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PUBLISHER'S TALK

THIS week's issue contains the results of the voting competition. Our next subject for discussion will be "HOW TO IMPROVE TOWN AND VILLAGE LIFE." The cities have their theatres, their skating rinks, their amusement clubs of many kinds, and time does not drag heavy on their hands. In the smaller towns and villages the theatres plays a smaller part, the church is not so fully equipped for social work, the "pastime" is not so highly developed, and too often life is dull and dragged.

A prominent English journalist has said that life in the West is so lonesome that a large percentage of the men and women go crazy. If this is so, something should be done, and done quickly. What is the first move?

Other people say we are not a merry nation, that we take our politics, our religion and our play too seriously. If this be true, let us effect a reform. But where shall we start?

The editor would like to have a thousand letters from the readers of this national weekly describing conditions which are bad, showing how they have been overcome, and offering suggestions. No letter must be more than one thousand words in length, and should be but half that length if possible. But he must have the full thousand—and they must come from Victoria and Nanaimo on the west to Sydney and Charlottetown on the east.

MOREOVER while this is going on among the people, the editor will be getting the experts of the world on social conditions to contribute ideas and suggestions. The movement must be scientific as well as widespread.



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