

## CAUTION!

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## BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.

THE closing exercises of this School were this year of unusual interest, being the occasion of an announcement that the institution was about to be affiliated with Trinity College. This very important step is to be taken in the interests of the cause of the higher education of women, or rather of girls. The school, in a word, is to be our Canadian "GIRTON." We have every confidence in the fair graduates upon whom will be placed the honourable responsibility of justifying this step, so diligently applying themselves to study that there will need be no complacency shown them or favour of any kind in ranking them with other graduates of Trinity College. It is a mere vulgar error, the mistake of non-knowledge, to say that the ordinary study required to be done by the average student, to secure a fair position in the class lists, is in the least degree injurious to health. It is not study that disturbs or weakens the health of undergraduates as a rule, but the want of it, or the absence of regular habits of study and recreation. Thoughtless ones neglect work for a time, and are made sick by attempting to do in a month or less the work of a whole term, or they contract a habit of physical laziness, and the system is upset by the exertion of one portion of their organism not being kept pace with by other related parts. It will therefore be a mistake for any to object to their daughters entering upon a higher course of study from a fear of injurious consequences to health or good looks, which charm we hold it to be the duty of the fair sex to keep up and make the most of as a sweet and precious gift of their Maker. On the contrary, a steady, well ordered course of study, where there is average health and strength of body and mind, will conduce to the maintenance of both. It is, too, beyond dispute, that not only will a face of beautiful form and colour become more and more fascinating as the mind is enriched, broadened and steadied by study, but even the plainest features acquire a subtle charm which make them far more delightful to gaze upon than any mere physical beauty can possess, when through the environment of mortality there shines the radiance of a cultured mind, as eye and speech evidence a spirit exalted by faithful devotion to intellectual pursuits.

The womanliness of woman is one of the most holy, most precious treasures of humanity. All efforts to detach woman from her sphere, to unsex her, to place her in the present maddening race of business or professional competition, we regard with loathing. But to educate a girl thoroughly, to give her intellectual capabilities, a thorough training has no relation whatever to such efforts as we condemn. Of course, no provision made under general laws can prevent exceptions rendering them void, and cases may, will doubtless, arise of "sweet girl graduates" running off into some eccentric, some unwomanly, orbit. Do not, however, such cases now arise among those who are ignorant? Are not the whole shrieking tribe of women's righters entirely outside the circle of the mentally cultivated? Their screams for political

life, and all the rest of their unpleasant cries, would be subdued into silence, or at least to a more womanly tone, if they passed through a few years of honest study, or of honest woman's work in her noblest sphere—the home. The Sorosis societies, and other strange portents of the day, are simply the outcome of the ignorance, which has been held to be woman's proper mental sphere. A Trinity College girl graduate would soon have that sort of nonsense taken out of her, and unless a hopeless imbecile, would delight in showing up the woman's righters and covering them with ridicule.

No! it is not mental strength or accomplishments which de womanize the sex, but frivolity, senseless occupations, mere animal ways of life; these not merely lower the woman in a woman, but lower the human in her, so that she steps down to a lower stage of creation, putting her almost on a level with the domestic animals. The "blue stocking" is at any rate a woman, and usually a very interesting one, often a valuable and most fascinating member of society. But the girl butterfly, the woman butterfly, the idol of mere fashion, a dressmaker's show block, "simply that and nothing more," has neither interest, nor value, nor fascination, she serves only to mark the zero point of her sex. We commend with our whole hearts the scheme for engrafting upon the course of Bishop Strachan School, the higher range of studies representing the work of Trinity College. It must add influence to the institutions. The affiliation exposes another weak spot, and not only a weak but a gangrenous spot in the system of non-religious education by a godless, God ignoring University. There there has been a somewhat half-hearted movement of a similar kind; but who would send his daughter into a city to mingle with the undisciplined crowd of young students, who are free from all domestic ties and all religious associations?

