

sweeter ; the world will be a nicer world, and you will be astonished at the amount of good in it ; you will be happier, and your neighbours will love you as they have never done ; and let us everyone discourage scandal. "As the north wind driveth away rain, so doth an angry countenance a back-biting tongue." If there were no tale-hearers there would be few tale-bearers. The receiver of stolen goods is as guilty as the thief, and he who *listens* to scandal is encouraging it ; shew your dislike of it, and the defamer of his neighbours will not trouble you. Before publishing a report or believing it, go straight to the person concerned, and tell him what you have heard ; let us be like him, "who *spoke* no slander ; no, nor listened to it," and we shall do much to abate the evil ; let us remember the love and patience of Christ, how he has borne with, and forgiven us ; and then we shall have no disposition to blame, no satisfaction in another's fall. Let us pray "Set a watch O Lord before my mouth, keep the door of my lips," and if any of you have suffered by malicious tongues, prove falsity by your life.

Should envious tongues some malice frame,
To soil and tarnish your good name :

Live it down.

Grow not disheartened ; 'tis the lot,
Of all men whether good or not,

Live it down.

Rail not in answer, but be calm ;
For silence yields a rapid balm,

Live it down.

Go not among your friends and say,
Evil hath fallen on my way ;
Far better thus yourself alone,
To suffer, than with friends, bemoan,
The trouble that is all your own.

Live it down.

What tho' men, evil call your good,
So Christ Himself, misunderstood,
Was nailed unto a Cross of wood ;
And now shall you for lesser pain,
Your inmost soul forever stain,
For rendering evil back again !

Live it down.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, and He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as the noonday." AMEN.