And pierced his loving and tender heart.

And when he had grown to man's estate,
And was tempted and tried, as all men are,
He fell; for that mother's angry words
Had left on his heart a lasting scar.

C. S. CARTER.

THE HOME LIFE

PARENTS, bring practical godliness into the home. Angels are not attracted to a home where discord reigns. Educate your children to speak words that will bring sunshine and joy. Begin with the work of grace in the church in your own home, so conducting yourselves that your children shall see that you are co-operating with the heavenly angels. Be sure that you are converted every day. Train yourselves and your children for life in the kingdom of God. Angels will be your strong helpers. Satan will tempt you, but do not yield. Do not speak one word of which the enemy can take advantage.

In his Word God has marked out a plan for the education of children, and this plan parents are to follow. They are to teach their children to overcome all indolence. Each child should be taught that he has a work to do in the world. Mothers, there is nothing more important than training your children for usefulness. It is in the home that a child gains fitness to wrestle with the problems of life.

The Holy One has spoken words to parents and children: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy

father and mother; . . . that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Parents are to teach their children the need of obedience, and they are to live so that their children can honor and obey them. They are never to provoke their children to wrath, but are to deal with them as the younger members of the Lord's family. They are to require obedience, being sure at the same time that their own will is in subjection to the will of God. Parents who desire their children to be patterns of piety, must be patterns of piety themselves.

It is impossible to depict the evil results from leaving a child to its own will. Some who go astray because of neglect during childhood, will, through patient, painstaking effort, be brought to the light, and led to walk in the narrow way; but many are lost forever because in childhood they received only a one-sided culture.

To the parents who have received the truth of God, I am instructed to say, be sure to give your children patient instruction, and tender care. When the parents in our churches do the work the Lord has laid upon them, his work will advance with mighty power.

Let no parents betray their trust. Let them do the work with the fear of God ever before them. Let the determination of each member of the family be, "I will be a Christian; for in the school here below I must form a character which will give me an entrance into the higher grade in heaven. I must do to others as I desire them to do to me; for only those who thus reveal Christ can enter the heavenly courts.

Make the home life as nearly as possible like heaven. Let the members of the family forget not, as they gather round the family altar, to pray for those in positions of responsibility; these need our prayers. They will have temptations. As you plead with God to bless them, your own hearts will be subdued and softened by his grace. The more we pray, the nearer will heaven be to us.

Christ reads the heart. He knows the motives that prompt to action. Let us watch

ourselves. Let us weed our own gardens before we attempt to weed the gardens of others. Let not a day pass in known sin. God says, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." Before the setting of the sun, settle every difficulty. Thus will you gain a victory over self.

The commonness of sin does not make it less objectionable in God's sight, nor render its penalty less sure. You may think your transgression small, but its smallness does not make it any the less a sin. Adam's sin was seemingly small, but it opened the flood-gates of woe upon our world.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WHAT OF THE FATHERS?

THOSE who are giving most thought to the question of the home and the children in it are becoming more and more convinced that many fathers in our land are not co-operating as they should with the mothers in the rearing of the family and in the things on which the welfare of the home and the children depend. The fact that the father is the wage-earner is not sufficient excuse for his failure to do the things that only the father can do to help the mother create character in their children and fit them for the duties of life that await them as men and women.

"No time," is the plea the fathers often give, and it is true that when some of the fathers become swallowed up in the modern maelstrom that we call business, their time, their strength, and their thoughts are so absorbed that there is none left for the home. The question then arises, Should a man allow his business to absorb all of his time and thought in this way? Does he owe more to his business than to his family? Should not a husband and father have a higher ambition than to be merely a "good provider" in temporal things for his family?

In olden times to be a "good provider" was to invest the husband and father with much honor, and surely he is worthy of praise who works hard and long that he may give his wife and children home comforts and good food in abundance; but there is a moral and spiritual obligation that should not be ignored,

and that no amount of "good providing" of a temporal kind can set aside. No mother can make her children all that she wants them to be and all that they should be without the help of the father. There are certain lines of training, particularly in the case of the boys, that the father can take up better than the mother. Every thinking man and woman must agree with the writer who says:—

"We believe that men and women are growing better—but how much better they would be if their fathers were more faithful in their responsibilities to their children. In this age of universal publicity, innocence goes too soon, and the knowledge that comes is not always best because fathers do not give the young the benefit of their knowledge. Too many of them let their boys find things out for themselves—and being in a wilderness, they do not always take the right paths. When we look squarely at conditions we wonder why there are not more tragedies of character, so near and universal are the temptations and so rare and unbroken the paternal guardianship. Not only are the boys to be piloted and protected, but the girls need from their fathers much that their mothers cannot give. If fathers would be more particular, more careful, more positive, many a daughter would be saved from unworthy associations and from wretched marriages. So long as there are fathers who inquire less closely into the characters of their future sons-in-law than they do into the characters of their clerks, they are going to make sorrow for themselves, sorrow for their daughters, sorrow for the world."

