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The Social Service Congress

We wish that every reader of Farm and Dairy could have attended the wonderful meetings of the Social Ser-vice Congress, held at Ottawa recent-ly. In the history of Canada there have never been such important mee-tings held before the important meeings held before; important meet-ings held before; important and sig-nificant because their purpose was to improve the social, economic, and

ethical condition of our great land. Never was there a more inspiring illustration of the brotherhood of man than the scene in the beautiful, bril-liantly-lighte dining-room of the Chateau Laurier, where two luncheons were held. As one looked round, one saw guests, some in everyday tweed suits, others in dress suits, several in Salvation Army and policemen uniforms, and some in deaconess' cos-tumes. There were representatives from our Granges, churches, labor unions, Parliament, and social settlements.

Among the speakers were the Gov-ernor-General, R. L. Borden, Sir Wil-frid Laurier, Dr. Gordon (Ralph Connor), ministers, Prime Ministers, woman doctors, woman lawyers, labor representatives, judges, and social service workers.

Very earnest and rousing were the addresses of Charles Stelzle, Consult-

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ing Socialist of New York, on behalf of the Socialists, with their high aims and lofty ideals. The Church must recognize the grand work they are doing

In New York 300 of them, 52 Sun-days in the year (though all of them are hard workers every other day) get up at five o'clock, and make the round of the streets to put their pamphlets in the newspapers or on the door-steps. How many Christians would do that for the sake of their Church? He declared that if a man feels he can serve God and man better by liv-ing a Socialist, then the Church must take him in and welcome him. The

Church mast rouse herself to fight against the wrongs of the day. Dr. Beelde said he visited a tene-ment lately in the poorest section of New York. There he found a little child of four, coughing in a most disthreads out of a large pile of white clothes, almost ready to go to a large department store. When he went again, the mother told him the little one was gone, that when work-ing she had fallen over-dead.

As long as such dreadful need as that exists, no Christian should rest that exists, no consistant should rest until he has done his very best and used every ounce of his strength to right such terrible conditions.

"For whoseever will save his life shall lose it; but whoseever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." This was the keynote of the Congress.—I.H.N.

Marrying a Farmer

With the Household Editor

"Marry a farmer !" A short scorn-ful laugh followed the suggestion. "Not I. When one has lived in the "Not I. When one has lived in the country for all of her 22 years and has seen how farmers' wives work and slave in a never-ending routine of duties such as looking after the milk and milking utensils, churning, car-ing for the poultry, cooking and bak-ter one are more hired men, and ing for one or more hired men, and much other heavy work, to say nomuch other heavy work, to say no-thing about keeping her house in order, it is not likely that I would be anxious to marry a farmer and go through the same treadmill. Then, too, the farmer's wife has practically no social life and does not have a treat many convenience that have a great many conveniences that her city sisters enjoy."

This strong expression of opinion from my friend differs greatly from the viewpoint of another young wo-man of whom we have just been reading in a contemporary journal, who

ing in says: "I was born and reared on a farm. "I was born and reared on a farm. Was the only girl, and have two bro-thers, one two years older than 1 and the four years younger. These bro-and me one four years younger. These bro-thers enjoyed helping mother and me do the dishes, pare potatoes in the evening for breakfast, and they would evening for breaktast, and they work often help us make pumpkin pies for the next day. Then, in return, on a nice day, we would go out in the afternoon and help them husk corn. Mother said that time was so short, that she wanted us all to be together

as much as possible, while we could. I believe where boys are trained to do little acts of kindness, they will regard womakind with more respect. From observation, you will find that where a boy is brought up to think the women must do all the work necessary to his comfort, he is not very sympathetic. I have been married nearly a year, and am proud and glad to say that my husband is from a family that helped mother and the sister. He helps me, and I help him. and I always expect to hold this co-operative spirit in him, as well as in all boys. It develops manliness and respect for the mothers, sisters and wives of our country."

wives of our country." So, after all, isn't it a matter of getting the right kind of a farmer? And not only the right kind of a far-mer, but the right viewpoint our-selves. No matter under what cir-cumstances we live we can always find disagreable things if we look find disagreable things if we look not check their ermoth. Bas we do also find many things to make life pleasant, so why not think of the picasant, so why not think of the good things we enjoy. And even though we do have to work hard on the farm, isn't work a blessing when it is a work of love with the burdens borne cooperatively by two? When buttoms come off shoes and you are these the statements of the shoes and

you see them on again, run through all the other buttons with the same thread with which you replace the missing ones.



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