

of Canada will see to it that the students are brought into touch with noble teachers whose personal influence will stimulate a desire for knowledge, and will develop in the student sincerity of character, love of truth and honor in all simplicity and gentleness.

I would hope that very special attention be given to physical training. We sometimes speak of the heathen at home and the need of missionaries for them, and just as we have seen the importance of sending medical missionaries to foreign lands, I believe we shall come to consider it of vital importance that a medical missionary have a prominent place on the staff of our ladies' school, that the laws of health, of exercise, of diet, of temperature, and ventilation may be taught, line upon line, and precept upon precept. Success in life, for women as for men, perhaps more than for men, depends upon a firm foundation of physical health.

There are other things, such as music and art and domestic science, that go without saying, and it might be taken for granted that the study of the Bible would be a subject of chief concern. But I fear we have been taking that for granted too long. It is omitted in our public schools, and it must, I believe, be confessed that most of our Sunday-schools do the work very superficially. How, indeed, could it be otherwise—a brief half-hour in the week being all the time available? But if Canadian mothers of the future are no more familiar with the Holy Scriptures than are many Canadian young women of this decade, the most powerful of all influences for moulding the life and character of this young nation will have waned, and the right arm of her strength will have become palsied. I trust, then, your young women will acquire a thorough acquaintance with the English Bible. Not to make them theologians—far from it; indeed, I had almost said, God forbid!—but to make them wise unto the salvation of their children and the sanctification of their home.

Thus, as Ruskin puts it, "you have first to mould her physical frame, and then as the strength she gains will permit you, to fill and temper her mind with all knowledge and thoughts which tend to confirm its natural instinct of justice and refine its natural tact of love." For I believe it to be one of the most hopeful and attractive features of educational work for young women that you have, as a basis to work on, this natural instinct of justice, of fairness, of righteousness.