

provide for the ladies of his family ; but I think that this idea no longer fits our modern society, at any rate in Canada, where investments are less secure than in older lands ; and that whether he has or has not the prospect of providing for them, they should also possess the power of providing for themselves.

Now for the choice of some means of gaining a livelihood. Hitherto our sex have been limited to three occupations, viz., teaching, house-keeping, and needle-work ; at present, nursing and the profession of medicine are opening new paths for women. Against these I have but to say that if a woman goes in for such a study as medicine, she must fairly look the results in the face, and the first will be the relinquishment of a home (I do not say of marriage, but of home life) ; for the healer, like the nun or the soldier, must be ready at all times to obey the call of duty, to give up all other objects, and to devote her time and attention to those whose life may depend on skilful treatment. But besides medicine, are there not other arts and trades fit for the more nervous, if less powerful, hands and minds of women ? What of engraving, watchmaking, lapidary work,

designing—for all those branches of manufacture which now give employment to whole *ateliers* of Parisian workmen, china painting, wood-turning, plan-drawing, gardening and flower-growing, small fruit culture, modelling, and literary work—all of which can be carried on at home, if systematically pursued, and all of which are healthy and fully within the power of any average girl to acquire in marketable perfection ? And here I would warn all girls that rights mean labours and duties, and that no slipshod, half-finished efforts will ever be aught but a waste of material, time and temper, both to employer and employed. Those who intend to fit themselves in earnest for the battle of life will have to give at least ten hours of trained labour, week after week and year after year, if they intend really to compete with men.

I think if parents would devote the money spent on the last year's school fees to technical education, in whatever branch the girl might choose (and generally, by the time a girl reaches seventeen, she ought to be able to judge for herself the line of life that suits her best), the money would be more profitably employed both for the individual and for Canada.

TO A SCHOOLMASTER.

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Thy work may not be measured—scale and rule
Are for the tangible and transient ; thou
With pain of heart, and sweat of brain and brow,
Pliest thy work with no material tool ;
Therefore heed not the insult of a fool—
Whose ignorance of the light would not allow
Th' existence of the sun that's shining now—
If to the walls he circumscribe thy school.

But count thy work in every life that springs
Attestive of thy teaching, wheresoe'er
On earth it suffers or in heaven it sings,
Owning in part its portion to thy care ;
And think that round thee may be angel wings
And human hearts blessing thee unaware.