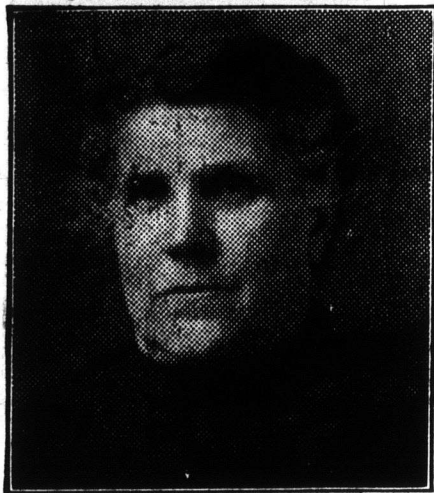


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of the nation This, I consider, is where a woman goes beyond her sphere and would certainly lose the respect of womanhood due her. This is easily seen and in evidence every day where politicians and men holding government offices are concerned, their little mole-hill failings are made mountains of, and they are condemned and criticized by Mr. Wiseacre, Mrs. Grundy, Tom, Dick and Harry, and the Man on the Street. The same would be applied to women if holding these positions and it would have the effect of cheapening the respect for womanhood in general. It would be like the throwing of a stone in a pond which makes a little ripple, then gradually enlarging itself and being backed up by other ripples soon encircling the whole pond. I am sure the great majority of women, if they had the vote, would not wish to have women members. This could and should be tested by putting it to a vote, and I think the majority would be with me in saying that the guidance of the affairs of the nation is a man's job, a man in every sense of the word, and if there be none, as a few women would have us believe, and think the only salvation is 'women members, then I say, does this not cast some reflection on the women who have the training of their sons that they can't find 'real' men to trust the affairs of the nation to their honor and discretion. I am optimist enough yet to think we have some good men, and its up to us as electors to get the 'real' men who will rectify the existing evils by giving women the vote and correcting these one-sided laws, etc., so I say, 'Here's to a business government made up of 'real' men, then our troubles—half of which never come—would be over.' There is an old saying: 'For every evil under the sun, there is a remedy for every one; if there be one, go and find it; if there be none, ne'er mind it.'

Apolgizing for length of letter and wishing Mr. Editor and readers the compliments of the season.

Ivanhoe

His Choice Among Girls

Dear Editor,—Will you allow me a little space in your valuable paper? I have been a constant reader for some time, although not a subscriber. I am fond of writing letters and will deem it a great pleasure to receive them from the girls or boys, and will try to answer any I may receive.

There seems a good deal said in the correspondence columns about the Western bachelors. Some say they can't cook or keep house. Well, I don't agree with that. I have been among bachelors a good deal. In fact, I have batched myself for the past three winters, and find that the most of the young bachelors keep house better than the majority of the women. Of course there are some who have batched for a number of years are somewhat careless. But if a man has to, he can do most anything. As regards to Canadian girls, I agree with 'Mere Bachelor.' The majority of them are conceited, but some are nice enough for any of us. My opinion is that the Yankee girls we have in Western Canada are the most sensible and sociable that I have met. Well, I must close, as this is my first letter. My address is with the editor. Will sign myself

Lonesome Ernie.

Everyone Should Help

Dear Editor,—I have been a constant reader of The Western Home Monthly for some time and I find it a very interesting paper, but I have not had the courage to write before.

I live on a farm six miles from a small town and I think the farm life is fine.

How many of the members are fond of dancing? We have had quite a few dances here this winter. Most of them were in aid of the Red Cross Society, and I think everyone should try to help such a good cause.

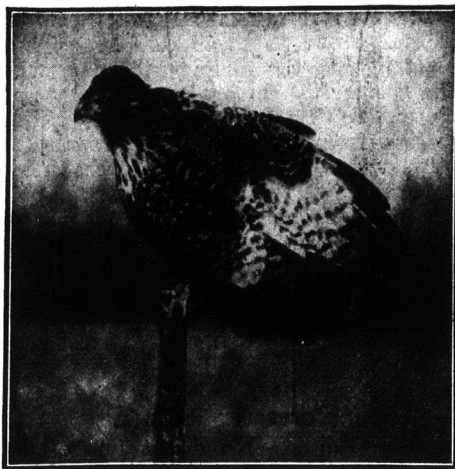
What do the members think of the cold weather we are having? I hope there are some nice days coming.

I was just reading the correspondence columns and I quite agree with 'A Prairie Nurse's' letter in the January issue, concerning votes for women, as I think a woman's place is in the home taking care of her family.

As it is the rule to describe oneself,

I will begin with saying I am a farmer's daughter, and as for looks, I guess I would pass in a crowd. I am very fond of outdoor amusement, especially horseback riding. I would like a few of the members to correspond with me and I will try and answer all letters. My address is with the editor.

A Western Kid.



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Firm Believer in Women's Rights

Dear Editor,—Although not a subscriber, I have read your interesting paper for a considerable time and think that it is 'Nulli Secundus.' I am a great reader of good papers, but I think that The Western Home Monthly is a thousand in one and one in a thousand. All hail to the steadfast suffragette. I think she is fully justified in her statements and would be pleased to correspond with some young ladies of that class. I am a firm believer in woman's rights. I made a short speech on that subject at our Debating Society. By-the-by, if anyone cares to write for debating subjects or wants the names of some good anthems or glees suitable for country choirs, I will be pleased to assist them.

I certainly do not agree with 'Kid' or 'A Voice from the East,' but I presume she meant 'love of convenience.' True love is only one of God's great blessings. If the people of to-day would put love before convenience, I think that life would be dearer to us.

Now all you fellow readers, please do not forget to write to me and all letters will be readily answered.

Anglo-Saxon.

Manitoba "Hard to Beat"

Chater, Man.

Dear Editor,—I have been a subscriber to The Western Home Monthly for the last three years and would not miss it for anything, as I always find such useful reading in it.

Now, Mr. Editor, I hope you will excuse me if I make mistakes, as this is my first attempt at writing you, but I have been wanting to and have at last found courage. I think it would be well for some of the readers of The Western Home Monthly to know a little of what prairie life is in the winter. I think it is fine, except for the cold. We have had it very rough and cold this week, being 32 below one day.

I have 18 head of horses and 12 head of cattle to attend to daily. I am close to a city of 18,000 population, so I can often go in and stay for the picture shows at night, being only 8 miles away. I was in Saskatchewan last summer, but came to Manitoba three weeks before Christmas, as I think this province is hard to beat.

I have been very much interested in your correspondence columns, and especially in the letter by 'Scotch Lassie Jean.'

Wishing you all success in this year and others to come.

A Contented Canadian.

A Letter from B. C.

Dear Editor and Friends.—I get a great deal of pleasure in receiving your much appreciated Monthly and take keen interest in all articles, which I must say are decidedly superior to others of the same class. The correspondence columns I think adds greatly and has the effect of bringing the members more closely together. 'Valley Flower' writes a

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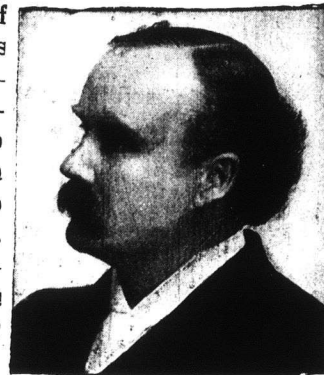


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