

ointment, and the Corsini has a sad looking "St. Agnes," with her white lamb in her arms. There are a number of other paintings of Christ and the Mater Dolorosa in the various European Galleries, but none of them are lovelier in form or coloring than the picture we have chosen for our subject.

"O Child! O new-born denizen
Of life's great city! on Thy head
The glory of the morn is shed,
Like a celestial benison!
Here at the portal Thou dost stand,
And with Thy little hand
Thou openest the mysterious gate
Into the future's undiscovered land."

Selected Articles

SERVING MEALS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN IN COMFORT

Among the many reforms proposed in connection with our rural schools, none are more important than those which have to do with the daily comforts of the child while at school. A child who cannot have fresh, cool drinking water during the hot summer days is being cruelly treated. Trustees are duty bound to provide this comfort, and we must demand that they do so. Clean, sanitary towels with good soap are very necessary for every school. But there is one reform badly needed and we must introduce it without further delay. Provision should be made whereby the children shall have an opportunity to eat their midday meal in comfort. The child has a heavy day's work if business is properly conducted in the little school, and it is very necessary that he should receive proper nourishment. In the summer a table might be set in a nearby bluff, if there are trees nearby. If there are no trees then there should be trees planted right away. Trustees should provide for every school, dishes, a few cooking utensils, knives, forks, spoons, a coal-oil stove, etc. Twenty-five dollars will purchase a sufficient supply. Warm dishes and hot drinks can then easily be prepared and served by the larger pupils. Children will sit around a table, at the head of which is the teacher, and eat like civilized people. Lessons in manners and table etiquette may be in-

cidentally taught during the meal, and a general discussion regarding daily events in the outside world will widen the child's vision. We smile at this, but we must remember we are living in advanced times. The methods adopted when we were children are now obsolete. It is not right to say, "what was good enough for me is good enough for my child." This is a narrow, selfish, unprogressive view. Our children will have to occupy a more important position in this old world than we have been called upon to fill, and they must be prepared for this position.

Let us seriously consider this all-important matter.

The rural children attending the Theodore village school have solved the warm lunch problem, and for this they deserve special commendation. Every noon hour a warm meal is served, in which all rural pupils take part. One of the pupils has written a short essay on "The Best Hour of the Day." It is very interesting and reads as follows:

We country pupils of the Theodore senior room each day serve a hot dinner at school. During the early winter months we brought a cold lunch, generally consisting of some sandwiches, a piece of cake or pie, or sometimes a little fruit, and we drank a glass of cold water. This really became very tiresome and made us feel like not eating any lunch at all. The girls dis-