

Broths and soups are daily meals, so are stews of all kinds, porridges and cakes. Sweet puddings replace the large amount of pastry in England, and the use of milk is more abundant than with us. There is a want of spicing about many dishes in middle houses, showing that aromatic flavours, which do so much for our finer taste, are not fully understood, but upon the whole the Scotch people are far better cooks than we, both as to using more diversified material and making more nourishing combinations.

Mr. Corbitt, more than 14 years ago, established these public dining halls. We should say, having ourselves visited many of these establishments, that these dining rooms are at present the maximum of cheapness and comfort, and a boon of inestimable value to the work-people of Glasgow. The whole range of meals, the goodness and freshness of the food materials, the spaciousness of the halls, the agreeable influence of surrounding cleanliness and sobriety; all these particulars contribute towards creating an impression, as if an honest and sympathetic man had here erected something above all charity.

These halls strengthen the moral purpose of those who enter them by contributing to their comfort in cheap food, rather than lessening self-dependence by charitable meals never paid for and never earned.

The temperance principle is maintained throughout all the branches, of which there are now twenty-six.

There is one central store where all goods are supplied to the branches and balanced monthly. It takes 150 cows to give the required quantity of milk. 1000 people visit the various branches daily for their meals, and at all branches the daily papers are supplied.

Our illustration shows the girls' room while they are at dinner; such an agreeable light as it represents should encourage us to try and introduce something similar in Montreal.

Our space does not permit us to give in full detail the various meals, and the way they are prepared in the principal rooms, but we subjoin a bill such as represents the general prices of the halls. We have it on good authority that financially it is a