It is a sad day in the life of a boy when one can say of his evil traits that he is "so like his father." It is a sad day in the life of a boy when he excuses his wrong doing by saying that his father never told him that this or that was wrong. The father who seeks to shift the entire responsibility of the right rearing of his children on the mother, is making a grave mistake. They may share the duties of rearing children, but neither parent can shift all the responsibility on to the other.—*Selected.*

"No, I was n't discouraged. 'T would n't have been any use; I had to keep right on any way," simply answered a plain, practical woman to an inquiry as to the way she had won through a hard time in her life. "When you have to do things, you don't stop to think whether you have courage to do them or not; you go ahead because there is nothing else to do. I suppose the folks that get discouraged are the ones that have a chance to stop and study themselves to see how they are feeling. When something has to be done, and you have to do it, you're not watching your courage; you're watching your chance."—*Selected.*

"God calls us to duty, and the only right answer is obedience. Undertake the duty, and step by step God will provide the disposition."

THE SAFEGUARD OF THE HOME

"EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The only real safeguard for the happiness of the home in the early days is the rearing of the family altar. The welfare of the nation is bound up in the praying homes of England. The husband should be priest in his own home.

Well do I call to mind an unforgettable scene in a Cotswold farmstead. From Cheltenham I went to preach in a neighboring town. My host was a genial hale-hearted Christian man. The hour of evening prayer drew on. We read the verses of a psalm in turn. Then, as the minister, I offered prayer, and was about to rise when I heard the voice of my host uplifted in supplication. The lady of the house followed next, and then one after another, the maid-servants present took part in the holy office. I was told that, at the first, one of the young girls was not a Christian, but the praying household made such an impression upon her that she gave her heart to Jesus, and now found delight in mingling her prayers with those of her master and mistress and fellow-servants.

What a glorious example of Christian socialism! The labor problem would find easy solution if this scene were of daily occurrence in the homes of our land. There may not be the time in the bustling town for the more leisurely methods of the country, though time for other things is found easily enough, and yet a minister could breathe no more blessed prayer for his church than that it might become such a church of such consecrated homesteads. Many such homes are found in city and country in many parts of England.—*Present Truth.*

WE SHALL SEE HIM

A BEAUTIFUL story is told of Wendell Phillips, the orator. His wife was an invalid, and he loved her dearly. After his lecture on a certain occasion, his friends urged him not to return to Boston that night. "The last train has left," they said, "and you will be obliged to take a carriage. It will mean twelve miles of cold riding through the sleet." He replied, "Ah, yes; but at the end of them I shall find Annie Phillips."

Have you learned to love your Saviour? Is he the joy and delight of your life? Have you found his voice "like the sound of the dulcimer sweet?" Is he the "chiefest among ten thousand" to your soul? Then do not become discouraged. The object of your life is at the end of the journey. The road may be rough, the storms may rage and the winds may blow; but press onward toward the goal. Life's night may be dark and the path seem long, but ever press onward, knowing that at the end of your journey you will meet Jesus, your friend. Let the hope of seeing him as he is encourage you onward amid the difficulties and perplexities of life. We shall meet him at the end of our journey, and bask in the smiles of his love.—*Selected.*

WHATEVER happens, don't fail to remember that "the best friend to have is Jesus."

THE MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

AMONG the most fascinating of recent books is the "Mothers of Great Men," which shows Carlyle as only a spark struck out of his mother's genius; how Letitia lent energy, courage, decision, and boundless ambition to her son, Napoleon; how that sweet German mother handed her harp forward to Mendelssohn; how from their mothers Luther had the love of liberty and Richter his love for writing. The child becomes so saturated with the teachings and holy influences of his early life that he never can cast them off. He may become reckless, and seemingly indifferent for a time, but memory links him with his childhood days and their hallowed association. Even in the midst of a wicked life, he finds himself at times carried back in memory to the glow of the old home altar, on which the fire never burned out, and to the midnight hour, when he again hears the music of his mother's voice, and again is thrilled by her loving touch.

