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## A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPER.

'Only a fancy sketch,' some one says. Well, perhaps this particular one is. But how many real ones have we without the mob cap and kerchief, just as young and dainty and sweet, whose ambition is to grow up to be just as 'capable' a housekeeper as are the mothers who are training them. When we get a few more of these same wise mothers and aunts on our school boards we will then have hopes of seeing the art of housekeeping raised to a science. Then will our girls be taught that to broil a steak for father's breakfast as it should be done, and have it sharp on time, is just as important as to work out quickly and correctly an example in the rule of three; and that to be able to have the potatoes mealy, and the pudding light, and the bread—well, perfect—is more important than to be able to go through the sixth book of geometry without a blunder, or all the binomial theorem you could work out in a month. Let our schools establish genuine housekeeping departments, not mere 'kitchen gardens' for the babies, where genuine housekeeping science is carefully taught, and so raise housekeeping to the dignity of the profession of nursing. The 'servant' question will then be nearer a settlement.

## FOR A CONGREGATION.

At the installation of Rev. J. W. Brown, as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church in Detroit, Dr. Wallace Radcliffe delivered the following charge to the congregation:—

There be three things too wonderful for me; yea, four which I know not, the way of a man with a maid, and the way of a congregation in getting a pastor; the way of a serpent on a rock,

and the way of a congregation in getting rid of a pastor.

The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but Israel never knows when it is well off.

New brooms sweep clean, and the noisiest welcome is not the continuous cheer.

One man cannot keep both sides of a contract.

The church bell rings twice on Sundays, and just as loudly for the people as for the pastor.

A threefold cord is not quickly broken and the unity of pastor, session and people ordains success.

The church makes the minister. Like people, like priest. Each church has its own atmosphere.

The pastor is not hired.

The brook Cherith does not flow through Detroit, and manna is not found upon our streets.

Pew rents do not have summer vacations. Salvation is free, but the Gospel costs money.

Your minister is not Paul, but then Westminster church is not the Sanhedrin.

If the church is the army of the Lord the trustees run the commissary department.

It is given to the deacons, if they will, to look every day into the face of the Master.

The sexton is sometimes the devil's lieutenant.

A thoughtful usher is a means of grace.

The session is not a cabinet by the president's choice, nor a gang under boss's orders, but representatives of a scriptural republic.

The elder is the voice of the people to be heard not in the criticism of the streets, but in the counsels of the closet.

Sabbath sickness is healed only by the unction from the Holy One.

A congregation gets what it brings.

That is a good sermon which does thee good.

A hungry man does not criticise the shape of the loaf.

A congregation as well as an individual, may have the dyspepsia.

The end of a sermon is only its beginning.

Perfection is never in the pulpit, and it is seldom in the pews.

Church work is slow work, but that is no reason for sloth.

If Aaron and Hur are not on the church roll you may as well burn the books.

The church is not a social club, nor an esthetic confectioner's, nor an intellectual prize-ring, nor a mutual admiration society, nor a spiritual hammock, but a workshop, in which you are a worker; do not quarrel with



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