

CONSULT WITH YOUR WIFE.

In a conversation I once held with an eminent minister of the church, he made this fine observation :—

"We will say nothing of the way in which that sex usually conduct an argument; but the intuitive judgments of women are often more to be relied upon than conclusions which we reach by an elaborate process of reasoning. No man that has an intelligent wife, or is accustomed to the society of educated women, will dispute this. Times without number you must have known them to decide questions on the instant, and with unerring accuracy, which you have been pouring over for hours, perhaps with no better result than to find yourself getting deeper and deeper into the tangled maze of difficulties. It were hardly generous to allege, that they achieve these feats less by reasoning than a sort of sagacity which ap-

proximates to the sure instincts of the animal races; and yet there seems to be some ground for the remark of a witty French writer, that when a man has toiled step by step up a flight of stairs, he will be sure to find a woman at the top, but she will not be able to tell how she got there. How she got there, however, is of little moment. If the conclusions a woman reaches are sound, that is all that concerns us. And that they are very apt to be sound on the practical matters of domestic and secular life, nothing but prejudice and self-conceit can prevent us from acknowledging. The inference, therefore, is unavoidable that the man who thinks it beneath his dignity to take counsel with an intelligent wife, stands in his own light and betrays that lack of judgment which it tacitly attributes to her."

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