

been highly appreciated by their husbands and children, even though they worked so hard and long at heavy household tasks, and their drudgery was never lightened with their bright plans and schemes for the betterment of the world into which they must soon send their children, with dread. Once they passed beyond the home sphere those children remembered with loving thoughts her gentleness and sweetness, but where was her practical teaching about the things which would from that time on confront them? Why, who ever thought of mother teaching about such things — they must be learned through experience, and how often the experience proved too much for the unwarned youth. And—how often mother wished she had been able to warn him, but how could she?

With regard to the women ousting the men from office, I understand that it is intellect and the application of it that is being paid for, and not sex. Why have the old-time workhouses been practically abolished? Because women are earning, and, because they have proven themselves competent in every way, are earning decent living wages.

BUSINESS GIRL.

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Immigrants and "Vagrant."

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

Being in the habit of carefully reading all the varied and interesting subjects presented in your valuable publication, and, as a rule, obtaining therefrom much that is instructive and helpful, you will perhaps pardon a few remarks upon the article in your last issue contributed by "Vagrant" on his wanderings in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa. In the course of his interesting article he takes the trouble to once again dish up the old tale of an English immigrant lad and his apparent use-

lessness on a Canadian farm. Now, Sir, while not in any way being thin-skinned or sensitive, I still cannot and do not see the use of this constant "knocking" of English immigrant lads, whose lives, ere reaching this land of golden promise, must inevitably have been hopelessly sad and dreary in the slums from which they undoubtedly have been rescued, and who for the first year or two in a strange country, must pass through times of the utmost loneliness and heartbreaking solitude before they find their bearings. If the milk of human kindness flowed a little more freely in the numerous cases one reads about and is told about, I am sure many a heavy heart would be lightened and many a bitter tear would remain unshed. I plead earnestly for even an excess of kindly forbearance in such cases.

Some eight years ago, I was in westerrrrn Ontario and had occasion to stay at a farm house some nine miles from a thriving town, which the farmer visited twice a week to

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