

A Word for the Under-Privileged Boy



THE Rotary Club of Montreal, like its sister organizations throughout the continent, is an efficient and effective organization working for the good of the community in which it exists. It has particularly devoted its attention to work among the class of boys that fall under the term "under-privileged." In every great city there are thousands of such lads facing life under grievous handicaps imposed by poverty, or by the more dreadful combination of poverty and such physical or moral surroundings as would be a menace to the strongest.

The task of brightening the lives of these lads and of giving them a fair chance to become good citizens is a grateful one, and the Rotary Club of Montreal has done a splendid work in this connection. It has interested itself in a very practical way in the Boys Home at Shawbridge in the Laurentian Mountains, and has done a great deal for boys throughout the city and district.

The Shawbridge Boys Home is the particular care of E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who is also president of the Home. He has always taken a great interest in the under-privileged boy, and it was natural, when the Rotary Clubs held their convention in Montreal recently, that he should be asked to address them on that phase of their work.

"Perhaps the saddest thing in the world," said Mr. Beatty, "is the abnormal boy, or one whose standard of health is low, and no work is greater or more inspiring than that which helps to place the handicapped boy where he can face the world on fairly equal terms with the more fortunate."

Mr. Beatty went on to quote an eminent English educationalist who, although not prejudiced against parents as a class, stated with truth that many parents are not appreciative of the problems of their children, and not being capable of grasping with their difficulties, do not supply the inspiration that tends to make them the kind of citizens they should grow up to be. "The

under-privileged boy of this class," said Mr. Beatty, "is often precocious but more often he is undeveloped physically and mentally, and therefore not capable of accomplishing his own destiny."

"If the under-privileged boy of the city, born to unfortunate physical environment, is to succeed, he must have that environment made natural and normal as far as possible," said Mr. Beatty, and this, he suggested, argues even more strongly for the supervising care by those in authority, and competent inspection involving the fact that playgrounds and supervised playgrounds, etc. Every boy should for his own sake and for the sake of the community, have the use of the common tools of life or a common school education. A boy should also be taught the incomparable practical and spiritual advantages of honest self-made manhood, he added.

"It has been truly said that the best educated man is the man who has a knowledge of living through contact with those whose problems he shares and whose conditions he understands. I presume there is no more effectual means of stimulating the interest of a boy than the careers and achievements of men of whom he has heard but of whose personal qualities he knows nothing," and the speaker deplored the fact that biographies and other stories which might influence the boy for good are so written that the human side is left out. He added that the boy "must be taught that the great personal freedom we enjoy under our form of democracy carries with it the responsibility of being and doing our very best. He must learn that there is no virtue without temptation and that the sacredness of righteousness is largely constituted in the effect of the individual or nation to attain it."

"This," he said, "is not a work that can be initiated by parliament or made effective by legislation. It requires the personal interest and the friendly contact of the man who can compete the respect and regard of the boy."

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WOMEN AS BEEKEEPERS

A Work That Will Suit Their Natural Disposition.

No Better Opportunity Offered Country Girls—Beekeeping Has a Fascination for Female Apiarists—Cost of Starting and Probable Profits—Male Experts Approve.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The historic riddle propounded by Samson: "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness," was answered by citing the lion and the honey; and even then there was a woman in it.

For years beekeeping for women was regarded as an unsolved riddle. To-day it is no puzzle, for both wives and maidens are making money at it. "Sweetest for the sweet."

No Better Opportunity for Country Girls.

A few years ago the writer interviewed five women who had made a success of apary work, and all of them were decidedly of opinion that there was a good chance for a girl or a married woman succeeding in beekeeping if she went about it the right way.

Miss Ethel Robson, of Iderton, said: "For the girl who wished to make her living in the country there is no business that affords a better opportunity than the keeping of bees."

Miss Margaret W. Scott, of Meyersburg, went so far as to say that she believed beekeeping was an occupation for women rather than for men; that there is much to gain and little to lose in it.

The Work Suits Woman's Natural Disposition.

Miss M. B. Treverrow, of Meadowdale, observed that women were more and more turning to beekeeping. Much depended upon the individual. The work was healthful, being mainly out-of-doors during the summer. "Woman's natural disposition to be careful, painstaking, watchful and energetic has full play in this occupation, as there is much to interest, to learn and to do in the work of an apary."

Mrs. Fred. Ham, of Bath, most decidedly thought that a woman could support herself by keeping bees. "She who undertakes to do so should put as much energy, care and thought into the work that she would in any other occupation. Her heart must be in it."

Beekeeping Has a Fascination for Female Apiarists.

The late Mrs. G. A. Deadman, of Brussels, had a long experience in bee management. She said: "The apary has a fascination for the woman who goes earnestly into beekeeping. It is a healthful occupation, for it is largely out-of-door activity, and it gives one a change of work and thought. Some heavy lifting is necessary now and then, although assistance is usually available. But a woman must make up her mind to give practically all her time to the work during the period of swarming and extracting—say June and July. After that there is bottling, packing, labeling, etc., although this may be lightened by selling in bulk, which is the best way after all to dispose of surplus honey. But for months together the bees require little or no attention."

Some Apary Costs.

Miss R. B. Pettit, of Georgetown, writing in January last, gives the following up-to-date information: "A woman can make it go, if she has sufficient initiative, energy and strength, and lastly if she likes the bees. Interest in the work and love of bees must be strong enough to overcome many difficulties besides the inevitable sting. A light start is advisable, say two or three colonies, until she masters some of the mysteries of the hive, and the general principles of management."

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