

Temper is not in what it is alone, but in what it reveals. For a want of patience, a want of generosity, a want of courtesy, a want of unselfishness, are all symbolized in one flash of temper.

To rectify and throw out this horrible demon of Bad Temper, we must get at the source of it. We must try and live each day, each half day by itself, and try and conquer the habit, each time it appears in our hearts. To do this best, we must have faith with the help of Him who conquers all, we will also be helped. Put into our lives, the new spirit of faith and love for Christ, who does all things well. The spirit of Christ purifies and transforms us all. His spirit alone can eradicate the evils we are heir to. Our own wills do not change us alone but we must be guided and helped by the all loving Father above. Therefore, "Let that mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—I.H.N.

OUR HOME CLUB

COUNTRY

Now that the municipal councils have been chosen for another year, it would be a move in the public interests if they would arrange to have sign boards placed in conspicuous places along the sides of the highways in the different municipalities. On these should be in plain letters, not only the directions to the various points of interest to the traveling public, but the distances to the same. This would add greatly to the interest of travel; it would popularize routes, and save much of the uncertainty now attaching to verbal directions obtained from residents along the way.

Such sign boards are common in the Northern and Central States, and have also made their appearance on certain roads in Western Ontario. The cost would not be large. Some times the cost is borne by automobile clubs in large cities, and the boards aforesaid are put up for the convenience of the members using the roads. But in a section where no large club of the kind exists it should be performed by councils.—"The Parson."

OUR SCHOOLS AGAIN

Some time ago I spoke of education going too slow and suggested that we have at least one good High School or College in each county. This idea seems to me to be all right if these schools are kept properly cleaned and ventilated. Why is it that some of our schools are in such a deplorable condition?

I visited one last week, and it almost hurts to have to admit that it had only been cleaned once during the year 1900. Its ventilation was poor, and desks were in use that should

have been condemned long ago.

Our school laws call for the school being cleaned four times a year. But, alas! this is sadly neglected.

Another school section about four or five miles from the above, I am sure will have nervous prostration over their school. It was really cleaned twice in the last year.

There are, I think, 212 school days in the year. Are we going to continue sending our children to schools like these? What would our homes look like if they were not cleaned any oftener than the schools? Would we as parents not feel that good health and reasonably expected, as us their parents and guardians to provide means for them to obtain it?

Here comes a work for the Women's Institute. Of course our trustees are supposed to keep the schools well cleaned, etc. But, for my own part, I think the trustee has rather a thankless position to fill.

He is expected by the ratepayers to hire a teacher and keep the school so that it will not look too bad. He is to do it for the least possible money. If he thinks a more expensive teacher might do better work for the section, he finds it very hard to get others to agree with him, and if he does not succeed he is put out of office, and a new man put in his place.

Why should not the Women's Institute have an entertainment and raise funds to help the trustees out a little? Surely this is one of the most important subjects they could discuss. With a little money raised in each branch and the same used in cleaning and ventilating our rural schools, at least that one part of the object of Women's Institutes would be filled. "Raising the general standard of health," of our people.

Some may think me a crank on schools, but the work of the Women's Institute seems very dear to me. Our object is one of the very best we could have! But why could we not carry some of our home work to our schools? Let us put our shoulder to the wheel and work together in the sweet spirit of helpfulness, and surely we will be rewarded for our work.

Will some of the other members of the Home Club give us their opinions?—"The Doctor's Wife."

A MAN'S OPINION

In the article, "The Tragedy of the Farmer's Wife," in December 9th issue, I was glad to note that U. S. conditions were spoken of, instead of Canadian. Though not familiar with American ways, I have been able to study a little of country life in several of our provinces, and though there are unappreciable some cases even worse than the average spoken of, I am sure we could not recognize an average farmer's wife in Canada from the description of the one in the "Tragedy."

True, she works hard, much harder than her city sisters, but every day is not wash and scrub day, neither is she compelled to put in quite such long hours as the article portrays.

On dairy farms the work in connection with the day's work of the man, and in localities where a number of men are employed it is no unusual thing to see the husband or son turn to, and help through the busy meal time, and clearing up.

The article states that the store clerks and professional men are more considerate of their wives than are farmers, even though the latter are credited with more virtues. A glimpse of an evening into a bowling alley, pool room or a golf link, might cause doubts about this to arise in the observer's mind, especially if he happen to drop into the country and see a few men picking beans or shelling peas for to-morrow's dinner.

While we may have instances such as the article referred to, it is not so much because the wife happens to be a "farmer's wife" as because she is the wife of a certain individual who is an exception to the human race in general, and is either troubled with chronic laziness, or is a victim of intemperance.

Nevertheless the lot of the farmer's wife can be made much more pleasant in any circumstance by the installing of a few modern appliances, both for convenience and for sanitation.—"Uncle Dick."

Reading "The Tragedy of a Farmer's Wife" has suggested many things to me. There is a great deal of truth in the story, but there are many farmer's homes as much the reverse as possible.—"Dot."

A good way to mend torn lace curtains is to dampen them and fold them smoothly into a convenient size for washing. Keep in the same folds

until they are ready for the stretcher. After the curtains are washed and starched put stretcher out in the sunshine, placing first sheet in same, as fragile curtains often tear from their own weight. A curtain never should go in wrong side up. If there are any rents in them, cut from them similar to curtains pieces of the firm part, mending after laundering them, if necessary.

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