

womanhood and does it without the slightest attempt to proselytise.

A young man brought to me the lady he expected to marry. She was a Roman Catholic, but during three years had been attending a Methodist church, and she desired to be baptized and received into her future husband's church. After some time she was baptized, and afterward married. Everything went well till her first babe came, and then she called on a Roman Catholic priest to baptize her child. The church which had educated her girlhood had, after all, the best hold of her womanhood.

One afternoon I called at three homes. The first was that of a Presbyterian girl who had married a Methodist husband, and found that he had joined her church. The next home the wife was a Baptist and the husband a Methodist. In that home both wished to attend the Baptist church. The third home afforded a similar case. There are cases where the lady being Methodist influences her husband brought up in some sister church to also become a Methodist. But for some reason we lose more than we gain by marriage. I married a young man coming from three generations of Methodists to a strong-minded, cultured girl belonging to the Baptist Church. Within one year that young husband asked to be immersed, and joined his wife's church. In doing so he yielded to the greater force. There was more denominational conviction in her little finger than in his whole body. These cases prove that the denominations which get the girls, and get them early in life, stand the best chance to get their homes after, with their husbands and children.

Girls do not drift into strong Christian character, or strong loyalty to their church. They are trained into strength of character during their impressible years. Our Deborahs who have poured their lives into discouraged nations, our women of nerve and clear sagacity, our Queen Elizabeth, our Queen Victoria, Mrs. Stowe, Mrs. Wesley, George Eliot, and Miss Willard; all our great women were carefully trained in girlhood, and did not come by accident. So that if Methodism is to have intense loyalty in her daughters, she must not leave their education to rivals, and (in spite of recent union talk) earnestly competing denominations.

Polish girls are said to be so beautiful, soulful, and dominant, that Bismarck made a law prohibiting a German,