



The following very sensible comment on girls who, though earning a salary, live at home and do not pay for their own living expenses, appeared in one of our newspapers and was sent to this column by a friend:

"Many girls who are earning a weekly salary at regular work, but living at home, think it is an imposition to be asked to pay board. They spend what they earn on clothes and knick-knacks, on theatres and treats, much of it going, they don't know how. But when it comes to being asked to put something into the family purse, they feel very much injured and imposed upon.

"This is a wrong attitude and it should be definitely discouraged by the parent if the girl has not the pride and independence and unselfishness to refuse to sponge on them. This, whether the money is needed at home or not. A sum that will adequately pay for what the girl gets, for what she would have to pay if she boarded elsewhere, should be charged to her. It is a necessary lesson in personal responsibility and economy if it is nothing else. And if you teach your daughter to be thrifty you have taught her a lesson that cannot be overestimated."

All this is very pertinent but it also applies to young men in the same position. I have at present in my mind a case of a young man who is earning at least forty or fifty dollars a month, who lives at home and spends all of his salary on himself and his own pleasures. Not one cent is paid to his parents for his living. This is extremely bad principle, in case of either a boy or girl, and parents who allow it are not doing their full duty to their children.

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The Recreation Club is still active in its good work, the following excursions being proposed: June 12, picnic to Chats Falls; July 1, excursion to Carlsbad Springs; July 10, dinner-dance at Hotel Victoria, Aylmer; August, one-day excursion to the Thousand Islands.

A large attendance is expected at these outings and those who care to go in for them should place themselves in touch with the President, Miss Blackburn, of the Forestry Branch, at as early a date as possible.

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The following good little poem has been sent as a contribution to this column and we all thank the contributor, as it is not only poetry but plain, solid, encouraging truth: