

## RESPECT—A Sermonette

(Crawf. C. Slack).

Texts:—Where there is little bestowed, there is little expected. Let me know the incentive of a man's Mother and I will tell you the possibilities of the man.

A much respected lady of middle life approached me the other day and said, "While in the mood of accusation, why do you not have something to say along the line of manners and respect?" Why said she, I pass along the street and hear such expressions as these "There goes Old Bill Sykes" and "Old Mother Todd," "Hello Old Woman" and "Hello Old Man," etc., from mere children, who seemingly have no respect for their superior, in years.

In reply, I said, Do you think it would do any good coming from such a source as myself? Would it not only serve to bring down the wrath of the parents upon my head in sore affliction, I am not a moralist, neither am a professor of manners? I do not make any pretensions of being my brother's keeper. Let those who are neglecting the duties of their own home and children and who for policy's sake are working to reform those of others, take up the task. She said "Well they seemingly overlook some of the most essentials especially the home training of their children, and I do wish you would have something to say along this line. "I promised to consider the matter, and after consulting the worthy Editor of this Journal, set myself to the, no doubt, thankless task.

I am proud to say that I was taught very early in youth to respect people older than myself, at all times. No matter what their circumstances or conditions might be in life. And as far as good manners are concerned, I know the rudiments of such at least. Thanks for a good Scotch Mother for this, a Mother of the old-time school, I wish there were ten million just such women in the world as that Mother of mine today. There would be some hope for the children of the future. She was harsh, yet considerate, patient yet aggressive. She was a strict moralist, but she did not petition, nor ask the School Teacher, the Council, nor the Courts to bring up her children, or to teach them manners or respect. By love she taught us to respect her, by her example we learned to respect others. She didn't belong to any woman's club or society, in fact she did not have time for this, however beneficial it might have been.

Her established institution was her home, she was the principal and supreme council, the sole support for years. In that home institution were taught the rudiments of manners, the principals of self-reliance, fortitude, self-confidence, and defence of temptation. When kindness failed then came harshness from the hand of the instructor, and in my case it was required repeatedly. This harshness, however, I look back upon as a blessing, for in the after years it has saved me that dire humiliation which I have seen others suffer in passing by. To the average moralist of to-day those who have petitioned parliament and used every means to obtain acts and laws to safe guard their children and make them moral, although unmannerly and rude. They must

look upon the children of thirty years ago, as having come under great tribulations, as there was no law brought about to banish the bar, which they look upon as the chief of temptation, and which I look upon as a very minor one indeed, as this temptation has been before the people for thousands of years and all the great of earth have come up under it, lived with it, achieved with it, passed on and their good and great achievements live after them.

Let me say for the young Mothers and Fathers of the present period. The law will never make your children sober, moral nor virtuous, it will never make them respectable nor manly, it will never make them men and women. Where there is no temptation there is no trust required, and people without trust the law places behind prison bars. Where there is no trust there is no true manhood nor womanhood, when the parents cannot trust their children, the parents themselves cannot be trusted to any marked degree I charge you mark this. There is nothing more essential as our laws, but there is nothing so unrighteous, because it is the law, that is no proof that it is right. One of the hardest things in life is to establish a bonified right. I might consider a certain measure was right and be conscientious in my opinion but ten other men might declare I was wrong. So there you are, and even though it might be the voice of the majority, that does not make it right.

But with all we have generalized rights and customs which have been handed down to us from our forefathers, and which we have adhered to from generation to generation and hold sacred as domestic rights. One of the most outstanding is to respect age, those older than ourselves. Nature has designed that we grow old, old in years and old in experience. There are very few who care to be called old some are more sensitive than others. As far as I am concerned I do not care what people call me, in fact I have been called almost everything that is bad and I have borne up under it all and still passing happy. Had I have paid the least attention to what the people said about me up through the years I would have died of remorse long ago. Of course, the good will of a dog is better than the ill will, but it depends largely upon the reputation of the dog. In speaking of dogs let me say, I have known dogs to have more manners than some people I have met and those men have been of the so called "swell set" too. In fact the more I see of some people the more I respect a well bred dog.

I may have several characteristics which other people may look upon as failings? which in my self conceit I hold as virtues and look upon them as sacred, I suppose that is the way with the most of the human family. We all have peculiarities, and let me say for the girlhood and the boyhood of today, that Modesty, Respect, and Manners, go hand in hand, and they are a full page advertisement to good breeding. When I see rude unmannerly children I strive to pity them more than to blame. But I do censure the parents.

There are a few good Mothers still left who do not sanction bringing up their children in Patent Baby Food,

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

**Athens Turkey Fair Day is Friday December 5th, a good list of buyers are coming and high prices will be the result. —Bring your Poultry and do your Christmas Shopping.**

Oysters, plate and bulk, and Hot Drinks served at Maud Addison's.

LADDERS—Leave your order now for that Ladder you are needing—Extension or Step—F. A. JUDSON, Athens.

The local stores are putting on display Xmas goods that ought to satisfy the most particular.—Shop at home this year and help to make a good Christmas for all.

When you are looking for something nice in an Umbrella or Parasol go to H. R. Knowlton. He has them.

Mrs. J. W. Potvin, Brockville, was a weekend visitor at the home of her mother here.

Better get that Snow Shovel now. We have good ones.—E. J. Purcell, Athens.

Dr. Dandeno, Inspector of Agriculture, visited the High School on Wednesday last and the short address he gave to each form on "Agriculture in our High Schools" was much appreciated.

Don't fail to secure some of the choice fruit on display at E. C. Tribute's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Sheffield and Master Floyd, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris and daughter Willa spent Sunday at Lyn, as guests of Mrs. Sheffield's brother, Mr. Joseph Warren.

Messrs. A. Taylor & Son received a shipment of new custers last week.—Better get one and enjoy the winter.

Rev. Nichols of Osgoode, Ont., has accepted a call to the Baptist church here and is expected to take over the work here soon.

and the Woman's Journal. Mothers who teach their children manners, respect in the home and abroad, Mothers who teach their children self-reliance, fortitude, self-confidence as a guard against temptation, I would give more for the wise counsel of a good mother in the home, as a safe guard for the boy or the girl against temptation than all the laws that ever were framed up for that purpose.

Let me say for the children, the boys and the girls, you are young, yet you will grow old. The day is coming when grey hairs to you will be a horror. When you will sigh perhaps at the first wrinkle. When the rosy cheek will become pallid and the brow furrowed, When you shall be forced to give up your position perhaps as being pronounced too old for you then, you will know what it means to be called "Old man or old woman". That measure which you measure unto others shall be measured to you again. Therefore if you would be respected at the sun-set of life, yourselves, respect those older than yourselves as you pass along.

Our line of Hosiery for Ladies, Gents and Children is very complete and we think the values are exceptional.—T. S. Kendrick.

Mr. Harold Sheffield has rented the site for the rink and as soon as weather permits, will have the rink ready for skating—secure your season's ticket now.

Drop in and arrange for that Columbia Phonograph now, so you will have it for Christmas.—W. B. Percival, Athens.

Mr. Ford Wiltse has sold his farm on the Addison road to John Pattimore, Harlem.

If you get it at D. L. Johnson's you will be satisfied it is right. They can please you in the material or first class Blouses made up.

W. Roberts and family, Charleston, have moved to Ed. Taylor's farm-house, Main St. East. A substantial wire fence has been constructed around the property.

Fresh Groceries, Fruits, etc., are always a specialty at The Bazaar.—R. J. Campo, proprietor.

A family of Indians has moved to E. Livingstone's small farm-house on Elgin St.

Order those Columbia Records for the holiday music now.—W. B. Percival, Athens.

G. C. McLean has been having his Main St. residence re-shingled.

When you need something nifty for that young man, drop in to H. H. Arnold's. They are sure to please you.

A traction engine came on Wednesday of last week and removed from the grounds of the township hall the stone-crusher which has been standing there for several months past.

An ideal Xmas gift would be a deposit in either of the local Banks. Start the boys and girls on the right road. The Merchants Bank and the Standard Bank offer every courtesy to such an account.

The severe winds of a few days ago somewhat demolished the telephone system in this district.

We bake all kinds of Pastry, and a trial order will convince you that we know how.—N. G. Scott, Baker, Main street, Athens.

The youngsters have been enjoying skating on the flats at the north and west of the town.

Better get Storm Doors and Windows and keep the heat in and the cold out.—Athens Lumber Yard and Grain Warehouse.

Born, Nov. 27th, to Dr. E. C. McLean and Mrs. MacLean, a daughter.

For the best value in all kinds of Feed, come to Athens Lumber Yards and Grain Warehouse.

On Sunday last, Mrs. Sarah Wilson Elgin St., celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday.

Our Bread is always the best. Come to N. G. Scott's and you will always have the best.

Last week Warden Holmes and Reeve Ferguson were in the County Town attending Council. The former was guest of honor at the annual banquet at the Central Hotel, Brockville, on Friday night last, on which occasion a complimentary address was read him and a gold signet ring was presented as a token of appreciation of valuable services rendered.

The Manicure Sets are selling fast at Lamb's—hurry up if you want one.

Better give me your order for that Piano for Christmas. Good terms, at A. Taylor & Son's, Athens.

Mrs. John Fortune, Central St., is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Whaley, Charleston road.

Farmers and others! Why not have your letter paper and envelopes printed to your order at the Athens Reporter?

Word comes from Smith's Falls of the death in the hospital, there of Mrs. Wm. Barber, for some time a patient in that institution. Deceased was for some years a resident of this place.

We have a good display of Xmas. Cards and Stationery.—J. P. Lamb & Son.

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. Berney, Sheldon's Corners, was conducted on Thursday of last week in Christ church, the remains being placed in the local vault. The late Mrs. R. Robinson, Wiltse St., who passed away a few months ago was a daughter of the deceased.

