

# THE WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS, AUTHOR OF "MARGARET GARRETT'S HUSBAND," AND OTHER NOTABLE STORIES.

## CHAPTER XXXIV Brian Takes Molly King to Dinner

The next morning when Brian reached the office, he found a bright little note from Ruth. She had seen the house she was to plan doing over, and it was a lovely old place. She would surely be home in time for dinner the following night.

"I hope you are not too lonely, eating alone," she had written. "I must make it up to you when I get home." Brian smiled rather shamefacedly although there were none to see when he read that passage; then thought, flushing a little at the hint of disloyalty in his mind, that it was lucky she wasn't coming back that day. He had Molly King on his hands for dinner.

He met Mollie at the usual time and once more they dined in the old corner. But that night they were not alone as they were the night before, and in a way Brian was annoyed.

Several of the old bunch were there—the "Bohemians," as they styled themselves—who he had known before he married Ruth, even before he had met her. After he became acquainted with Ruth, these others had seemed somehow common almost vulgar in their parade of their poverty and unconventionality—all but Mollie; she had always been a little different from the rest.

Brian was however cordial in his greetings. He could be nothing else he thought, as long as he was with Mollie.

"Couldn't keep away, could you, Hackett?" Claude Wetherill, a writer who had not yet arrived, asked, slapping him familiarly on the back.

"Hello, Mollie! aren't you afraid of getting your hair pulled?" Mrs. Brian was away on business, especially as he objected to her being in business.

Now Mollie did not object to a woman doing anything she could do, or thought she could do, if she wanted to. But like many women, she said nothing of her own feelings, but agreed with the man. Men like women who do not contradict them.

And Mollie wanted Brian to like her. Then too, why should a conventionally brought up woman like Ruth want to be in business if she loved her husband? Brian had said very emphatically that he could support her, and judging by his extravagance in ordering the two dinners she had helped dispose of, he had not mis-stated the case.

"His law business must have improved wonderfully," she said to herself, thinking of the size of the checks he had paid, and also of the difference in his appearance. She remembered that he used to be a bit careless; now he was perfectly groomed. She liked him this way, even better than she had before.

When the clock struck twelve they neither started as they had the night before, and for another hour they visited, without meaning to, Brian had conveyed to Mollie the idea that he was rather a neglected sort of person; that he was disappointed in Ruth. He would have been shocked could he have realized the impression she had gained from his chatter. Feeling that he was perhaps unhappy or disillusioned, Mollie had been even more sympathetic, more friendly than she would otherwise have been. Their comradeship took on a deeper meaning to her. She must try to make up to dear old Brian for what he had lost by marrying someone who didn't understand him.

A dangerous conclusion for any woman to arrive at; and one apt to make trouble.

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Lesson IV. It means a life of obedience to the Word and will of God. Prompt and definite obedience will be rendered, even to the separation from business, and the ties of nature, when such stand in the way. Peter, Andrew, James and John obeyed, and it meant to them great spiritual blessings. From fishing for fish, they were promoted to fishing for men. Obedience to God pays. The disciple of Christ will treasure up his words.

Lesson V. It means growth in grace. Jesus himself grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man. Merely accepting Christ is not enough; there must be growth.

Lesson VI. It means a life of helpfulness to others. One who has been made a partaker of the Divine nature will, like his master, give himself in helpful service to others. He will be a neighbor to the needy and unfortunate, even as the Good Samaritan. Being good in himself, he will be doing good to others. He will use every opportunity to do good.

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 29  
REVIEW.

SUBJECT—What It Means to Be a Christian.  
SELECTION FOR READING—1 John 3:1-24.  
GOLDEN TEXT—My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed, and truth.—1 John 3:18.

Perhaps the best way to review the lessons of this quarter will be to take the several lessons and note their bearing on the subject chosen for review; namely: What it means to be a Christian. In order to get the best results, assignment should be made of the several lessons to different parties to come prepared to give the teaching of the particular lesson on the subject. The following is suggested as a possible way of presenting the matter.

Lesson I. It means that each individual must exercise faith in Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. One may have his heart opened by the Lord while listening to the Word of God at a stated meeting, like Lydia, or be convinced through the manifestation of the mighty power of God, as the Philippian jailer. In all cases it is the one Savior and the one faith.

Lesson II. It means that those who have really exercised faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will attentively read God's Word. Even a great statesman like the Ethiopian Eunuch, will be blessed in its reading, for the Word of God converts the soul, makes wise the simple, puts gladness into the heart, enlightens the eyes, satisfies the longing soul, warns against dangers, and brings reward to those who obey its precepts.

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