would be less ready to find fault, more ready to help.

'If we know the cares and trials, we know the efforts all in vain.

And then what are all my engagements?

Understanding the good and gain, and how to make the most of each, and never to let it chance away.

I will, I will, just the same.'

We will help where we can, or else we are done.

'Ah, we judge each other harshly,

Knowing not life's hidden fury,

Knowing not the stream of action that we source.

Seeing not the evil, we judge the good.

Oh, we'd love each other better if we only understood.'

I plead for the seeking, struggling, miscellaneous, foolish little hearts that shall be led, not driven, to a higher, a better, a nobler life.

God gave them commandments, they are as binding as they ever were, Where is the Latter-day Saint that would make himself any graver image? Where is the one who would worship any other God? They are not Sabbath breakers; they are not profane; they are not thieves; the teaching of the seventh commandment is sacrile; the most tender among them. The spirit of these commandments have they kept from their youth, up to the present commandment? Do they hear false witness? You ask me if I place the burden of the world's sin upon my shoulders. I say, no! I have been too often taken up with the level of crime as the breaking of the sixth, seventh, eighth or tenth commandment, and I have no particular distinction when He gave them. He prepared each with 'Thou shalt not.' I know not which commandment made in the Holy Bible, that which was made by the church. The first great commandment is this, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.'

'Lady—Whence comes thou? What art thou doing here? What art thou going, and what is thy destiny? Declare unto me if thou hast some testimony. Do not that which is not that which thou art a spark of Deity, struck from the fire of the infinite mind of God, and brought forth in the midst of all eternity.'

Knowest thou not that eunichs become a woman, thy spirit, thy soul, thy body, in the Heavenly Father's bosom, and in His preservation, and with thy mother, one of the spirits living and dwelling in the brother and sister spirits, in the spirit world, among the Gods? That as thy spirit liveth, so will thine body liveth in the spirit world, and shall be restored unto them tabernacles, died, were resurrected, and received their exaltation on earth, and that all the worlds once dwell upon. Being willing and anxious to imitate the designs and desires to obtain a body, a resurrection and exaltation also, and having obtained permission, they spake with one another in the kindred spirits to be thy guardian angel while in mortality, also with two others, making them, that these would come and take a tabernacle through their lineages, and become one of their offspring in eternity. In a communion since I wrote a letter and sent it, and wished I had not. In my experience, the experience, and the communications and wrote a long letter; but life furnished a little sense into me, and I kept that letter in my pocket against the day when I might look over it, and see there was no sin or without tears. I was glad I did. Less and less it seemed necessary to send it. I was not sure it would do any hurt, but perhaps to send it might do some good. I am in the presence and eventually it was destroyed.

Time weeks wonders. Wait till you can speak calmly, and then you will not be, and you will not be in the most miserable thing conceivable sometimes. It is strength in very grandeur. It is like a roaring storm, to stand still in the mad fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy. The tongue has assailed more ministers than small savages ever did or lack of ability.——Ex.
WOMEN AND WAR.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

We women teach our little ones how wrong And how ignoble to be; we seek the church Support our prayers and instantaneous The growing minds with thoughts of love and peace.

"Let days delight to bark and bite," we say; But human beings with immortal souls Must rise above the methods of a brute And walk with reason and with self-control.

And then—dear God! you men, you wise, Our self-sacrificed superiors in toil, Poor poets in judgment, you go forth in war! You leap at one another, collude and ask The world's applause for such heroic deeds. You honest and are: and if no song is sung, There is honesty in your blood, telling how many widows you have made. Why then, perform, you say our hearts are dead.

And inspiration sleeps to wake no more, And we, the women, whose lives you sir?

What can we do but sit in silent homes And wait and suffer? Not for us the blare of trumpets and the bugles call the army—For us no waving banners, no supreme Triumphal shout of conquest. Ours the slow, Dread burden of uncertainty every day. The world is not as it was and is not as it now The thought reaches with us to our piling hours Of those countless homes made desolate And other women weeping for their dead.

9 men, wise men, superior beings, Is there any substitute for war in this great age and sea? * * *

Why should we waste our time and words In talking peace when men declare for war?

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT.

BY ELDER DAVID H. KEAY.

"However it be, it seems to me, The only noble to be good.

Where there are less than others, And simple faith than Norman blood." -Tennyson.

Herein lies the secret of true happiness. After all, what is life? It is not always to be good, What is life? It is more than existence. And simple faith than Norman blood.}

In the Latter-day Saints, the Lord blesses our first parents—Adam and Eve—yes, He gave them health; He gave them strength; He gave them food; He gave them the new-born earth for a blessed home, and the Garden of Eden for a celestial habitation.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1.) He hath blessed it, with all the blessings it produces, with all the gifts which it affords, and the hidden treasures which it possesses, unto the children of men for a temporary habitation. As Jehovah is the creator and preserver, so is He the owner of the world, and all things therein; and He has a perfect right to rule, govern, and dispose of all as seemeth good and right through His holy sight. Purity of heart, chastity of conduct, and obedience to divine commands are essential to our enjoying the good and perfect gifts of God.

This, then, naturally leads us up to the subject, "God's greatest gift." For these gifts are more precious, more profitable, and greater than all others, for all are and will be a means to an end. They are "perfect gifts," all of which come from one and the Father of all Truth, God, the Eternal Father. We may define the "perfect gifts" as health, strength, food, rain, homes, habits, and all that we really enjoy a tempestral nature, or it may be said, all blessings that are more nearly connected with our earthly existence, happiness, and maintenance. These are all "good gifts," yes, they are precious gifts and much to be desired; but there are other blessings, which the Apostle wisely designates as "perfect gifts," which pertain to our eternal natures, and which exalts the spirit, cleanses, purifies, redeems, and immortalizes the body of man. God's gifts are given unto man to counteract the evil influence and wicked power of the adversary. Thus, health combats sickness; strength conquers weakness; food supplies; rain sustains life and protects from exposure and inclemency; houses provide a shelter from the storms; and habits supply for us a place to dwell. The Father of all mercies and the Author of all things beautiful and good, is the Giver of these choice temporal gifts. Yes, for in the beginning when all was pronounced "good" by the Maker, and sin and wickedness had no place in all the footstool of Omnipotence, the Lord blessed our first parents—Adam and Eve—yes, He gave them health; He gave them strength; He gave them food; He gave them the new-born earth for a blessed home, and the Garden of Eden for a celestial habitation.