

4. Let him know the follies and sins of his hearers. Show him how much he overrates them, and tell him their adverse criticisms on himself.

5. Tell him when he calls what a stranger he is ; how his predecessors used to drop in for an hour's chat, and how much you liked them.

6. Never attend the prayer-meeting ; frequent no special service. Why should you be righteous overmuch ?

7. Occasionally get up a little gaiety for the young folks. This will be found very effectual about the communion season. "There is a time to dance."

9. Give him no intimation when you are ill ; of course he should know ; and your offended dignity, when he comes to see you, will render his visit pleasant. On no account intimate your recovery.

9. Require him to swell the pomp of every important occasion, unless, indeed, there are prudential reasons for passing him over.

10. If he is always in his own pulpit, clamour for strangers ; if he has public duties, and sometimes goes abroad, complain that he is never at home.

11. Keep down his income. Easy means are a sore temptation, and fulness of bread is bad for every one—but the laity.

12. As he will find it hard to be always at home to receive callers, and always running among the people, and always well prepared for pulpit and platform, you will be sure to have just cause for complaint one way or other. Tell it to every one, and then lament that there is so general dissatisfaction with him.

Patient continuance in courses like these, modified according to circumstances, has been known not only to discourage, but to ruin the usefulness, and break the spirit of ministers ; to send them off to other charges, and sometimes to their graves. Those who desire to avoid such results should avoid the practice of such things as are here referred to. Let us "help one another."—*Christian World Pulpit*.

## HINTS ON FAMILY GOVERNMENT.

### TO MOTHERS HAVING THE CARE OF LITTLE CHILDREN.

1. *Don't talk too much.* To be always lecturing children is not the way to secure prompt obedience. Some children would, doubtless, much rather be whipped than perpetually talked to ; especially in a fault-finding way. Little indiscretions and improprieties it is often best to pass by. If we take note of everything, and administer a lecture upon it, our lectures will soon become an intolerable bore, and not only will do no good, but, while they chafe our own spirit, they will harden and discourage the child.

2. *Talk low and gently.* If you talk loud, it will be the harder to be calm. Keep the voice down, and you can the easier keep your temper down. If you talk loud, your children will also, and the difficulty will be increased. Do you know that one of the chief difficulties of family government is in the parent ? You may not suspect it, while it may be even so in your case. Quiet, gentle, yet firm, mothers, govern best.

3. *Don't threaten much.* To be every now and then saying : "If you do that again I'll box your ears," or, "I'll whip you," or, "I'll send you to bed," only hardens ; and if you fail to execute what you threaten—as great threateners are almost sure frequently to do—your children will either consider you very forgetful, or false ; and in either case will learn to distrust you, and many a time will laugh at your threats. Take notice of some great threateners—and you may not have to go far to find a specimen or two—and observe if they do not often sternly threaten, and, in a few minutes, being more good-natured, or forgetful, suffer the children, *unrebuked*, to do the very thing against which punishment was threatened.