

Correspondence

Readers of these columns will note that in this issue we print a list of letters from lady correspondents nearly all of whom invite our bachelor readers to write to them.

We feel sure that our bachelor readers will not blame us if we give considerable of our space this month to the ladies.

We would like to print all the letters received from bachelors as well, but in a future issue we will give the bachelors' letters fair treatment.

We are not at liberty to give the name of any writer, so do not ask us to send you the name of any writer whose letter appears in these columns.

Amix a postage stamp on a blank envelope, enclosing a letter you wish us to mail for you and we will forward it on through the mail to its destination.

When writing give your full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

Cheerful Lassie Right in Line.

Manitoba, Dec. 17, 1907.

Editor.—As I have read with interest your page in the W. H. M. for some time, I decided I would write a short epistle for amusement as well as to help to entertain some of the other readers that are out West and far from any company that put in very lonesome times.

Girls, I think that it is our part to help and cheer up those young men that have left their homes down East to come out West here and build up the country and batch it all alone. I think we should write to them or exchange post cards. It would help them to pass away the time more pleasantly to get letters and to answer them. I know there must be a lot of them that like to write. I would be pleased to correspond with either young men or young ladies in Alberta or B. C., especially not more than 25 years of age as I am only 21. Have brown hair and brown eyes.

"Cheerful Lassie."

Would Marry After Due Consideration.

Edmonton, Dec. 14, 1907.

Editor.—I would like to correct a little mistake that appeared in your July number, namely: "An Old Sleuth's" letter. I know the country and people well enough to be able to tell you that he is only "bluffing" particularly about his cook and his property. So much for that.

I see by your correspondence column that many subscribers express their opinion about the work you are doing in getting the young people acquainted. May I say that I highly approve of the idea? We Western people know far too little of each other. But as for getting acquainted with a view to matrimony, that is an entirely different matter. I do not see how any sensible or self-respecting man or woman could take a step that means so much to both parties without a thorough acquaintance with the other party. If we just take our neighbors over the line, we get a good example of "marrying in haste and repenting at leisure," but there is no divorce court to free an unhappy or unsuitably matched couple. The result is obvious.

I greatly admire the character of many of your correspondents as portrayed by their letters, while others would invoke the pity of almost any one by their mournful tales of loneliness. Still, I could not believe that whatever the apparent necessity (and I am well used to Western life, both in city and country), a hasty marriage is excusable.

I dare say I have not made a favorable impression on the readers, but such was not my aim in writing. However, if anyone wishes to correspond I should endeavor to answer all letters sent to me, but it would not be with a view to matrimony.

"A Riverside Maiden."

A Lancashire Lassie.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 10, 1907.

Editor.—I don't know if you can find room in your interesting magazine for this epistle, but I trust so. A friend sent my sister the June number and I was so taken up with your correspondence column that I can't resist trying to get a little corner for myself, if possible. Nothing venture nothing win, so here goes.

I am hoping to come out to Alberta soon, along with my family, what is left of us, as my father is already out and two sisters both married. They send us news from Canada that they want us to know that living in Canada is like living on the Chat Moss, only there are more folks. They are in B. C., so I am especially interested in B. C. and Alberta.

I am a Lancashire mill lassie. For over five years now I have done a little foreign correspondence amongst our soldiers and sailors connected with a temperance society of which I am a member also. I hope I have done a little good by writing. I can truly say I don't regret my trouble and expense. I thoroughly believe it does good to

both parties if the following resolve be adhered to, namely, not to write anything one is ashamed for anyone to see. I am proud to say I have always done so and have met with the same return. I wrote solely to try and interest them with cheery news and papers. I have received mementos from many foreign places, Malta, Gibraltar, West Africa, South Africa, East Indies, West Indies, Jamaica, Aden, Singapore. Though I knew none of my correspondents personally, I may say I've received some honorable offers and as such have treated them, for I believe (with Bon Amie) that marriage is too sacred and not possible without a mutual personal acquaintance.

As I before stated I am coming out to Canada, so I am giving my former correspondence up. Hence my turning up in your columns.

If any of the lone West bachelors care to write, I will answer with pleasure. In conclusion I may say I've fallen in love with your magazine and have decided to send it on here afterwards to some friends who owe the same thing.

I am Protestant, 30 years; don't object to tobacco, only cigars. Yours truly
"Honor Bright."

Sympathize with Lonely Bachelors.

Neepawa, Dec. 23, 1907.

Editor.—Have you any room for another girl who would like to see all those bachelors wanting wives get them and the right kind? But when I see them asking for correspondents it always makes me wonder whether there are no girls living near them or if they were the right kind of fellows they would not need to advertise. Some of them write good letters anyhow, and others seem to think a girl should have every accomplishment and yet be willing to go out on a home-stead where, ten chances to one, she won't get a chance to use them.

I do not blame the bachelors for wanting wives as it must be very lonely for them, and no wonder they get wild and woolly.

I am only a working girl, and am quite independent of any man but I would like a home of my own. I think I am a fairly good housekeeper and cook. Am fond of housework. Am not yet twenty-five; have red hair, blue eyes and a hasty temper.

"Wild Plum."

Would Write Friendly Letter.

Rangmore, Village, Staffs, Eng., Dec. 10, 1907.

Editor.—I expect you will be surprised to have a letter from England but I should like you to know that all my family think your paper a splendid one. The correspondence column is very amusing. My brothers are having the book sent to me.

Four of my brothers and my eldest brother's wife have gone to Canada since April 8th last year. As the half of our family (we are 8) are over there you will understand that we are very interested in anything Canadian. I can hardly expect that you will find room for this in your valuable paper. The eldest of my brothers that have gone is 27 and the youngest 17. I am not writing on matrimonial thoughts, intent, so need not send a description of myself or my age, but I will tell you I come somewhere between the boys in Canada. If there is anyone who would like a friendly letter from England and would write to me first I would be pleased to answer. Wishing your jolly paper every success, I will sign myself the name of my favorite flower.

"Jessamine."

Ready and Willing to Correspond.

Dryden, Ont., Dec. 20, 1907.

Editor.—I watch for the Western Home Monthly every month and appreciate it very much, especially the correspondence column. I have intended writing a long time but kept putting it off.

I think some of the letters very reasonable, others I think are a little particular. For my part, I don't care for the ones who are always blowing nor those who pretend they are afraid a girl will do a little work. Those are the ones who generally make their wives work like a slave after they are married.

I am strictly against smoking, chewing and drinking, as I think that money should go for better use. If any person wishes to write to me I will answer their letters as pleasantly as I can.

"Blueberry."

Writes a Nice Sensible Letter.

Alberta, Canada, Dec. 17, 1907.

Editor.—Having become interested in the W. H. M., I wish now to become a regular subscriber. I have been highly entertained and amused by your correspondence circle, and feel now like adding my mite and becoming acquainted, as I have not been in Canada long and find it rather lonesome on the farm after having lived in town most of my life. I very much appreciated the letter from "Alice Montrose" in the August number, and believe all the girls heartily echo her sentiments. For my part, were I thinking seriously of matrimony, I should most assuredly want for my life-long companion a gentleman in every sense of the word, one whom I could love and respect, and feel that he held my wishes in consideration. But one's occupation, so long as it is honorable, does not de-



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