

“It seems too much to claim.”

So said a lady to me in Winnipeg. Believing that she was *trusting the Lord*, but *doubting herself*, I asked, “Is it too much to claim that you are Mrs. W.?”

With a smile, she replied, “Certainly not.” I said, “What right have you to claim that you are the wife of Mr. W.? Is it not (1) because you *know* you received him; (2) he said, ‘I take thee,’ and you believed him, and (3) that you accepted as true when the minister, in the name of the Trinity, pronounced you man and wife. Now Jesus says concerning His own, ‘Ye are the bride, I am the Bridegroom.’ You say that (1) you know you receive Christ as your Saviour; then (2) He replies, ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ ‘I will receive you;’ and (3) the inspired Word of God assures you, ‘As many as received Him, to them gave He power, or privilege, to become the children of God.’ Have you any more reason to believe, or right to call yourself Mrs. W. than you have to say, without a doubt, that you are the child of God, or, in other words, that you are a Christian?”

Her face lighted up, as she replied, “I do not know that I have. I wish I had heard it put that way twenty years ago, but I see it clearly now. I believe I am His child.”

Many church members and new converts, by this comparison, have been helped into clear