

ious capacities in which women were rendering service to their country. Few of the many present fully realized what a splendid work the farmerettes were doing, before hearing Mrs. Dawson's account of the experiences of herself and the girls under her supervision as farmerettes on an Ontario farm last summer. The farmer at first was very averse to them, giving all kinds of strenuous and distasteful jobs to discourage them. But by a cheerful perseverance they were able to accomplish what the farmer deemed impossible, and thus proved to him their real value. The same farmer is asking for many more farmerettes next year..

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"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." Owing to the city churches being open for one service only on October 27th, the students were privileged in hearing an address by Rev. W. Scovil, of St. George's Church. He spoke to us from his own experience of social work, pointing out some pitfalls to be avoided, and emphasized the need for more love in our dealings with our fellows. Miss Germain took the chair, and a song by Miss Totten was very much appreciated.

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### THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Macdonald has been shaken out of its accustomed routine by the visitation of the influenza epidemic.

The first two sufferers were removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where they received the best of care, but it soon became evident that Macdonald Hall must be its own hospital, as one after another the students showed symptoms of the malady and were ordered to stay in bed. Quarantine was declared, but those girls who wished to go home were allowed to depart.

It was fortunate that the college was

attacked before the city, so that Dr. Stewart was able to make frequent visits.

Probably no one knows, or will ever know, how hard Dr. Ross worked at this time. With her hands more than full, she went on her way with an un-failing smile, ministering to the sick and encouraging the workers. Miss Fraser, who was taking Mrs. Fuller's place in the office, was an early victim.

Mrs. Yeftich and Miss Gordon nursed the patients with unflagging devotion, and Miss Hemming volunteered to assist them and gave much valuable help until she also was laid low. After her recovery she went to nurse at the Isolation Branch of the General Hospital, where half of the staff was incapacitated.

The senior housekeepers were organized into a band of amateur dietitians, to plan, prepare and serve the nutriment for the sick students, which was carried round five times a day. As their numbers were reduced through illness or departure—some being summoned home to care for stricken relatives—other students, both senior and junior, filled the gaps and rendered excellent service. No classes were held for more than a week, chapel services were discontinued, and social activities were at a standstill. There were more than fifty cases in the Hall, few being of a serious character.

Dr. Ross attributed the comparatively light form of the ailment, and the rapid recovery of the patients, to two main causes: The fact that all Macdonald students are required to present a certificate of sound health and constitution before being accepted, and the regularity and suitability of the diets provided for them during their illness. Miss Watson also emphasized this second point. The sufferers themselves