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The doctrine of the equal rights of wives in the matrimonial partnership, however distasteful it may be to some editors of religious newspapers, is gaining ground in the best intellectual and "orthodox" quarters. Not only does President Bascom, of the Wisconsin State University, teach it in his new text book on Ethics—a refreshing contrast to Wayland, who made my school days miserable with his abominable teachings ;—but our Congregational minister, Rev. C. H. Richards, in his recent Thanksgiving sermon on "Home Life," enunciates the same principle.

This is what he says: " Here, (in the home) husband and wife are to be equals. Neither is to command the other, but in all matters of common concernment, decisions are to be reached by mutual concession and mutual consent. To him falls mainly the exterior work, and to her chiefly the interior administration, and each ought to be arbiter in the matter of the individual work. But the wife should be trained to a knowledge of her husband's business, and to some practical skill in his pecuniary affairs at least; and the husband should be able to give practical help to the wife in domestic matters. "It is astonishing that a principle at once so simple and so just should not be regarded as axiomatic, and I believe it will be in the near future.

Will the Christian Union print Mr. Richard's words in small caps, in its editorial columns, and endorse them without modification? Probably not, at present; but we may hope to see it on that ground ten years hence.

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