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We present this month as our picture supplement a portrait of Lord Strathcona.

There will be no supplement in April, but with the May number there will be sent a special picture for Empire Day.

The members of the St. John High School Alumnae have in course of preparation a history of the St. John Grammar and High Schools. They have found considerable difficulty in collecting correct lists of classes, medallists, etc., as the reports of the graduation exercises were apparently not as fully recorded or reported by the daily papers as at the present time. Any information that any member of the classes of the Grammar or High Schools previous to 1890 and of the classes of 1896 and 1897, especially in regard to class lists or regarding medallists, can send to Miss Lawson, President H. S. Alumnae, 274 Tower Street, West St. John, will be of immense value to the compilers of the history. Reports of the St. John Board of School Trustees for the years 1890-1896 inclusive are particularly wanted.

One of the lecturers in the course on Household Economics, recently given at the Natural History Society rooms in St. John, presented with much force the claim of Domestic Science to be an educating subject, not merely leading to skill in certain household arts, but assisting in the all round development of the pupil. The too-popular idea that Manual Training and Domestic Science are intended solely to turn out carpenters and cooks, needs to be combatted, and we hope to publish some of Miss Bartlett's arguments in a future issue.

The following extract from a recent novel sets forth suggestively the influence upon mind and spirit of intelligent and honest manual work. The hero is learning bookbinding.

He learned here for the first time in his life the meaning of his hands, and discovered their use. They gave his soul a new and inexplicable pleasure. Regular manual occupation steadied him, drawing off his earth energies and leaving his spirit clearer. As he sat at the sewing-press, or mechanically pared the edges of leather for the covers of his books, he meditated. Busy hands and dreaming soul balanced each other, and he felt sane, alive, untrammelled. The symbolic rightness of quiet work justified to him the existence of his body, and sometimes allowed him a glimpse of the gateway which leads to the heaven of the industrious.

Behind labour, he felt, there was something — "a spirit or power which blessed."