

Our Women and Children

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BLESSINGS OF PARENTHOOD. (By Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman.)

Advanced thinkers advocate the control of the birth rate, but this is in direct opposition of the obligation of the marital relation. These exponents are not so numerous as they are noisy; they are not so impressive as they are insistent.

Poodles were never intended to take the place of children. God's gift of children makes the home an oasis in life's desert and they are the stars that cheer the hearts of the wearied workers toiling in the night. "God's estimate of the child is to be found in the Child of Bethlehem; the attitude of Jesus is seen in the blessing of little children and in making one of them a living text for a most searching sermon to self-satisfied religionists of all ages. A little child shall lead parents to the heights of holiest living.

"Parenthood is transforming. The fickle and frivolous maiden is changed into the mother with the shining face; the light-hearted and self-loving youth is changed into the serene and sacrificing father. The parental ideal is realized in obedience to God through reverence for His Fifth Commandment; this means that if parents are to be honored there must be children to honor them. Father and mother are most precious family names and the prodigal son and daughter are brought back through the memories of father's devotion and mother's renunciation."—Purity Magazine.

SEVEN GOLDEN RULES. (By Rabbi Henry Berkowitz.)

Don't argue.
Practice self-control.
Use common sense.
Be frank.
Cultivate a kindly humor.
Appeal to shame.
Have heart-to-heart talks.
These are seven golden rules for the management of children.—Ex.

NO ACORN.

When James A. Garfield was president of Oberlin College, a man brought for entrance as a student his son, for whom he wished a shorter course than the regular one.

"The boy can never take all that in," said the father. "He wants to get through quicker. Can you arrange it for him?"

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Garfield. "He can take a short course; it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak he takes a hundred years, but He takes only two months to make a squash."—Christian Register.

BUCKLE DOWN.

Buckle down and meet it wherever it may be.
Nothing's very easy, though we make it so with glee.
Buckle down and face it with the sunshine on your shield.
If you buckle down and meet it there's a chance that it will yield.
Buckle down! What magic in that challenge to our strength.

The call that comes to every man of energy at length.
Buckle down in earnest if you want to win the goal;
Buckle down to duty—if you care for heart and soul,
Buckle down and beat it with the force of all your will.
Buckle down and conquer every shadow of the ill;
No one makes a highway to the dreams that shall come true
Till he buckles down in earnest to the things there are to do.
—Exchange.

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