A useful Xmas Gift would be a Wentworth Metal Hot Water Bottle—call and see them at Lamb's.

Buy your Rubber Footwear at Arnold's the only place you can get the reliable "Life-Buoy Brand," best rubbers made, and no advance in price from last year.

Call at Lamb's Drug Store and look at the "De Lux" series of papers which cannot be surpassed in the beauty of their texture and appearance.

Despite the unfavorable weather conditions on Saturday, there was a good attendance at the session of the Women's Institute. After the routine business had been attended to, and several items of new business discussed, Mrs. C. G. Slack resumed her report of the Provincial convention at Ottawa, giving much helpful information gleaned, and suggesting several new ideas advanced by other Institutes. Miss M. Lewis, B.A., of the High School staff contributed a most interesting article entitled, "Christmas in Other Lands," showing how this favorite festival is observed in various countries. Miss E. Chamberlain was in charge of "Suggestions for Christmas gifts," and had on view an extensive display of practical articles which may be made at home by deft fingers. Musical numbers rendered by Miss Guest, B.A., and little Miss Ida Hollingsworth added to the pleasure of the afternoon.

A Singer Sewing Machine would make an ideal Christmas gift. We have them.—A. Taylor & Son, Athens.

To possess a museum is one of the ambitions of the Women's Institute. Already a number of individuals have contributed articles for the collection and other donations will be thankfully received.

If you want something nice in a set of Dishes or a fancy piece of China, you will get it at Joseph Thompson's, Athens.

Our new supply of Waterman's Fountain Pens has arrived—call and see them at Lamb's.

Miss Eliza Stevens and Mrs. John Shea, Wiltse St., have returned from a few weeks' visit in Montreal.

Don't overlook our Jewelry Department when making your selection of a Christmas present.—R. J. Campo.

Mrs. R. M. Steacy, Seely's Bay, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Jacob Morris.

If it's a Heater you need, we have it, and the price is right.—The Earl Construction Co., Athens.

Medal Contest.—There will be a Medal Contest of Elocution given in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., on Wednesday, December 17. The contestants are from the High School. There will also be musical selections. Admission 15c.

We are headquarters for the Victor Victrolas and Records. Make your selections for Christmas music now and avoid disappointment.—E. C. Tribute.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Brockville, is announced to occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church next Sabbath, miring and evening.

We have some of the best in Rocking Horses, etc., for the Xmas trade. See our window.—Geo. E. Judson, Athens.

The date of the Demorest medal contest by young ladies of the local High School will probably be December 16th.

Boys, you had better secure your Skates early and get full benefit from them. E. J. Purcell has a good line.

You will find a splendid stock of Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats at very popular prices at H. H. Arnold.

Are you looking for something nifty in Stationery? We have a good assortment, and might say the quality is fine.—H. R. Knowlton.

Mrs. Fortune, Blind River, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) E. C. McLean.

One of our Ladies' Sweaters would be in keeping with the weather and also make a very suitable Xmas present.—T. S. Kendrick.

What about that new Range you were thinking of? Better drop in and see ours.—The Earl Construction Co., Athens.

Better select that Easy Chair now for Christmas. At present we have a good choice.—Geo. E. Judson, Athens.

Our line of Groceries and Provisions is always fresh and up to the mark.—Joseph Thompson, Athens.

If you want an extra good box of Candy go to E. C. Tribute's and you will be satisfied.

A box of neatly printed Cards make a very acceptable Xmas gift. The Athens Reporter will be pleased to supply your wants.

Leave your Battery at Geo. Purcell's Garage for winter storage.—He has secured the Willard Agency for Athens vicinity.

At R. J. Campo's you will find a full line of Vegetables and Fruit. Pop Corn of first class quality. Squash at 20c & 25c each. Indian Corn Meal and the Old Fashioned Granulated Oat Meal, also Rolled Oats of very finest quality. We have recently opened a Hot Lunch and Drink Parlor at The Bazaar.—Prices moderate.

### NOTICE.

On account of our already large enrollment and because so many are planning to enroll for the New Year Term, Jan. 5th, 1920, we shall be pleased to early receive your request to reserve a desk for you.

Courses given in Book-keeping, Stenography and Civil Service. Brockville Business College.

Brockville, Ont.  
W. T. ROGERS,  
Principal.

### NOTICE

The practice of picking up articles left in rigs that is standing on the streets and in the sheds will lead to trouble for those so doing. And the habit of leaving such articles exposed should be discontinued.

F. BLANCHER, Village Officer

### NOTICE

All parties having accounts against the Corporation of Village of Athens kindly present on or before Wednesday the 10th day of December—to W. G. Lee, Village Clerk.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My yard and shed in connection with the Gamble House is strictly private and the public are warned against using it.  
Mrs. Sarah Pierce

### AUCTION SALE.

Mrs. W. J. Boyd, Charleston, Ont., near Oak Leaf church, is having an Auction Sale of her Farm Stock and Implements also Household Goods on Wednesday, December 17, 1919.

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