

observed, in travelling on board the steamboats on the St. Lawrence, children running about from one end of the vessel to the other, to whom more than once I have been tempted to give a good whipping. I have seen them thrust aside gentlemen in conversation, trample on ladies' dresses, shoulder their way about, without a thought of the inconvenience they were occasioning; and, what was more remarkable, these thoughtless indiscretions did not seem to attract the attention of their parents. When I ventured to observe on this to the people with whom I have been travelling, I was always told that these peccant little individuals came from the other side of the line. Well, I only hope that this may be so: at all events, without inquiring too strictly how that may be, I trust that the teachers of the schools of Canada will do their very best to inculcate into their pupils the duties of politeness, of refined behaviour, of respect for the old and of reverence for their parents, that they will remember that a great deal may be done by kindly and wholesome advice in this particular, and that if they only take a little trouble they will contribute greatly to render Canada not only one of the best educated and most prosperous, but one of the most polite, best bred, and well-mannered countries of the American continent."

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