

own dwellings, and this has to be borne in mind, as well as the necessities of many of the sex, in considering the question of expediency and propriety in women seeking to fit themselves for new pursuits. These, however, it is well to remember, may be sought and obtained at the sacrifice of much that is womanly in woman. Society would suffer much in losing the refining influences of the sex; and how

long these influences would be operative if women, deserting the home and the household, were to enter fields of occupation already over-crowded by men is a question one may well ask. Co-education need not be quarrelled with, but, it will be seen, that it has a bearing on the political and social relations of the race which is not bounded by the mere methods of academic training, and mental acquirement.

SANITARY CONDITION OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

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MARTIAL, the father of epigram, crystallized a large part of the human experience of his day in the short sentence: *Non est vivere, sed valere vita*—"Life is not living, but the enjoyment of health." After the experience of seventeen centuries more, our own poet, Thomson, sung: "Health is the vital principle of bliss." No doubt the paramount importance of health to happiness will be acknowledged to the end of time. It is universally admitted to be easier to preserve health than to recover it, that health once lost is difficult or impossible to regain; yet few seem to think about preserving it until they find that they are losing or have lost it. To get and keep wealth, a hundred times as much trouble and anxiety seem to be exercised as to get and keep health; but let disease lay hold on the money-seeker, and you may see him eager to spend his last dollar, could it but purchase that which he carelessly lost or deliberately threw away.

The life and health of the young, occupy only a small portion of the attention which they deserve. A

funeral cortege passed along Talbot street the other day. Some one inquired "Whose funeral?" Reply, was made, "It's only a child's." The answer does not strike one as unfamiliar. The public mourns the departure of a life whose work seems to us well-nigh accomplished; but the loss of the life of a child with all its untold possibilities is deplored only by the household. Indeed some good people talk, as if they think one of the chief uses of children is to afford the Father of all Good a means of visiting on families blessing in affliction. Strange, that God, while He walked on earth manifest in the flesh, should delight in daily moving among the people, blessing the children, raising the palsied, casting out devils, and healing all manner of diseases, as was read in our hearing this morning, but, that God in heaven should look with complacency on the suffering of our little ones prostrated on beds of rack-ing pain that they cannot understand at all, for the sole benefit of us, older sinners. No: the truth taught us by statistics, is that over one-fourth of all the lives, that God gives our race, are