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If you have a boy 8 to 12 with a gang spirit, who won't wash himself clean etc., etc., congratulate yourself, for he is just normal in the homeo sexual age, when boys want to be in the company of boys, and girls in the company of girls. But when he is 13 or 14 the look from a girl across the aisle will do more to make him spruce up than you ever accomplished. They are now reaching adolescence and you may probably start to worry, but if you do you are just 14 years too late, for the time to start to teach children about life is from when they are born.

Be companions to your children but also keep a firm driving line. He expressed his opinion of the present school system with lack of discipline as being damnable and is hoping that the new Minister of Education, Col. Drew, will carry out his suggested improvements. One reason so many young people are keen on army life is because they never had an ordered life, and soldiering makes them feel their best.

Don't discourage children from making their own decisions, but if they make foolish ones make them abide by them until they have learned not to repeat the mistake.

Take children into your confidences and show them that you have faith and trust in them. Our adolescent life is an outgrowth of our childhood training, and how many mistakes made in later life could be traced back to this period if we could just say:

I wish I loved the human race  
I wish I loved their funny face  
I wish when I was introduced to one,  
I could look inside that funny one.

Friday morning we were addressed by Mrs. C. Holmes, Pres. Of the Federated W.I. of Ont., who extended greeting of good fellowship and gave an inspiring talk on "First things First " She pleaded with the women not to neglect their homes and home & family- interests to which many changed, maimed and broken lives will return after the war.

Mrs. H. Cartwright of Wiarion reported on citizenship, and many excellent addresses and papers had been given at all branches during the year. The members of the Institute are showing a greater interest in the laws of the country, and especially those dealing with the rights of women. Are we all making our wishes known by the use of our franchise, and if not, why not, we should be asking ourselves.