The story is told by a jailer how, one evening before the lights were out in the prison, and the convicts had gone from the corridor to their cells for the night, a strong sweet baritone voice was heard singing in a rear cell:—

"Gold has its powers, sages will say;
Riches in life hold a powerful sway;
But there is a power hails from above,
Richer and grander—the power of love.
There strolls a noble—money and land,
Lives in a mansion, costly and grand,
Yet he's unhappy, no one knows why;
Love is a power no money can buy."

The voice of the singer was choked for a moment; then, clearing his throat, as with an effort, he began the chorus:—

"Love of a mother, for her darling child;
Love for a son, though he's wayward and wild."

The account goes on to tell how audible sobs were heard both in the cell of the singer and from other parts of the corridors. Recollections of the mother-love had been stirred, and the flood-gates of memory broken down. For a few moments it seemed as if some of them could not control their emotions; but finally all became still again, and the singer once more began:—

"Love of a mother, for her darling child;
Love for a son, though he's wayward and wild;
Love that brings joy and tears to the eye;
This love is something that money can't buy."

As the song ceased, those in the corridors rushed to the singer's cell, and hands were thrust through the bars to clasp his hand in greeting. Nearly every prisoner avowed his purpose to lead a better life. And when "Home, Sweet Home" was sung, they all joined with new hearts, because of the noble resolves of that good hour.—*Selected.*

"I WILL GIVE YOU REST"

KEEP your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You

cannot burden him; you cannot weary him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of his children. "The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." His heart of love is touched by our sorrows, and even by our utterance of them. Take to him everything that perplexes the mind. Nothing is too great for him to bear, for he holds up worlds, he rules over all the affairs of the universe. Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for him to read; no perplexity is too difficult for him to unravel. No calamity can befall the least of his children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which he takes no immediate interest. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul upon the earth to share his watch-care, not another soul for whom he gave his beloved Son.—*Steps to Christ.*

"PEACE I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." Not only is it the gift of God, but it is his very presence. Sicknes cannot destroy it; poverty cannot rob it of its incorruptible riches; bereavement only makes it more real, and the approach of death more deep. The world, which cannot give it, cannot take it away; its root is in the immovable assurance of the divine acceptance and favor, through the blood and righteousness of the Saviour. It gradually spreads its roots over the entire spiritual being through the sanctifying power of the eternal Spirit; and while the only thing that can ruffle it is the silent reproach of a wounded conscience, the only thing in the whole world to destroy it is sin.—*Bishop Taylor.*

NOTES FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

It was the writer's privilege to spend one week at the General Conference, which time was very profitably spent. Testimonies from our foreign missionaries were very inspiring, all showing unbounded faith in God and the ultimate triumph of this message. A spirit of unity pervaded the gathering, and it was interesting to watch old friends meet and discuss the trials and blessings received in work for the Master; but not one seemed to be discouraged. All were anxious to return to their respective fields, to again take up the work of spreading the truth for this time.

It gave the writer much pleasure to again shake hands with Elders Butler, G. B. Starr, J. N. Anderson, A. W. Bartlett, Allen Moon, and many others whom I knew when quite young.

One thing which deeply interested me was an incident told, illustrating the power of prayer. At a testimony meeting held Sabbath, May 22, a brother who, before accepting the truth, was minister of a large congregation, bore a testimony that, after his conversion to our faith,

he prayed earnestly for his family and congregation, and the Lord answered his prayers by converting thirty-five of his relatives, and almost his entire congregation.

"The fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Let us take courage and go forward, nothing wavering. The Lord is ready to do a quick work in the earth, and cut it short in righteousness.

R. HOOK JR.

QUITMAN, LA.

We began tent meetings at this place May 2, Elder Maxwell preaching on the "Word of God." The attendance has reached 130, and has rarely been below fifty, except when the weather prevented. The interest has been intense from the beginning, but prejudice has also been great as this is a hotbed of the Missionary Baptist and Methodist Protestant churches. Some of the former refuse to come to the tent at all, while many of the latter seem satisfied with their own holiness. Notwithstanding the prejudice many of both congregations have attended with the result that about thirty have stood up and acknowledged that our message is the truth. Some of these had heard the truth under the labors of Elder E. L. Maxwell, and now we have eight or more who have taken a stand for the Sabbath. We believe more will do so before we leave.

