

truly as himself to the self-denying spirit which had actuated her through all. They should, he assured the meeting, carry away with them a very happy memory of that evening, and should not forsake the cause and its friends in the new circle to which they were going.

Speeches were made by Dr. Emily P. Stowe, Messrs Hughes, Stevenson, Squan, and Adams, and in introducing the various speakers, Mrs. Curzon took the opportunity of saying a few words on the various points as they came up.

Refreshments were served at ten o'clock, and by the kindness of Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss St. Croix, Miss Bridesale, and Miss Hamilton, the proceedings were varied by music and recitations of a high class. The company dispersed about midnight.

S. A. C.

It is to be hoped that now that the Ontario Government has conferred on duly qualified women, who are widows or spinsters, the right to vote at municipal elections, those so benefitted will not be slow to avail themselves of the privilege.

All rights assume a corresponding responsibility; and while it has been an undoubted hardship that women who had been forced to contribute their due quota to the expenses of civic government should be debarred, on account of their sex, from a voice in the expenditure of such taxes, it has now become their bounden duty to see that the management of city and town-ship affairs be placed in the hands of good men and true, and that all considerations be made secondary to the welfare of those for whom they govern. The voter is the real governor; by his and her use of the vote the alderman or councillor is put in office, therefore the responsibility of the voter is great, and the right he and she wield thereby is the true power behind the throne. Let all our newly-enfranchised voters think of this with that careful gravity they have bestowed on temperance and other questions, and the results will be good to themselves and good to their country.

S. A. C.

Ladies' Correspondence.

In accordance with the request of several of our lady subscribers, and the suggestion of a physician, we propose establishing a separate correspondence department for the use of Ladies only, which all feminine readers are cordially invited to make use of. The Medical and Sanitary queries will be submitted each week to the physician above mentioned, who, taking a warm interest in the subject, has kindly offered his valuable services. The replies below, under the head *Medical and Sanitary*, which have been sent in by some lady subscribers, will give a fair example of the kind of queries invited. Of course, it is needless to say that subjects unfit to appear in print will be carefully excluded; such sufferers must consult their own private physician, but to all who need a voice on the numerous medical and sanitary subjects which, though "trifles light as air" to the outside world, may yet be the source of untold grief to the fair sufferer, we freely open our columns. Queries on dress, household matters and children's subjects, will also be relegated to this department.

RULES.

1. No charge whatever is made for answering questions.
 2. All correspondents to sign their communications with initials or pseudonyms and add correct name and address on the back of each query. N. B.—The latter will not be published.
 3. The editor reserves the right of declining to reply to any of the questions.
 4. Do not send more than three questions at one time.
 5. Write on one side of the paper only.
 6. Write each question (if on a different subject) on a separate piece of paper.
- NOTE.—We cannot undertake to answer questions by post,

DRESS AND NEEDLEWORK.

(Answered by Miss Burton.)

SKOWNALL.—1 *Dress for confirmation*; 2 *Cap or veil for do.*—1. There is no obligation whatever to wear a white dress for confirmation. We admire your conscientious and sensible remarks upon the subject. Nothing is more certain to deprive you of your blessing than encouraging vanity at that solemn time. The quiet grey silk that you have worn before will be in admirable taste. 2. No. St. Paul says nothing about white dresses or veils, but he does ordain that a woman's head should be covered in the church, not only for confirmation, but at all times. We do not advise the veil, which may be as unfortunate in inducing vain thoughts as the dress, but we suggest a plain net cap bordered with a fringe.

A VICTIM TO CIVILIZATION, writes,—"May I ask why you did not answer all my questions." Yes, certainly you may. *To take grease out of leather.*—Apply the white of an egg to the spot and dry it in the sun, re-applying the application till it shall disappear. We do not answer more than three questions at one time, (see rule 4.)

TERRA COTTA.—*Mantel and bracket borders.*—Crewel work borders would look very well for bedrooms. In drawing-rooms, silk embroidery is more fashionable.

