

now being accepted as a solution of many problems that seem otherwise beyond the school. If it were possible (and who shall say it is not) we would have the principal of the school in our towns and cities live in or near the school building. We would have him impress himself on the community; the community is now, in our judgment, behind the school. The community needs to do more for the boys and girls than it does, after they leave the school."

—THE *Michigan School Moderator* has a blunt way of putting things, as for instance when it says: "Teachers, do not be afraid to talk of school work with anybody. Be well posted on the very latest phases of educational thought, and be ready to talk it with any one interested in the subject. This is not 'talking shop.' Harping on petty annoyances, and enumerating the little details, may be classed as 'talking shop.' The teacher should be able and ready to converse on other subjects besides school subjects, but no teacher should feel any hesitancy in talking about educational topics." And speaking of the habit some people have of talking of their personal ills, the following remarks of Edward W. Bok, in the December number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, apply to the teacher as well as to the layman. "Every one of us," says Mr. Bok, "has his or her own ailments. It is enough for us all to keep well ourselves: to be compelled to listen to the ailments of others does not make that task any easier. Besides all this, these unnecessary narratives of personal ailments are positively injurious to ourselves. Physicians all agree that many of the slight illnesses, of which some people make so much, could be cured if they would but take their minds from themselves. Too many people work themselves into illnesses, or prevent themselves from getting well, by talking about a petty ailment, which, if forgotten, would right itself. I will not say that women, more than men, are prone to this evil. But as the majority of women have more leisure than the majority of men, they are more likely to let their minds dwell upon every little ill that assails them, and talk about it. It seems to me that one of the most important lessons we can all learn with the close of the year is to refrain from inflicting upon others what is purely personal to ourselves. Let us cease this tiresome, this inconsiderate, this un-