

bilities of the more well-to-do. None will be pauperized, none will be patronized if the proper spirit clothe the service so given. The law that prompts those who give and those who receive is fundamentally Christian, and it is doubly blessed.

2. *The home of the skilled and learned should help the untrained.* The landlord of a laborer called to see how the tenant kept his yard and garden. They were in poor condition except in one corner where a few flowers were growing. The landlord was a flower fancier, and, when he saw a wonderful bloom in the dingy yard, he asked his tenant to visit his own well kept garden and there he inspired the tenant to use his spare time growing the rare flowers he gave him to take home with him. In a few years the beauty of the laborer's garden was the talk of the town and later he became wealthy from the proceeds of the flower farm he acquired.

An expert orchardist moved into a district where weedy orchards and slovenly homes were sadly common. In tactful ways he and his family became helpers and teachers of their neighbors and soon in that locality the orchards were the best and the homes were the brightest possible because one home had set a standard and allowed it to be seen by those who needed its help. The homes of the wise may be blessings to a multitude. The idea of the Settlement House in sordid city centres is capable of innumerable applications in our land.

3. *The home of the Christian should seek to Christianize the community.* On an island near our Canadian coast, live some twenty families. There is no regular church service. One of the fishermen farmers there is the son of godly parents and he has opened his home for Sunday meetings for worship and religious instruction. These he leads as well as he can but he is always on the lookout for skilled help and often he rows five miles to get the services of a preacher. That man's home is the uplifting and-unifying institution that is helping the isolated folk to hold fast the truth and also to effectively help by gifts and sympathy less favored communities.

The candle of the Lord is in the homes of Christians, and where it is allowed to shine upon other darkened lives, it is getting the

right of way belonging to it. If it is hidden, the harm to other homes is incalculable. Not only so but the home that has it is endangering itself by failure to let its light shine. We are learning as never before that individual welfare results when the common-weal is secured.

Canada needs greatly an actual, active, domestic religion that will leaven the thoughts and actions of the people with the spirit of Christ.

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Home Evenings

(Rev. A. V. Brown, B.D., Picton, Ont., writes the following account of a teen ago class in that town.—Editors.)

A Sunday School class numbering about ten, the average age of the boys being 15, and having for its teacher a most excellent lady, desired to form itself into a club.

One evening, in the early winter, the boys came to the manse to talk things over, and, if possible, to organize. The boys in all the lightheartedness of youth found no obstacles in the way and in a short time, had their officers elected and were already on the road to a good time during the winter evenings. Those elected to office quite readily accepted their various duties. The treasurer was to collect a membership fee of fifty cents from each one to defray the expense of purchasing games, etc., for their amusement.

They chose the minister as Honorary President, and had, in addition, a President, Secretary and a membership committee.

The following Sabbath the minister announced from the pulpit that the Boys' Club was formed, also saying that he would be very glad if some of the people would invite the boys to their homes for an evening's entertainment. They did so; and it is to their credit that every Friday night an invitation was waiting to be accepted.

The hostess always provided bountiful refreshments. The boys played checkers, parcheesi, shreds, kingdom and a few were even learning the more difficult game of chess. Very often music in the home helped considerably. The evenings passed so quickly that it was difficult for the minister at eleven o'clock to succeed in showing the boys that