

a doubtful one. Human nature would have to be made over were a different result to be the rule rather than the exception. A Southern lawyer said to the writer, 'We are not so much concerned here about the accumulation of wealth; our section of the country affords a plenty of the good things of this life. To share in these, to be able to help a friend or neighbour in need, to aid in the work of the churches and share in the works which tend to uplift humanity, makes life worth living here, and the majority of us are satisfied to live with such surroundings rather than seek greater wealth in the larger cities.' " We cannot too strongly commend the foregoing observations to those whom it may concern in this country; though we are glad to know that breaches of good manners here are the exception and not the rule of the profession to which we belong.

It would be well if our public school authorities were to pay some attention to this matter; that is where the education should begin. It is painful to see how good manners are *not* taught in public schools and collegiate institutes in this Province of Ontario—not excepting the City of Toronto, where children are as badly behaved as in any other part of His Majesty's dominions. There is a marked absence of any effort in this direction on the part of the school authorities, and this absence is a blot on our school system. Some of those who occupy high positions as inspectors and teachers seem to think that ordinary politeness and respect to those in authority or holding high positions is servility, and, as such, should be discouraged in the rising generation. They thereby shew their own ignorance as well as their want of breeding. Such a lack of appreciation of a very important part of a child's education is a common subject of complaint. Gentlemanly behaviour and courteous demeanour are not only entirely consistent with self-respect and independence of character, but mark the possession of those excellent qualities.

When speaking of public school education it may not be amiss to refer to the following observations in the recent number of the London *Law Times*: "It would probably be admitted by most