

## Social Service or Reformatory Work.

Paper Read by Mrs. M. J. Campbell to Social Workers.

(Concluded.)

"God help us! So the groghops can show us how, eh! Warmth, sociability, smiles, comradeship. Brotherly kindness can meet us on the road down-hill. Do we get them in such degree climbing to the higher life of respectability. This man was not a saloon frequenter, yet had to go there because no other place was available to spend a waiting hour. We do not make it easy to keep people up. We hedge ourselves around with so many forms, convictions and rules that it is easier to go down than stay up. On the face of our weaker sister whose position and means are not so secure as our own, we flaunt our rich apparel, our furs, our jewelry, motors, etc., then wonder with amazement how she can do such awful things to secure hers. But let one of these unfortunate outcasts fall heir to a few thousand dollars and he will dress and so on; then her sins are forgiven her; but without means or money they are people to be avoided. Then it must be that poverty and shabbiness are the only crimes.

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right up to our ears (we had bare in those days). Now zero weather finds us with fur coats on and our throats nearly to our waist line! Catch a man do that? No not in a ballroom. They have more common sense. About the same time we trailed our skirts over the streets and the street cleaners job must have been an easy one in those days. Now it seems a difficult matter to get enough cloth to walk in and so short as to be vulgar.

### VICTORIAN COSTUMES.

No style ever came in vogue more commendable than these short skirts of moderate length and width and yet we have to ape some crazy mortal who wants to be gaped at. What's wrong with us? The writer can remember bustle days, and when as a silly little fool who wanted to be in the fashion she donned one; her father remarked to her that if she needed to make it larger he would send for one of his men to bring a cartload of sawdust to help fill it. Timely sarcasm! To what lengths do we go? When will we learn sense? What do we do it for? To find favor with our men folk? If so let's dress to please them. We are not pleasing them, that is the worth while men. We are disgusting them and catering to the depraved tastes and desires of men who should be classed as outcasts with our fallen sisters. Oh when will we awaken and when will we reach the place where we will put all same degree sinners on the same level. We seem to go to such extremes with everything. Jazz bands, crazy dancing, late hours, playing cards to excess, disrespect for elders, scoffing at clergymen and religion, insolence and impudence. The spirit of the age we hear it said. If that spirit isn't checked and controlled where

will we find ourselves. Excess and intemperance in all things.

### USE DISCRETION.

The writer enjoys a game of cards and a box of candy, but with both she must use discretion else she will become nauseated, with one and weary of the other. She finds herself on the outside of social circles because she steadily refuses to be entertained or to entertain by cards only. She refuses to become bridge mad or auction crazy and maintains that there are other forms of entertaining more uplifting and more improving, and crazy dancing such as is the fashion to-day is abominable or worse. Why not cling to safer methods? One feels like asking to have the dancing scene in "Kathleen Mavourneen" put on the screen every week to teach our youths what stately, courteous, beautiful dancing is—the very poetry of motion—not the vulgar and crazy. Never mind following the "latest" that some lunatic in New York or elsewhere has invented unless it be beautiful and decorous. Clinging to the best even if old-fashioned, won't hurt us. Let us dress decently, dance decently, and play decently and it will mean a big reform. Let us dress. If our youths cannot get the legitimate, wholesome amusements they will certainly have the unwholesome and nonlegitimate. And if each individual of us does not recognize this fact that it's cheaper to spend money to keep them out of prison and jails and teach them the A.B.C. of first principles of good citizenship—then we will lose and lose heavily.

### NO PLACE FOR JUVENILES.

Prisons are not ideal places to reform or redeem people, particularly little children. Reformatories haven't one on our island. "Costs too much," some one says. Perhaps, but the day will come when we will fully realize our mistake and the cost will far exceed what it is doing now. "Prevention is better than cure." Other countries are fast awakening to this fact and are already equipping themselves with public playgrounds, recreation rooms and everything that will help to make better citizens and uplift the fallen. Churches or societies, judges and officers are all a mighty force and backed by every individual who is imbued with the master's spirit can save the youth of our land. But upon individuals rest the greater work of reaching these delinquents and saving them. But who shall awaken us to this fact and who shall arouse us? Another war? No. All the good sermons we hear? No. Our judges appeals? No. The last trumpet? Perhaps! "Let's go to sleep again and have a good nap." "That's a fanatic that's writing. Don't listen." "Reformatory work? Social service work? Is that what she means? Well, answers many; we are just as busy with church work, society work, club work, and every other good work we haven't time for anything more." Don't ask us! And some one else responds with tilted nose. "Don't ask respectable people to do such work. Perhaps not! But listen: 'Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me.' Our commendation or our condemnation. Which do we choose?"

### Protection of Rivers.

#### A NECESSITY.

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir:—It was with great satisfaction I noted that the Evening Telegram has taken up the matter of protection of our salmon rivers. I had read the admirable article by His Honor Judge Morris in the Veteran on "Salmon and Salmon Fishing in Newfoundland" and felt at the time that such information as he supplied would open the eyes of the "powers that be" to the importance of such rivers not alone as a means for attracting the tourist, but as producing a commodity of much commercial value to this country.

Newfoundland has always been advertised as a great resort for tourists. The outside world generally is told of the great salmon and trout rivers that abound in this country. This propaganda is distributed everywhere and all the while the "powers that be" are doing their best everywhere to destroy the value of these rivers, to render them valueless for the purposes for which they have been so well advertised. For years tourists have come here (and left much money) just for the pleasure of a fishing trip. But they will soon cease coming unless something is done to protect our rivers. I heard of two gentlemen who came last year, as they had done for years, to a well-known salmon river and who found that this river was useless for fishing purposes, so well had it been netted and salmon fished. They said they would come no more. The sin of omission is almost as bad as the sin of commission and those in authority are guilty of a great blunder in withdrawing wardens from our rivers. For years wardens have patrolled and guarded the rivers, so that there were many real good salmon rivers. Last year they were withdrawn and there resulted wholesale netting and jigging.

I noted in the article in your paper that the grant for the game wardens has been revived but that so far no appointments have been made. No delay should be allowed in such appointments. Salmon next month will be rushing for the rivers. Then is the

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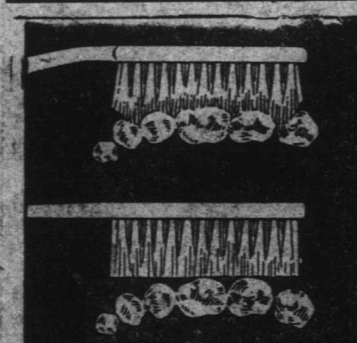
great time for netting and jigging. And now is the time to act. The blunder of appointing wardens, too late is as bad as not appointing them at all. Too late is it to lock the stable door, when the steed is stolen and too late and as foolish to appoint anyone to protect salmon that have already been killed.

I was certainly surprised to learn from Judge Morris's article that salmon are of such commercial value to Newfoundland. This fact, has I fear, been overlooked, and but for his remarks would have been unknown to almost everyone here. That the salmon industry is worth to this country nearly \$600,000 shows how important it is and how valuable it can be made if properly developed. And when coupled with this is the knowledge that tourists come here in large numbers to catch salmon for pleasure—a source of much money to us—we realize what a blunder was made last summer in withdrawing the grant for game wardens, and what a blunder is being made in not appointing wardens immediately, now that the grant has been revived.

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