It is a strange but common inconsistency, that men who care naught about their boys being under religious influences, who see them drifting into vice with unconcern, are shocked at the thought of daughters being bereft of safe-guards to their purity, and yearn for them to be led into the ways of righteousness. In affiliating these institutions, the most satisfactory feature is that both are aiming to secure an educational training for their students sanctified by Christian teaching, Christian influences, Christian principles. They are affiliated by like aims and affiliated also by like experiences. Bishop Strachan School, like Trinity College, has had its detractors, its time of persecution, its hour of trial, owing to slanderous enemies. It must have been a proud moment to Miss Greer, the able and we may indeed say, the distinguished Lady Principal, when Archdeacon Boddy, speaking with very noticeable self-control, in order to give the utmost emphasis to his words, said, in closing the school for the season, "I consider this school to be an exceedingly well managed institution." We not only echo the words of Archdeacon Boddy, but we say it was a well managed institution when it was deliberately assaulted by party antagonists. We thank the good Archdeacon for declining to withhold due praise because Bishop Strachan School is faithful to the Church of England.

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

THE following appeal affords an example of work well worth serious attention in Canadian cities:—

"Prevention is better than cure."

It was from this fact being strongly pressed

twenty or more years ago on the then Mother of the Clewer Sisterhood, the late Hon. Mrs. Monsell, that she was induced to convert the Mission Home, Rose Street, originally designed for other works, into an Industrial School for girls and children unfitted for orphanages, but who through untoward circumstances or bad influences at home, were in danger of growing up without training, either moral or religious.

The sum paid annually for each girl is ten pounds, and for the children twelve pounds. These sums are insufficient for food, clothes, rent, taxes, etc., and have to be supplemented by gifts and subscriptions, as well as by the profits of needle-work. When calculating the resources of an Industrial School, it must be borne in mind that girls on entering are often quite ignorant of the simplest domestic work, and such ignorance is generally combined with indolent and insubordinate habits, so that months of patient training and education are required before their services are at all available.

There are at present 78 girls and children distributed between the Mission Home, Rose Street, and "All Saints' Home," Hawley, Farnborough, which was given about two years ago to this branch of the Clewer Sisterhood's work, so that country air is given to the girls and children when desirable.

The Sisters have carried on this work over twenty years, striving to send forth modest, God fearing, faithful members of society, and a blessing has rested on their labours; many former girls are now in places of trust, giving much satisfaction to their employers, whilst some are happily married.

Last autumn large repairs were made, the west wall of half the house proved unsound, and had to be rebuilt from the foundation, and the roof to be renewed. The whole cost amounted to £1,400, of which £1,000 has been met, leaving a debt of £400.

What is necessary to be done in repairing the remaining part of the house, will render necessary a further charge of considerable amount.

As the benefit of preventive measures to the community at large is now generally admitted, it is hoped that many may become fellow-workers with the Sisters in assisting them to meet this large expenditure, know that a "reward" awaits all who join in God's work, if not here, in the land to which we are all hastening.

## THOUGHTS ON PAROCHIAL VISITING.

IT may be that amidst the daily cares and sacred duties of the holy priestly office, numbers of the clergy cease to remember a very valuable factor for good in their duties, which left out, not only may, but, alas, does prove a sad hindrance to the Church in many respects.

I allude to house-to-house visitation of the parishioners. In the few remarks I am about to make I trust I may not be thought to be writing from any spirit of dictation, or love of fault-finding in those who are in every way my spiritual superiors, and who by divine commission are, and ever will be, placed over the laity, no matter what their rank. I write only to point out what seems to me a source from which may be drawn much new life and Catholic devotion to our Church. Particularly do I address these brief remarks to those young men who are about to take upon themselves ere long vows of life-long duration, and I beg of them to think seriously on this point ere they go forth to work in the Lord's Vineyard.

It will be admitted by all good Churchmen, among whom we may class the general readers of the *Penny Post*, that throughout England much has been done to place the Church and her services

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