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BOARD AND ROOMS.

Since writing last month on the tendency of young women in the country to crowd into the cities to work in stores and factories, I have had my statements challenged from several quarters as to the risks girls ran in coming into the city. I would much rather be criticized in a hostile manner than not at all, but this matter is too vitally important for the welfare of the community not to receive further consideration. Let me tell you something that happened. A company, having to employ a large number of women, and having many applications from outside points, sent to Winnipeg a lady to look after the girls when they came into the city and find suitable rooms and board for them. The company advertised for rooms, and, of course, received scores of replies.



The Milk Maid.

Like a wise woman, as she is, she made out her list and submitted it to the president and secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association. A very large number of names were at once struck off the list, as being places in which it was entirely unsafe for a girl to go, a subsequent enquiry added to the percentage of undesirable places. This will give girls in the country some idea of how careful they need to be, and how necessary it is to seek the guidance of those, who, from being on the spot, and from experience, know where to go and what to do. Even advertisements for domestic servants have more than once proved to be but traps for the unwary. Perhaps readers of this column will think too much space is devoted to this subject, but personally I cannot get away from the awful importance of guarding our girls from possible harm that may come to them through youth and inexperience.

THE WOMAN'S RIGHT.

Life on the farm is so hard for the women is a wall that is constantly chanted in my ears in these days. Their work is monotonous, it is drudgery, etc., etc., ad lib. Far be it from me to say that women on the farms do not work hard. I know they do, and often with the disadvantages of small houses with no conveniences, little children to look after, and not too much money to buy clothing and

the many things that are weekly needed to keep the house going. Some day when the weather is not so hot, I shall have something to say about unpaid drudgery of many women, but this month I do not want to scold anybody, but I would like to give to the woman who feels almost overborne a few sentences from an address I heard Professor James W. Robertson deliver in Brandon some years ago. I have quoted it before, but it will bear endless repetition because it is truth most beautifully expressed. "Woman is, and always has been, essentially the nourisher of the race. When, through her skill or efforts, the community is well fed, even to its poorer members, it is thus made strong to withstand all the strain of modern life upon it. Amid the clamor of the new fangled call for new chances for the New Woman one can still hear the unspoken cry of half-nourished bodies asking for better

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