

## Our Contributors.

[FOR DR. FOOTE'S HEALTH MONTHLY.]

### Holy Marriage. IV.

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THE *Living God*, the eternal source of all life, who has made man male and female in his image, and who must therefore be male and female in the very roots of his life, has ordained marriage as the foundation of human society; and that is also an image and type of the eternal marriage which subsists in himself. "God is Love." Therefore the very life of the Living God whereby he is eternally alive is love itself; and this love is that eternal true love which is the abiding bond of the eternal marriage. All this God seeks to bring to full expression in the human race, and he will succeed at length in the perfected disciples of Jesus Christ. Now these are some truths on the way thereto.

True lover's love is the sweetest love on earth.

So to live that one's lover love will never die, but that the sweet-heart time will last through life, this is the great question.

Only as "a man loves as a maiden loves," is his love true lover's love; and a maiden's love is true spirit love, is God's love life in the sex relation.

To marry one's own true love, this is the perfect creature good.

Marriage for true love's sake, this alone is *holy marriage*. God holds such two hearts in one hand together, and hallows them. Therefore marry only for true love, and strive thy best to keep thy love true lover's love all through life.

Marriage without love is but legalized harlotry, and breeds hate.

Every woman has the same right of control over her body after marriage as before; and every man who refuses to yield this makes his wife his harlot.

Put thy wife at the head of the family in the sex relation. Always should the deep, pure instincts of woman guard the door of the "temple of God," where He causeth the beginning of a young immortal to arise.

The sex union, in which two become one flesh, should ever be true love's act, and the desire and joy of it should be *mutual*. Only as the woman welcomes should the man draw near. All other embrace is harlotry.

*Treat thy wife as a lover save only when thou wouldst have her be a mother, this is the great secret.*

Marriage is completed only in offspring. Therefore seek offspring with all thy heart; for love-children are the greatest good in the gift of God to man, save only the gift of Jesus.

Jesus Christ was the supreme love-child of the human race.

Set your heart on Jesus, that all your children may be like him.

As the mother of Samuel desired her first born with exceeding great desire, and cried to God for him in the bitterness of her soul; so with all her heart should every wife desire children, and ask them of God.

The soul that desires not to be a parent, is either a blank or a black spot.

Rightly mated persons, who obey such of God's laws as are now known, may expect children of a higher grade, and finer and more perfect nature than themselves.

Children should be begotten in Jesus Christ, as

much as baptized into Jesus Christ. Is the begetting, act vile in itself? Can any one be "pure in heart," without being pure in that act? And is it not in the act by which they *create* a new being, and so are in some respects on a level with the great Creator, that the "pure in heart" shall see God. When men and women in the act of union pray from their deepest hearts for God's blessing upon them, then will angels begin to be born.

Right generation is of far more importance than regeneration, for the further development of the kingdom of God on the earth.

The rightly generated children of the rightly mated children of God through Jesus Christ, will be themselves children of God from the womb.

Be in perfect health and vigor on the wedding day. Only by persons of clean, vigorous bodily life can children like Jesus be brought into the world.

Cleanest life and intensified vitality, these are the root good for children. Such children will not die young. There is no soil in their blood wherein disease may take root.

They who seek to have children like Jesus, must obey the law of the parents of Jesus, "and he knew her not until she brought forth her son." True love shuts a woman with child away from even her man, save only if a paroxysm of desire come over her.

Nine months of prayer by a mother before the birth of her child, are better than nine years of prayer afterwards. A love child dedicated and hallowed to God in the womb, how chosen and glorified it must be of God from the womb. Thus will mankind be bred up to the New Jerusalem.

In the perfect state, when "a man loves as a maiden loves" thoroughgoingly, the loins will be used only for the creative purpose. To grow towards this state is to grow towards being "pure in heart."

To gratify sex-desire out of time is the *death of love*. Out of time is seven days from the beginning of the woman's "issue," see Lev. xv. 19; xviii. 19; xx. 18; also any other time not welcome to her.

In the marriage state life acts upon life in the deepest and subtlest manner,—in ways far beyond any thing that appears in the chemist's cups. Sweetness comes and grows with obedience, and bitterness with disobedience to God's holy laws of the marriage state.

A true love marriage in Jesus Christ is as truly and intensely a sacrament as the Lord's Supper; and the union of the two who truly love is the sacramental act.

The children of a sacramental marriage will be sacramental children, made sacred to God and to Jesus.

Only as life triumphs over death in the course of life, can life ever finally triumph.

Life can triumph over death in the source of life, only by obeying the laws of life in that source, and thus abandoning sin. The laws of life in the source of life I have now declared.

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### Composite Portraiture and the Study of Character.

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THE combination portraits devised by Mr. Galton, supply an ingenious mode of doing that work of generalization or induction which has heretofore been performed only by mental energy through memory, imagination, and composition.

When we have seen a great number of objects of the same class, the memory retains most vividly those features which are most often repeated or are invariably