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## Interview with Mrs. Raymond S. Holding on the Evening of February 2, 1927 at Our Home

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On the above evening, Mrs. Raymond S. Holding, who had repeatedly before stated that she wanted to have a talk with me, came to our home, Mrs. Pennington also being present with me when she arrived, and talked for a long time about her husband, Raymond S. Holding, whom she accused of many things.

Some of the things she mentioned seemed very trivial, little matters such as his failure to act sufficiently cheerful, his failure to keep her informed as to his whereabouts, and many other things of no greater importance than these.

She complained of Mr. Holding's relationship with Esther Hodson and Mrs. Harrison, with both of whom she believed he had improper relations. When both Mrs. Pennington and myself insisted that we did not believe there was anything improper in his relations with either of these, Mrs. Holding made the statement, "I know him better than you do; and I know that since he is not living with me as his wife, he is living in that relation with somebody else."

The most serious accusation as it seemed to me was that concerning some woman in Nebraska. She stated that a letter had come to Mr. Holding from this woman; that Mrs. Holding herself had read this letter, in which this woman accused Mr. Holding of improper relations with her and declared that Mr. Holding must write a letter of apology to this Nebraska woman's husband or trouble would be made in the church in regard to the matter. Mrs. Holding declared that Mr. Holding admitted his improper relations with this woman, and wrote the letter as demanded. Mrs. Holding stated that she kept this letter from the Nebraska woman hidden in a trunk, and admitted that she had declared herself in possession of documentary evidence that would convict Mr. Holding. She stated, however, that the letter had disappeared; that she found the contents of the trunk all disarranged and the letter gone; and that she supposed that Mr. Holding had stolen this letter to get rid of the evidence that it provided.

She gave the name of this Nebraska woman, and stated repeatedly that we could ask Helen, who, she said, knew about Mr. Holding's wrong-doing.

She declared that Mr. Holding was not treating her in a way that was endurable, and she would not continue to live with him unless he treated her more kindly. More than once she mentioned the fact that she could go to the home of her father at any time.

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She seemed particularly concerned about the matter of the payment of the tuition for the children in Pacific College, declaring that she would not pay that. She mentioned the giving to her of a check for \$1,000 by Mr. Holding recently, but declared that she was going to keep it, and not spend a cent of it for the tuition of the children, as she did not know what need she might have for it.

In connection with the marital relation between her and Mr. Holding, she said that there might be some excuse for his conduct conceivably if she were going through the change of life, but that she was as normal as she had ever been.

Very much of her talk seemed to be about trivial things, in which it seemed to me that she was at least quite as much to blame as her husband. Some of the talk did not "hang together", as I pointed out to her.

These are the main things in the interview as I remember it. There was much not mentioned here, but these are the things which seemed to me most important.

L.T.P.