

### HINTS TO HUSBANDS.

Amid the many suggestions to wives and mothers which we give from time to time, we take pleasure in sandwiching the following very judicious hints to husbands, which we find in an exchange, credited to the *Auburn News*:

Avoid unnecessarily contradicting your wife. When we smell at a rage it is to imbibe the sweetness of its odor; we likewise look for anything that is amiable in man. Whoever is often contradicted feels an insensate aversion for the person who contradicts.

Never take upon yourself to be a censor upon your wife's morals, nor read lectures to her, except affectionately. Let your preaching be a good example, and practice virtue yourself to make her in love with it.

Command her attention by being always attentive to her; never exact anything from her that you would not be willing that she should require from you, appear always flattered by the little she does for you, which will excite her to kind offices.

When a woman gives wrong counsel never make her feel that she has done so, but lead her on by degrees to what seems rational, with mildness and gentleness; when she is convinced, leave her all the merit of having found out what was just and reasonable.

Choose well your male friends; have but few, and be cautious of following their advice in all matters, particularly if inimical to the foregoing instructions.

Never be curious unnecessarily to pry into your wife's concerns, but obtain her confidence by that which, at all times, you repose in her. Always preserve order and economy; avoid being out of temper, and be careful never to scold. By this means she will find her own home more pleasant than any other.

Seem always to obtain information from her, especially before company, though you may pass yourself for a simpleton. Never forget that a husband owes his importance to that of his wife; if he degrades her he injures himself, leave her entirely mistress of her action, to go and come whenever she thinks fit. A husband ought to make his company so amiable to his wife that she will not be inclined to see any other; then she will not look for pleasure abroad, if he does not partake it with her.

### TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

One indication of the progress of the Temperance cause is the increasing number of public meetings held in its interest. Many of these are held under the auspices of Christian churches, which are attended by those only not accustomed to attend divine worship, but by those who seldom ever attend the ordinary religious services. In many instances those of the latter class are in this way led to place themselves under the stated preaching of the gospel. Many of these meetings are held under the auspices of the different temperance organizations, and their good effects are seen not only in the community at large, but in the increase of the membership of those societies.

We hope that vastly greater attention will be given to holding public temperance meetings. Without these there can never be much accomplished for the cause. No church is doing its duty that neglects this way of reaching the public mind, and do much good that does not act in the same direction.

It may be said that liquor sellers and drinkers hardly ever attend such meetings, and nothing of much account can be accomplished. But this is a mistaken view. As we have said more than once, a very essential part of the work to be done consists in bringing an influence to bear on those who are not already drunkards, to prevent them from becoming such. Such meetings are directly adapted to do this, as numerous facts abundantly prove. Such efforts have a greater influence on those who never attend them than many imagine. They have at least a restraining influence over those who are engaged in the whiskey traffic, as well as on those who indulge in the use of strong drinks.

Much depends on the mode in which such meetings are conducted. They should be made solemn, cheerful and attractive. There should be good music provided whenever it is possible. There is a power in music that may be made greatly subservient to impressing an audience. A temperance meeting is apt to be very dull without this feature, however good the speaking may be. Much must depend on the character of the speaking. It should be solemn and convincing. Too often has this been of a light and merely amusing character. Coarse and laughable anecdotes, violent vituperation, and slang phrases have in too many instances, been the distinguished features of temperance addresses. The subject is a truly solemn one, and a speaker ought to feel accordingly, and if he feels as he ought, he will be able to gain and hold the attention in the true sense.

To make a meeting interesting and useful, it is not so necessary as many think to have some eminent speaker or speakers from abroad. It is well to secure such as far as practicable, but the main reliance should be on home talent. In most places clergymen and others can be found who can acceptably speak on the subject.

The attendance at such meetings may not at first be large, but let them be held often and made as interesting as possible and in most cases the numbers that will attend will increase. Even if this should not be the case, the meetings should never be abandoned, for impressions for good can not be produced on some minds, and the simple fact of such meetings being held in a place will of itself have an influence in the community.

We urge all the friends of the cause, then, to make it a point to get up public meetings, and thus agitate the subject, as it otherwise could not be, and educate public sentiment. This is a vital matter, and should never be lost sight of.

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