

SCHOOL HOUSE, RUGBY, 6TH JUNE, 1895.

Thank you for the article in *The Week*, which I read with much interest. I should be ready to co-operate in any way that I could; but my experience is that school masters are seldom consulted by parents before they decide to send their sons to the colonies; and unless you can get a number of people interested in Canada to start the association which you suggest, I do not see how it is to be formed.

I had at Cheltenham, last term, an excellent lecture on Canada by a gentleman specially deputed for this purpose by the authorities there, and should always be willing to welcome him, or others of the same type, who would be likely to interest the boys as well as to throw light upon the best course to be pursued by intending colonists. I do not doubt that what you say in your article about the hap hazard way in which young Englishmen come out to Canada, and in which money is wasted in useless premiums, is perfectly true; and anything which can be done to prevent fraud and enlighten parents must be of use.

I doubt whether your suggestion about education in Canada is possible. Boys, as a rule, who go out to the colonies, are those who have failed in competitive examinations for the army, etc., or who have discovered at a late stage in their school life that they are not likely to succeed; boys, in fact, of the age of 17 or 18. I am afraid that it would be found difficult to subject them to the discipline of a school; certainly I should not care to be the school master!

Believe me, very truly yours,

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CHICAGO, June 21, 1895.

Replying to your inquiry I would say that we will develop the Colonial Clubs upon the same general plan as that of the Chautauqua system, with courses of reading and lectures. Chautauquans study the history of ancient Greece. Members of the Colonial Clubs will study the resources and industrial and social possibilities of their own country. The aim of the Colonial Clubs is to educate the masses and show them the way to new and better conditions. My hope is that ultimately not less than one million people will be enrolled in these clubs, and that they will lead to the spontaneous formation of many successful colonies. The literature will cover a wide range, and will present, not simply agricultural possibilities, but all the varied resources and conditions of the western half of our continent.