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of English fellows as I have heard from! Want to hear from a Yorkshireman, but won't state my reasons here, as it would take too much space.

I suppose many of you danced the Old Year out. Well I didn't. I had several friends to tea and we went to the movies afterward, then home and to bed. Dido writes he is making a cushion and also a hearth rug. Isn't he clever, girls? He writes a splendid letter too.

It made me laugh to see two letters in the December number signed "Blonde" and "Brunette." It was with quaking heart I perused the former. Thought I'd get all that was coming to me. Thanks, Miss Alberta, glad you think me sensible. I have been in your province; also in B.C. It must be nice living among the Rockies, or even the foothills.

About books—Patrol of the Sun Dance Trail, Eyes of the World, The Honorable Percival, and Bambi are what I have read recently. Opinions on one or all of these would be delightful. Harold Bell Wright is fine, isn't he? Who likes musical comedy. Haven't seen any for 3 years but I always liked it immensely. Went with a friend one night in Winnipeg to The Chocolate Soldier or the Prince of Pilsen (forget which) and we both laughed so hard the usher very nearly put us out.

Wish some of you bachelors with the rich baritone would sing to us. Isn't Tipperary fine? I have a friend who plays it on the mouth organ. Well I am sure we all hope the war will be over this year sometime. It is such a mammoth crime that Hades seems too good a place for the Kaiser and his bunch of militarists. Who reads Irwin S. Cobb, and Samuel Blyth in the Saturday Post? Tell us what you think of their articles, everybody.

Before I put in the plug, here's a health to you all. May Western Canada find 1915 the best year yet for crops and trade! Going up! Anyone who comes from near Ottawa or Montreal please write. I was born near the latter. Best New Year wishes to all.

Freda.

Good Sound Advice

B.C., Feb., 1915.

Dear Editor—This home looks forward each month to your valuable magazine and when we all get through it there isn't much unread. I should like to join the correspondence column. It is quite amusing to read some of the letters. Odd ones show common sense, while others a great lack of experience in this great world of ours. Girls and boys, some of you haven't been far enough from home to decide on girls and men, their likes and dislikes. You let that question rest and get busy on the home question. Girls, you to cook, sew, mend and economize in order that you can help the man you marry. Above all, to get up a good plain meal. A great many of the girls give that their last thought but if you get the right man I am not afraid but what he will appreciate it and then some girls get so untidy after marriage. Now don't you get that way. There is nothing any man hates worse than that. A clean, capable woman all men look up to, from the lowest to the highest type and girls, don't marry any man without he has a home or the prospect of one. What he owns, according to his age, bespeaks the kind of man he is. A man, at the age of 30 to 35, who hasn't any of this world's goods, doesn't need a wife: such a man cannot take care of himself. All praise to the homesteader and, boys, stay with it through thick and thin. Far off fields look green but when one gets there, it is very often worse than where you left: there is nothing in roaming around. As to dress well, any sensible man or woman knows that any ambitious person gives styles their last consideration. A neat, clean dress or suit is all one requires, especially in the country.

I am a working woman, 38 years of age, and should like to hear from good, sound Christian people: all letters will be answered at least once. Address is with the editor.

True Blue.

The Better Life

Sask., Jan. 16, 1915.

Dear Editor—Here I am once more, but if I'm not welcome just put me in the waste basket. I did not subscribe to The Western Home Monthly this year,

as one of the members of our family did, and we all read it, would not do without it.

I would like to shake hands with "Sammy," whose letters appeared in the January number. What a lot better this world would be if we had a few more Sammys. If every one were friends of those who appear past being called good, even if they do forget us, after they have taken the noble stand, we have a joy no man can take away. I met such a one, but failed to persuade him to try the better life, still I am ready to try again if luck gave us another chance to meet.

I wonder how many lives "Sunset Bill" gave an uplift to a better life or does he spend his time flirting. I wonder if he will know his ideal when he meets her. I'll pity her unless she is like himself.

This war, I wish it were ended. Just think how the brave Belgians are suffering, let alone the soldiers.

Well winter is here with bright days and frost covered trees. I like nothing better than a walk on these good roads and a few good books to help pass away the winter. So you see I like farm life. Would be pleased to hear from readers who care to write to a country girl.

Britannia.

The Liquor Question

Manitoba, Feb., 1915.

Dear Editor—I have read The Western Home Monthly for two or three years and think it is a valuable magazine. One receives enjoyment and instruction from the many articles therein.

I am one of the young, clever and charming (?) Manitoba girls. However, beauty is as beauty does and we all are what we make ourselves. If we seek trouble, we are sure to find it, so the best way is to never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you. I agree with Handy Sue's opinions. This war is a dreadful thing and is likely to keep going for some time yet. Just think the Canadian First Contingent will be at the front now or at Malta, as they may winter there. It was reported that fifteen of them were in the casualty lists before they left Salisbury Plain. Just the other night I was reading a poem "Vote as you Pray," which I thought quite true to nature. I enjoy reading poetry and think that we should encourage the younger generation to read more poetry and prose than we ourselves do.

I will answer all letters and would like to hear from "A Saskatchewan Batch," if he will write first.

Wishing The Western Home Monthly every success, I remain,

Evealeen.

The Bachelor Homesteader

Alberta, Feb., 1915.

Dear Editor—If this letter is consigned to the waste paper basket I will not be at all surprised, although I trust you will find a little space for it.

I have often said to myself, when I have read the many interesting letters in the correspondence department of The Western Home Monthly, that I will write a letter to them sometime but I never got it started.

I enjoy so much reading letters from other people, telling of their experiences, likes and dislikes. I am a member of that handsome tribe "the bachelor homesteaders," and when The Western Home Monthly comes along it's like an old friend back home from a trip around the world. Everybody seems to have a word for us bachelors.

I am living on a homestead in Alberta. I like farm life but I don't like breaking. I have got all kinds of books to read and lots of work to do, so I don't get lonesome very often. I have travelled a lot in the United States and Canada and worked at different things, but I think a home of your own on a farm is the best. We are having a lot of fun during the winters, dancing, skating, skiing and parties of all kinds.

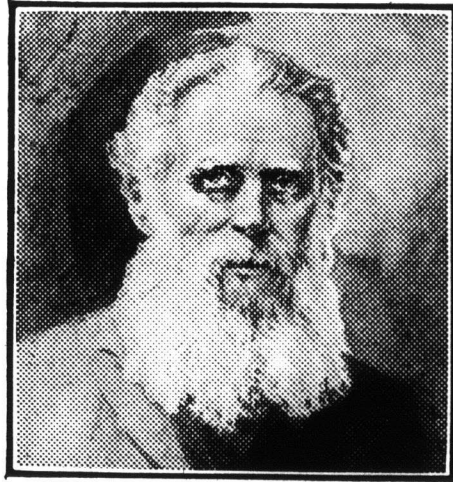
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