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**With Good Books That Ennoble the Mind**

*Blessed is he that readeth. Revelation 1:3.*

We made it a practice to read instructive and interesting books, with the Bible, in the family circle, and our children were always happy as we thus entertained them. Thus we prevented a restless desire to be out in the street with young companions, and at the same time cultivated in them a taste for solid reading.... The volumes of “Spirit of Prophecy,” [The Conflict of the Ages series replaced this four-volume set.] should be in every family, and should be read aloud in the family circle.... The Testimonies contain instruction which meets the case of all, both parents and children. Should these be read aloud to the entire
family, the children as well as the parents would be benefited by their
counsels, warnings, and reproofs…. Let the time be devoted to the
reading of the Scriptures and other interesting books that will impart
knowledge and inculcate right principles. Let the best reader be
selected to read aloud, while other members of the family are engaged
in useful occupations. Thus these evenings at home may be made
both pleasant and profitable.

Children need proper reading, which will afford amusement and
recreation, and not demoralize the mind or weary the body.

Most children and young people will have reading matter; and if it is
not selected for them, they will select it for themselves. They can find a
ruinous quality of reading anywhere, and they soon learn to love it; but
if pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste
for that.

By practising right-doing, a disgust will be created in the heart for that
which is low, cheap, and disorderly.

Pure healthful reading will be to the mind what healthful food is to the
body. You will thus become stronger to resist temptation, to form right
habits, and to act upon right principles.

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