

livelihood, and hated the drudgery of it. An intelligent training in household science would do much to alter the public impression of housework and the domestic arts."

"The school sewing," she notes, "has been as practical as possible, and the aim has been to teach the girls the various stitches and their intelligent use, and also a little concerning the use of patterns. During the past four years the girls have made shadow-embroidery collars, ties, and doilies, hemmed handkerchiefs, hemstitched linen belts, designed and embroidered by themselves, embroidered waist-fronts, done fine mending and darning, made eyelet embroidery and buttonholes, crocheted tablemats and edging, and made needle-cases. During the winter term they cut out and made aprons, some for their dolls, some for themselves."

In the early future, she prophesies, regular lessons in cookery and laundry work will be given at the Rittenhouse school.

THE TRUSTEES.

The temptation to quote further from this interesting pamphlet is almost irresistible, but we must conclude, and with what more suitable than a few words in regard to the trustees who have helped to make this school what it is? Again, may we let Mr. Gayman be spokesman? In a note written us in reply to a request for further data, he has nothing but praise for these gentlemen. We quote the following paragraphs, although the first of them pertains to other matters:

"I wish to say, regarding the bandstand, that this was built by Mr. Rittenhouse, and that he has provided for the entertainment of the farming community an outdoor band concert once a month. The Beamsville Band comes down one Friday evening each month during the summer season and furnishes us with music. This is largely attended, and probably as much appreciated as anything he has done for us. Again, he helped this band, which is our nearest one, by buying them free uniforms and giving other assistance, so that they are always willing to assist at farmers' picnics and other athletic meets."

Regarding the picture of the trustees, these gentlemen would not allow me a few words of commendation in the booklet, but since you asked for this picture, I believe it would be of general value to many sections which your valuable paper will reach to speak in a general way about the important part that a progressive school board may play in our school improvements. Too often they are men who only consider money, and fail to realize that it is only their loss, under the present system of government, when they fail to increase salaries and instal proper heating system and the best equipment. I only offer this as a suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

"HARVEY M. GAYMAN,
Jordan Harbor, Ont."

Needless to say, we concur wholly with Mr. Gayman's opinion in regard to school boards.

We trust that you, reader, have been interested in this brief sketch of the Rittenhouse school, and that, if you are a school trustee, you will take pains to learn more about it. Interest is the beginning of enthusiasm, and enthusiasm is usually the precursor of actual doing, even on a small scale. There is a good old Scotch proverb which says, "Mony a mickle maks a muckle." It is very pertinent here. No beginning, however small, can be unpromising.

[Note.—Mr. Gayman informs us that any school trustee who desires to procure one of the booklets describing the Rittenhouse School and Gardens can do so by writing for it to "The Rittenhouse Library, Jordan Harbor, Ont.]

"H. A. B." Improving.

"H. A. B.'s" many readers will be pleased to hear that she is now out of danger, and steadily recovering from the effects of the accident which she suffered a fortnight ago. Under the circumstances, her articles must for a time be missed from the pages of "The Farmer's Advocate," but this week, instead, we give you a sketch of her life, which appeared a short time ago in the Regina Leader:

"In London, Ontario, a woman makes her home, who is well known

came to Canada with her mother, Mrs. Mills, a woman of much culture, and a sister. Sailing from England they entered the unknown land of hope, not through the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but by way of Hudson's Bay. Along the Hudson's Bay Company's trails, past the trading-posts, they came at last to the Red River Settlement. And still the Hudson's Bay railroad is not yet built! Still travelling to the far-away northern waters is in all probability just as primitive as half a century ago! The story of life in the West at that early date is told in a diary which a few friends have been permitted to

any limit to her capacity for work. Her interests are legion, and a remarkable fact about her is that, with her manifold irons in the fire, no duty is ever neglected, nicest care is given to details, and her undertakings are guaranteed to arrive at satisfactory conclusions.

"One would expect her to be President of the Local Council of Women; affiliated societies also demand from her the same services. She is still the guiding spirit of the first Mother's Union in Canada, started by her a score of years ago in the Memorial Church in London; the President of the Board of the Convalescent Home, prominent on the executive committee of half a dozen other such organizations.

"Recognizing the efficiency of modern methods, she can always squeeze in a few moments to write for a local paper a pithy, pointed paragraph, drawing attention to some phase of the work of a charitable or other organization in order to arouse the sympathy of the public.

"Bright, racy articles from her pen have for years appeared regularly in "The Farmer's Advocate." With all her public interests, which are practically world-wide, she finds time for private charities that would astound many professional philanthropists.

"Time is considered of inestimable value by her, and few indeed are her wasted minutes. Friends dropping in to see her in an evening have repeatedly found her busily engaged in clipping articles, stories, poems, jokes, tid-bits from magazines, and placing them in large, numbered envelopes.

"Compressed libraries for the Aberdeen Association," she explains. "It costs so much for freight. There is a great deal in the magazines and papers not worth reading. I go over them and clip out the best, placing in these envelopes which save in weight and contain a variety of reading matter done up in convenient form. I can pick up this work any time I have a minute or two at my disposal."

"For more reasons than one, her interest in the West is keen. Several years of her girlhood were spent on the banks of the Red River in the early, early days, when the school kept by Mrs. Mills and her daughters was famous throughout the country. "It was her first husband, Mr. Roche, a prominent official of the



Three Trustees, Rittenhouse School.

throughout Canada, over the boundary line, and across seas. At all National Council of Women gatherings in Canada she is a prominent figure. Her presence has been felt at the great congress of the International Council of Women. Lady Aberdeen, who is her personal friend, received most able support from her in establishing Council work in Canada.

"Mrs. Harriet A. Boomer is no longer young in years. It is over fifty years since, a young girl, she

read. That the chronicles have not been published, means great loss to the public. Mrs. Boomer is highly gifted in a literary way, and is constantly closely associated with the press. But greater even than the literary value would be the historical of such a narrative.

"Though years have a habit of going by and leaving some marks, there is not a younger woman in spirit in the whole of the Dominion than Mrs. Boomer. Her enthusiasm is unbounded and she refuses to recognize



Floral Designs on Lawn Frontage, Rittenhouse Rural School, Jordan Harbor, Ont.]