

great many of our girls lack is the energy to stick at a thing and do it thoroughly, notwithstanding difficulties and discouragements. So often the complaint is, "She is a good girl, but so careless about her work; she is not thorough enough." Our Heavenly Father, in His Word, tells us "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, with good will, doing service." Heartily, thoroughly and willingly, not half-heartedly and then sulkily. But here I am away into another "sugar-coated sermon," with Isabella for a starting point. What will she say to me?

Arabella Dunford has been for years in one place and is getting on splendidly. We quite hope to see her at our Sunday gatherings very soon.

Annie Cogley is in a very good place on Avenue Road, and we hope she will settle down now and get herself well supplied with clothing and a bank account. How grand it sounds! But really it is very fine to have one and another coming along with her money to be "sent to the bank," as the girls are beginning to realize the importance and comfort of a "bank account," and are trying to start or increase one already started.

We have new members in our family too. Annie Hubbard has come into Toronto from near Collingwood, where she has lived so many years in the Scotch settlement and has learned to talk Gaelic and sing very sweet Scotch hymns. She has a very good situation, with big pay and not much work. Very nice, is it not, girls? Amy Hedge, who has been laid up at Hazel Brae for so long, is among us, and, to all appearances, getting on very nicely in her city home.

Clara Donnelly, too, came last month from Milliken to take a situation in Parkdale, where we hope soon to place her sister, Fanny, near her. Clara is getting good wages and has not a hard place, and is very much liked, and says she has one of the nicest places in Toronto. Annie Kane came at the beginning

of the year, and is living as housemaid away up Yonge Street. She has learned her work so quickly, and does it very well. The only complaint is that she is too enterprising and attempts more than she has strength to accomplish; but she seems thoroughly happy and is liked very much. Then there is Jessie Foster from Cooksville, who went straight off to a place, where she has settled down "just as if she belonged there always."

We have another aspiring little housemaid in Alice Hornby, who, I quite expect, will push her way right up into the front rank; but it is early days yet to know how she will get along, though I have little doubt but that she will do well.

Another one is Gertrude Woods, who has been for four years with her mistress and moved in with her from the country. She is a bright, lively girl, strong and healthy, and quite a capable little servant, and with all her experience and knowledge of her mistress' ways, is worth good wages; for it really is a great thing to us mistresses to have a girl who knows just how we like things done and when, and can do them even if we are absent and, better still, are willing to do them.

The last is Violet Smith. She is quite a new-comer; but we hope she is going to uphold the good reputation of our Toronto girls.

So much for our new members, and about the old? Well, of course, they are good! Now and then a little one is sulky and inclined to be wilful. It is naughty and very silly; but they are quite our "little ones," and will know better soon. And some of the bigger ones do a little "kicking" for privileges that they do not really wish for; but because others have them who are a little older and more staid, they think they must too. But our girls generally listen to reason and are sensible enough to settle down again like the most of them, who plod along quite contentedly and happily, just doing each day's work as it comes along as well as possible,