

a nice rest and change, that is already bringing back the roses to her cheeks. Catherine Noble, Florence Black, Agnes Cutler, Bessie Brand and several others are also in Muskoka on long visits, while Mary Peterson and Mabel Williamson have both made short stays up here. Alice Kelly also had her first holiday after six years' hard work, and went home looking altogether a different person.

Among those who have changed in the city we find the names of Maud Hobson, Lydia Grimwood, Violet Smith, Mary Bailey and Fanny Donnelly. Evelyn Smith has returned to the city, and, we hear, is looking much better and stronger for her stay at Oakville. Alice Cornish has returned to the country, and Georgina Grimes has also moved. Mabel Green has gone to live with her brother at Collingwood.

There seems to be quite a rage for trying "factory work" once more; but, as before, the girls continue to find that it does not answer. One of our girls, whom we will call by the much used name of Maria, left her place as soon as the winter was out of the city to go to "factory work." She found that, as in most other factories, she had to work two weeks before receiving any money. As long as her wages lasted it was all right, but when the work of the factory became distasteful to her and the money got used up, and she found that the rule of the boarding house was "pay before you sleep," she was very glad to accept the offer of a kind woman to stay with her and help her with her house-work, which was the most sensible thing she could do; and we hope that she has had a lesson which will have the effect of settling her down to house-work, which, after all, is the best and safest position for a young girl who has no parents living in the city. If only our girls would believe it, domestic service is the very best calling that they can follow for a thoroughly good servant is of more value in a house, and adds more to the comfort of it, than anything else, and it is no disgrace, but a high honour, to spend one's life in helping to make other people comfortable, and you would be astonished to find how much

is said in the Bible about it, if you would only take the trouble some day to look it up. It would be a very interesting and profitable study.

The great event of the summer is always the picnic, which we held on Wednesday, June 18th. After much searching about for a better spot, we came to the conclusion that we could not improve on Lambton Park; but were again met by another difficulty in the shape of a street car strike. The Editor, however, was equal to the occasion, as to all others, with the result that we all went out on a special train from the Union Station. There were about ninety-five present, who seemed thoroughly to enjoy the usual accompaniments of games and tea. The refreshments were, as usual, brought out by Mr. Jordan, and were done full justice to, after which the guests were requested to group themselves about the table, and a large photograph was taken by Mr. Rosevear, which has proved to be a most successful picture. On reaching the Union Station, we were met by two large brakes, which conveyed the girls to their various destinations.

Talking of picnics, perhaps the girls would like to hear of one that was given to the little Home boys who are living around Bala. They arrived about two o'clock, dressed in their Sunday best and boots, and after some games on the beach and in the bushes and a swim in the lake, they all came up to the house and tea was served on the verandah. Then there were races and tag and romping about until good night time came, when each little chap had a bag of candies and a five-cent piece. One little fellow said he had not been out to tea for a whole year, and seemed immensely happy, notwithstanding the fact that his boots occasionally ran away with him and were at all times rather hard to control.

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THE ETHEL, whose portrait adorns the adjoining page, is, we think our readers will agree, not a bad specimen of our Toronto family. Ethel complains that her photograph makes her look "so old," but at fourteen this is