One of those who have taken a stand was a Roman Catholic, and another is an old lady, seventy-eight years of age. The Lord has been striving mightily with many, and some who spoke against us at first are now our firmest friends. Surely there will be an ingathering here, possibly after many days, of the seed cast upon the waters. Pray for us brethren and sisters that the Spirit of God may move even more mightily upon the hearts and minds of the people, and speak to them through us, his humble instruments.

OSCAR F. FRANK,
JOHN E. HANSON.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Tithe and Offerings for May, 1909

TITHE	
Memphis No. 1.....	\$85.65
Nashville No. 2.....	20.15
Hazel	18.00
Springville	13.76
Madison	13.00
Trezevant	12.15
Paducah	10.59
Individuals	63.00

Total \$236.30

OFFERINGS

Scholarship Fund	\$7.50
Orphans	3.73
S. S. Donations.....	2.33
First-day Offerings	2.13
Second Sabbath Offerings.....	.81
Religious Liberty50

Total \$17.00

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending May 15, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Carl Matthews	BFL	29		\$26 00
R Roberts (col).....	BFL	29	24 50	1 50
K Skidmore (col)...	BFL	51	1 60	15 60
M L Ivory (col).....	BFL	58	4 50	43 95
Mrs M L Ivory (col)	BFL	15	8 50	3 00

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
Mrs A E Frank.....	H&H	20	21 25	
Edwin Booth	CK	37	19 20	19 20
W H Noyes.....	D&R	50	36 85	39 20
B L Roberts.....	CK	44	55 50	65 00
H C Bagley.....	GC	56	6 00	67 15
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	49	221 65	14 40

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....	D&R	46	103 40	4 90
A C Maddock.....	D&R	44	6 00	36 00
Virgil Smith	D&R	35	17 60	51 35
W H Haddon.....	MofN	24	5 50	12 25
Charles Lowry	BR	35	47 75	
Howard Loftin	BR	19	21 25	
Leroy Case	BFL	20	6 00	25 00
H G Miller.....	MISC	29	7 45	27 35
Mary E Mundy.....	BFL	15	10 05	
Mrs Ben Morgan....	BFL	18	18 50	
Emily Billups	BFL	50	20 50	37 50
Celestia Wilson	BFL	21	7 20	2 90
Delia Wilson	BFL	10		4 80
Louise Jackson	Stoc	10	1 80	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	13	2 50	28 00
C H Chenault.....	D&R	56	62 25	7 50
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	25	27 00	2 50
Mamie Moore 2 wks.	D&R	50	34 25	67 20
Chas Romines	D&R	40		173 50
C A Rook.....	BFL	22	2 00	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference....	182	39 10	90 05
Louisiana Conference....	256	360 45	204 75
Mississippi Conference..	376	273 00	202 05
Tennessee River Conf...	201	128 00	278 70

Total 1015 1000 55 775 55

WATCHMAN AGENT'S REPORT

For Week Ending May 22, 1909

Wm J Keele.....	43	289	\$28 90
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THE WATCHMAN

"I HAVE taken the *Watchman* a number of years, I think from its beginning, and do not want to miss a number. It fills a grand and noble place among our best literature, and I enjoy it very much."—*Mrs. R. P. Hill, Meadville, Pa.*

"I will surely speak of anything I can to introduce your paper, for it is simply grand."—*Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Atlanta, Ga.*

"In June 1908 a Seventh-day Adventist friend of mine sent me a number of the weekly *Watchman*. I liked it very much. I subscribed for it. . . . The *Watchman* is a fine magazine, and full of gospel truth, and ought to be in every home."—*C. W. Chester, Maddock, N. Dak.*

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OBITUARY

NORRED.—MOLLY ELLA CARSON, wife of Simon Bird Norred, was born Sept. 30, 1876, and died at Hodge, La., May 16, 1909, aged 32 years, 7 months and 16 days. Sister Norred joined the Presbyterian Church when 14 years old, and was married to Brother Norred, Mar. 14, 1879. Eight children were born of this marriage. The husband, three children, a mother, five sisters, and two brothers mourn this loss. In July, 1908, in Jackson Parish, La., where the family had lived all their lives, Brother and Sister Norred and a sister of Brother Norred accepted present truth under the labors of Elder E. L. Maxwell, president of the Louisiana Conference. Sister Norred died firm in the faith, stating that she knew she was "going to rest." The writer spoke comforting words to about two hundred relatives and friends from John 14:1-3; Heb. 9:28; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

JOHN E. HANSON.