HOUSEHOLD.

(Answered by Miss Burton.)

GRINNING JEMIMA.—*Rhubarb Compote.*—Compote or jam made of Rhubarb is of very simple manufacture. Cut one pound of the stalks, including the white or pink end of the root in lengths of about an inch; boil a quarter of a pint of water for about ten minutes with six ozs. of sugar; then put in the rhubarb and let it simmer for a quarter of an hour. Brown sugar is suitable for ordinary use, but if the dish be intended for a sick person or for dessert, granulated sugar is preferable.

A YOUNG WIFE.—*Mildew in linen.*—Well soap the mildewed spots, and while wet, scrape some chalk over the marks, and rub well in, after one or two applications the spots will disappear.

"DO"—A CHAPTER FOR MARRIED LADIES.

Do remember that you are married to a man and not to a god; be prepared for imperfections.

Do anticipate the discovery by your husband that you are "only a woman;" if you were not he would not care about you.

Do, once in a way, let your husband have the last word; it will gratify him and be no particular loss to you.

Do let the sun into your home; a man detests dark rooms, and his taste is of more importance than your carpets, curtains, or complexion.

Do refuse to tell your home-worries to your closest friend; they are nobody's business but your own.

Do remember that servants are made of the same material as you are; a little coarser-grained, perhaps, but the same in essentials; "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Do respect their feelings and attachments; let the pretty parlour maid have her lover openly; (she will have him any way), and if you have her confidence you may save her life-long misery.

Do try and forget yourself; as for your husband, forget that you married him and remember that he married you; he will then probably do the reverse.

Do, if a friend drops in unexpectedly, leave things just as they are. If the tidy is off the chair back what does it matter? A newspaper on the floor, even, is no absolute disgrace.

Do let your husband smoke if he wants to; you can easily accustom yourself to the smoke of his cigar, and it will keep him out of mischief, and—quiet; if your curtains smell, let the air blow through the room.

Do let him read the newspaper at the breakfast table; it is unsociable, but then it is only a trifle after all, and he likes it.

Do, if you feel yourself disqualified for the practice of these tests of patience consent to remain unmarried, for you may have to do so in any case; and a happy and willing old maid is preferable to a miserable home.

L. S. D.—*Black stockings to wash.*—A tea-spoonful of gall in the lather or a slight tinge of blue, keeps the color in black stockings—or a handful of salt—or a spoonful of ammonia in the rinse.

MEDICAL AND SANITARY.

(Answered by a Toronto physician.)

A MARTYR.—*Ascertic acid for corns.*—We had not supposed it possible that any human being could so ridiculously use our simple directions. What did you expect to gain by plunging your foot into ascertic acid to cure a corn on one toe? The acid should be delicately applied to the corn only with a fine camel hair pencil, or better still with a glass pencil, made for the purpose, and procurable at all drug stores. We are truly sorry for the mistake and its results, but cannot consider ourselves to blame for either.

TOADS IN A HOLE.—*Rats and mice to extirpate.*—Cover the floor near the holes with a layer of caustic potassa. When the rodents walk on this, it makes their feet sore; these they lick with their tongues, which makes their mouths sore, and the result is that they shun the locality, not alone, but appear to tell all the rats in the neighborhood, till eventually the house is entirely abandoned by them.

A SUFFERER.—No. 1. *Violent nervous headaches, which tea and ammonia have ceased to cure.*—Kindly inform us how many cups of tea you drink in an average day, when we will prescribe for your symptoms.

SUFFERER No. 2.—Your symptoms are those of insipient typhoid fever, at least we judge so from your description. Consult a physician at once.

SHIVERS AND SHAKES.—You are suffering from tertian ague. It is no use struggling against the exhaustion and weakness, it is caused by disease, not laziness. Prepare for six weeks' perfect rest. Purchase a box of 2 gr. quinine pills, and take one every quarter of an hour till the ears ring, then two, three times a day till you begin to mend. This prescription should be preceded by an aperient,