

name than her own. When the daughter left the room to make ready the meal, the mother remarked:

"I notice that you seem perplexed : let me explain.

"Many years ago a man won my heart and affections upon promise of marriage. I made a mistake in my life; the man deserted me. I still retain my maiden name, and my daughter bears her father's name. We have the respect of the community of which we form part."

Reader, imagine my feelings when I saw a wool-worked motto on the wall: "What is home without a father?"

Pathetic, was it not? Several years ago I heard that the daughter had married happily a Christian man, and was living near her mother.

Is the World and Society right in looking down with horror upon the woman in such circumstances, and allowing the man his freedom? Will the day come when such men shall be punished?

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About a year ago a devoted Christian clergyman wrote requesting my ideas, and also asked me to make any suggestions that I thought might prove helpful in ministering to a congregation. To this kind letter, I replied that intellectually and spiritually I was not able to answer these questions as they ought to be, and requested him to preach at least one sermon a year from the 3rd chap. of John, 16th verse.

This verse is considered by very many, the Gem of the Bible. How is it we do not hear more talks and sermons from so beautiful a theme? In twenty-five years of going to church, more or less, I have heard four addresses from this text, two of these from D. L. Moody.

Are the churches today holding their congregations? Are the different denominations uniting more together in uplifting the masses? Are there as many conversions today