



**"WE'VE ALL OUR ANGEL SIDE."**

Despair not of the better part  
That lies in human kind—  
A gleam of light will flickereth  
In e'en the darkest mind;  
The savage with his club of war,  
The sage so mild and good,  
Are link'd in firm, eternal bonds  
Of common brotherhood.  
Despair not! Oh! despair not, then,  
For through this world so wide,  
No nature is so demon like,  
But there's an angel side.

The huge rough stones from out the mine,  
Unhappily and unfair,  
Have veins of purest metal hid  
Beneath the surface there;  
Few rocks so bare but to their heights  
Some tiny moss plant clings,  
And round the peak so desolate  
The sea-bird sits and sings.  
Believe me, too, that rugged souls,  
Beneath their rudeness hide  
Much that is beautiful and good—  
We're all our angel side.

In all there is an inner depth—  
A far off secret way  
Where, through dim windows of the soul,  
God sends his smiling ray;  
In every human heart there is  
A faithful sounding chord,  
That may be struck, unknown to us,  
By some sweet loving word.  
The wayward heart in vain may try  
Its softer thoughts to hide,  
Some unexpected tone reveals  
It has its angel side.

**RECIPROCAL DUTIES.**

The happiness of society depends on just views of the marriage relation. It is true, the world over, the views which prevail in regard to this relation, determine everything in reference to all relations of man to all sources of enjoyment.

2. God designed that woman should occupy a subordinate, though an important place in the relations of social life. This arrangement is never disregarded without evils which cannot be corrected until the original intention is secured. No imaginary good that can come out of the violation of the original design, no benefits which females individual or associated, can confer on mankind, by disregarding this arrangement, can be compensation for the evil that is done, nor can the evil be remedied unless woman occupies the place that God designed she should fill. There nothing else can supply her place; and when she is absent from that situation—no matter what good she may be doing elsewhere—there is a silent evil reigning, which can be removed only by her return. It is not hers to fight battles, or to command armies or navies, or to control kingdoms, or to make laws. Her empire is the domestic circle, her first influence is there and in connection with that, in such scenes as she can engage in without trenching on the prerogative of man, or neglecting the duty which she owes to her own family.

3. It is not best that there should be the open exercise of authority in a family. When commands begin in the relation of husband and wife, haughtiness flies, and the moment a husband is disposed to command his wife, or is under a necessity of doing it, that moment he may bid adieu to domestic peace and joy.

4. A wife, therefore, should never give her husband occasion to command her to do anything or to forbid anything. His known will, except in cases of coercion should be law to her. The moment she can ascertain what his will is, that moment ought to settle her in mind as to what is to be done.

5. A husband should never wish or expect anything that it may not be perfectly proper for a wife to render. He, too, should consult her wishes, and when he understands what they are, he should regard what she prefers as the very thing which he would command. The known wish and preference of a wife, unless there be something wrong in it, should be allowed to influence his mind, and be that which he directs in the family.

6. There is no danger that a husband will love a wife too much, provided his love be subordinate to the love of God. The command is to love her as Christ loved the Church. What a love has ever been like that! How can a husband exceed it? What did not Christ endure to redeem the Church? So should a husband

be willing to deny himself to promote the happiness of his wife, to watch by her in sickness, and if need be, to peril health and life to promote her welfare. Doing this, he will not go beyond what Christ did for the Church. He should remember that she has a special claim of justice on him. For him she has left her father's home, forsaken the friends of her youth, endowed him with whatever property she may have, sunk her name in his, confided her honour, her character, and her happiness to his virtue, and the least he can do for her is to love her, and strive to make her happy. This was what she asked when she consented to become his, and a husband's love is what she still asks, to sustain and cheer her in the trials of life. If she has not thus whither shall she go for comfort.

7. We may see then, the guilt of those husbands, who withhold their affections from their wives, and forsake those to whom they had solemnly pledged themselves at the altar, those who neglect to provide for their wants, or to minister to them in sickness; and those who become the victims of intemperance, and leave their wives to tears. There is much, much guilt of this kind on earth. There are many, many broken vows. There are many, many hearts made to bleed. There is many a pure and virtuous woman, who was ever the object of tender affection, now, by no fault of hers, forsaken, abused, broken hearted, by the brutal conduct of a husband.

8. Wives should manifest such a character as to be worthy of love. They demand the confidence and affection of man, and they should show that they are worthy of that confidence and affection. It is not possible to love that which is unlovely, nor to force affection where it is undeserved, and as a wife expects that a husband will love her more than he does any other earthly being, it is but right that she should evince such a spirit as shall make that proper. A wife may easily alienate the affection of her partner in life. If she be irritable and fault finding, if none of his ways please her, if she take no interest in his plans, and in what he does, if she forsake her home when she should be there, and seek happiness abroad, or if at home, she never greet him with a smile, if she be wasteful of his earnings, and extravagant in her habits, it will be impossible to prevent the effect of such a course of life on his mind. And when a wife perceives the slightest evidence of alienated affection in her husband, she should enquire at once whether she has not given occasion for