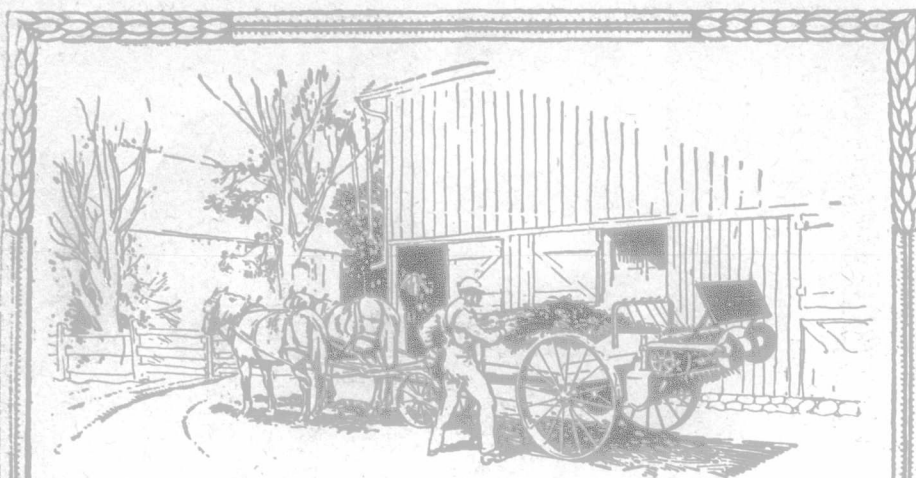




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(5) The right that when the child reaches school age, it shall have the best that the resources of any Government can command. It should have properly ventilated schools, carefully lighted and heated, with the most approved method of sanitation. If a proper diet for the child is not available in the homes of the poor, such diet should be provided in the school room. Some school teachers have tried to remove the disadvantages of a cold noon lunch by supplying a few cooking utensils, a coal-oil stove, etc., and at a slight cost and with little inconveniences have taught their pupils practical domestic science, at the same time supplying warm appetizing dishes. There can be no doubt as to the beneficial effects of such amateur "nutritional clinics."

"The consideration of weeds is very essential to the husbandman, because scarce any of his land escapes from being abundantly infested with them; and none is ever entirely free. They utterly destroy some crops; and they never fail to injure others in proportion to their number and nature."—THOS. HALE, 1756.

"A rural charm against dodder is by placing a chalked tile at the four corners, and one in the middle of our fields, which, though ridiculous in its intention, was rational in the contrivance, and a good way to diffuse magic through all parts of the area."—SIR THOMAS BROWNE, 1650.

The Children's Poem.

The Just Steward.

BY LOUELLA C. POOLE.

[The following incident is related of a large dog, kept by a Miss Napier of Algiers, some years ago. The anecdote was told in the *Cornhill Magazine* of London.]

"Now, Fido, off! Begone, good dog!"
And quick upon his way,
A basket held in his strong teeth,
Would Fido go each day.

To bring a dozen breakfast rolls;
Month in, month out, this task
He faithfully performed, with all
The honor one could ask.

But oh, alas! one day eleven
Were in the basket brought,
And each succeeding morn was missed
One roll from out the lot.

Then was the baker charged to send
Instead of twelve, thirteen,
But still each day was lacking one.
"Well, well, what can this mean?"

"Our Fido is an honest dog;
I'll follow him and see,"
His mistress said, "how comes this lack—
What means this mystery?"

She followed him, till 'neath a hedge
Quite hid from human sight,
She found a poor sick mother dog
And pups in woeful plight.

Half famished this poor family,
As on the ground they lay;
They would have starved but for the roll
Good Fido brought each day.

"O Fido dear!" his mistress cried,
"No unjust steward thou!"
And Fido gravely wagged his tail,
And merely said, "Bow! wow!"

Hope's Quiet Hour.

The Love of Christ.

To know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.—Eph. 3:19.

St. Paul's earnest prayer for his Ephesian friends was that they might "comprehend what is the breadth and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge."

The whole of the Bible and the whole of Christian teaching may be summed up in that great word LOVE. It was infinite love which drew our Lord from His throne in heaven to the Cross. Love constrained Him. He could not stay away from those who needed Him. It is possible to know the love of Christ, although it "passeth knowledge." A little baby soon learns to know the love of its mother; and yet the length and depth and height of that mother's love reach far beyond the child's comprehension. Sometimes the child may find it hard to believe in the love which restrains and punishes.

A few days ago I read an article which suggested that nearly all the diseases of adults arose from improper diet in childhood. A wise mother has often the hard duty of refusing her child's eager requests. Real love is often forced to deal very severely with those whose eternal welfare is infinitely dear. Our Lord's words to those who professed to be Christians, but were setting their hearts on earthly riches, were these: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten."

Love is the secret of His sudden changes of action which are sometimes very startling. Look at Him on the Mount of Olives, weeping over the doomed city which rejected the way of peace! Can that tender-hearted Patriot be the same person who, a few hours later, sternly drives men out of the temple courts, accusing them of making that holy place a den of robbers?

The love which caused the bitter weeping over His people—the people who were false to Him—was the love which sternly attacked the profiteering which corrupted the very heart of the nation.

Sometimes we pray, and are delighted when we receive exactly what we have asked. Sometimes we pray, and feel disappointed because we don't get what