EVERY day brings its trials and its temptations, but there is abundance of grace for each day's need. "Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help us in time of need."—*Missionary Worker*.

"BELIEVE always that every other life has been more tempted, more tried than your own; believe that the lives higher and better than your own are not through more ease, but more effort; that the lives lower than yours are so through less opportunity, more trial."

"THERE is nothing so small but that we may honor God by asking his guidance of it, or insult him by taking it into our own hands."

"SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCES"

Bible Texts on Doctrinal Subjects Collected, Classified, and Compared

THIS is the suggestive title of the most practical and comprehensive help to Bible study ever printed in convenient pocket size. This work of 211 pages, 3½ x 6 x ¾ inches, contains in all more than 2,200 references covering all phases of the following eighteen subjects, not including a study on the Holy Scriptures: The Second Coming of Christ; The Resurrection of the Dead; The Millennium; The Home of the Saved; The Moral Law; The Ceremonial Law; The Sabbath or Seventh Day; Sunday or the First Day; The Two Covenants; The Sanctuary; The Judgment; The Nature and Destiny of Man; Religious Liberty; The Spirit of Prophecy and Other Gifts; The Tithing System; Baptism; The Lord's Supper; Feet-Washing.

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The Index is so arranged that anything wanted can be found instantly. This has been especially commended. This work should be in the hands of every worker and believer.

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HER MOTTO

THE members of a Bible class in an English parish were studying the rules for Christian living as set forth in the twelfth chapter of Romans. Among the questions asked by the leader of the class was, "What motto should be adopted when strangers are to be entertained?"

The proper answer, of course, and the one given by all the members of the class, with one exception, was, "Given to hospitality."

In the class, however, was the minister's daughter, who since she was fifteen years old, had been head of the house, and the manager of many a difficult meal.

"I don't agree with the others," she said firmly; "I think very often the motto should be, 'Patient in tribulation.'"

ANOTHER ENEMY

POISON under a new name has recently appeared among the pupils of the Chicago public schools. It is known as gumbacco. That suggests its composition. A poor brand of tobacco is "doctored" so as to have the appearance and consistency of chewing gum. But the watchful eyes of the teachers discovered the stuff and gave due warning to the department of health. The commissioner warned the manufacturer, who destroyed what he had on hand, and promised to make no more.

This incident is mentioned for the purpose of again calling attention to the schemes of miscreants to ruin the children. We have spoken on this subject before. Candy manufacturers are using every device to introduce to children intoxicants enclosed in a seductive candy shell. Every device that a devilish ingenuity can invent is used to create the liquor and tobacco appetite. We say devilish ingenuity, though that may be slandering the arch-fiend. He may not be quite so depraved as to tempt children under such forms. We need precise and adequate laws touching these evils. Then we want a healthy public sentiment that will enforce the laws to the letter. Hanging is almost too good for persons who deliberately plan to make drunkards of children and try to poison them with nicotine.—*Selected*.

LIQUOR AND TOBACCO FIGURES

A "READER" interested in temperance, and especially anti-tobacco work, follows up the figures given in our November number in regard to the government revenue from liquor and tobacco with these comparative statements:—

"The productions of last year would furnish to each of our eighty million population, eighty-four cigars, forty little cigars and cigarettes, four pounds of smoking and chewing tobacco, and one-fourth of a pound of snuff. In a list showing the average per capita consumption of tobacco in seventeen countries, the United States of America stands second. The census showed that the liquor industries are conducted in 2,835 establishments having an invested capital of \$457,674,000, and employing 52,575 persons. The tobacco business is handled by 15,663 establishments with a capital of \$128,489,000 and the labor of 164,000 people. Quite an army earning a livelihood from the manufacture of the 'twin evils.'"—*Selected*.

If you blur your moral perceptions, if you sacrifice your honor by ways that are not clean and straight, then the whole landscape of your spiritual outlook will lose its delicate coloring and lose its clear edge, and you will not be able to distinguish between the good and the evil, between the true and the false.—*John Kelman*.

God's truth is only for those who are willing to live it and love it.