

points that mar the finest characters, begin to appear. What judgment will the unluckly finder form of that baneful light which is becoming more conspicuous every day? Will it be for weal or woe? If imagination be not kept in check, all the good qualities of the other person will be considered as naught when placed with some slight moral defect, in the unjust balance of prejudice or displeasure. The once charming sensibility and refinement of character are now considered as signs of a weak mind void of energy, etc.

It would be well for husband and wife to never forget that « a just man shall fall seven times » a day, and that true perfection is not of this life but of the world to come. A man may appear perfect to strangers, but how many flaws will his wife not be almost obliged to notice in him; she is his constant companion, watching every action, principally when he may think himself alone and unnoticed. Is it then surprising to hear an occasional painful word, or to receive a slight more thoughtless than intentional? In such cases, it were better to be patient, to hold one's peace for a moment, and anger's storm will quickly pass, leaving the heart overflowing with the sweet consolation of having pardoned for dear Christ's sake. There are some homes in which such things seem to never appear, it is because mutual endurance is practised there to perfection. The charm of such unions is Christian patience whereby all germs of dissensions are instantly destroyed. Husband and wife know each other's faults, but they appear to not notice them; they try to yield to each other's preferences, opinions and particular tastes. They sacrifice everything but conscience, that peace may reign in their home.

Those who refuse to be patient, to practise *mutual* endurance, will vainly try to ward off family dissensions. There may be an occasional calm, one of short duration which the first cross word will dispel. Married persons should be ever mindful of Saint Paul's words to the Galatians: « If a man be overtaken in any fault, you, who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou be tempted. *Bear ye one another's burdens.* » Bear patiently with your companion's faults, for you may also be some day guilty of the same, and wish your companion to pardon.