

the marriage of Amy Hodge. This is only rumour, and I do not know whether it is right to tell it or not.

We have rather a long list of sick ones again. Poor Margaret Buck has been obliged to go into the hospital and take a real rest. It seemed like loss of time, but really it will be the greatest help in the end, and we hope to see Margaret among us again very soon, quite well and strong.

Annie Easton paid a short visit to the hospital to have her throat attended to, but she is reaping the advantage now in being able to breathe freely and speak easily.

At the time of writing, Annie Lowe is in the hospital, suffering from what we fear will be a tedious illness; but we have hopes that she may be well enough to get out by Christmas time if all goes well.

For the last month or two Lizzie Steele has been very much under the weather, and work, even when lightened as much as possible as hers has been by her kind mistress is very trying to her, and Lizzie has at last consented to give up for a week and take a rest.

Although we cannot say they were really ill, several of our girls come to us with very white faces, which suggest damp feet and tramping about in bad weather at nights, and want of care generally; but they are young still, and young folks are not always willing to profit by the advice of those who have gone over the same ground before them.

Since the Summer our Sunday afternoon gatherings appear to have been a great success; at any rate, if one can judge by numbers, this has been the case. With the exception of one or two very wet Sundays, we have always had over twelve, and one Sunday evening twenty-five were in for tea, and so many come in later on for the singing and Bible reading, which they appear thoroughly to enjoy. Of course like every good thing in this crooked world, even our Sunday gatherings have their drawbacks, and we have to watch against their

degenerating into the proverbial afternoon tea and gossip, which we have all heard about. Going about from place to place, one hears so often of things that were said "at your house on Sunday." If one girl does get up at five o'clock in the morning and do the washing, the chances are that there are some things that you do that she does not have to do, and unless one knows all the circumstances one is hardly in a position to judge what a girl should or should not do. Maybe she would find something in your routine that she "would not do," and it is wisest and safest not to make any remarks, as they are much more likely to unsettle a girl and thus do her harm than do her any good.

It is so easy in repeating anything, without intending to make mischief, to alter a word or two, and, although it seems such a little thing, it really causes a great deal of trouble. However carefully we may repeat a remark made about another, it is never possible to say it exactly the same, or under the same conditions, consequently it is misunderstood and conveys a wrong impression. So let us all try in the New Year to watch our words, and if we cannot say anything good about others, not say anything at all, and never repeat what other people say.

The Bible classes, in which the girls have taken part, have been very interesting, and we wish that more would do so, and not only select their own subjects, but bring suggestions in explanation of them.

We have a very sad event to record in the first break in our circle caused by death. Our sister, Emily White, only joined us from Oakville in September; but all through did not seem to be able to get on. In her second place she was with a kind, elderly lady who we thought would understand and consider her, and Emily went full of hope, and promising to do well and try her best. Faithfully she strove to do her duty, and at last morning she was obliged to give in and go to bed. She was in the hos-