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NATURE

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As a fond mother, when the day is o'er,
Leads by the hand her little child to bed,
Half willing, half reluctant to be led,
And leaves his broken playthings on the floor
Still gazing at them through the open door,
Nor wholly reassured and comforted
By promises of others in their stead,
Which, though more splendid, may not please
him more;
So Nature deals with us, and takes away
Our playthings one by one, and by the hand
Leads us to rest so gently, that we go
Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay,
Being too full of sleep to understand
How far the unknown transcends the what we know.

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Perhaps this note should be listed under Education, but it seems more closely related to Home Economics and Health. When **Cochrane** Institute had an address from their Public School Inspector, one question they asked him was whether or not they should try to teach their pre-school children anything in the way of school work. The Inspector's reply was that this was not advisable except in numbers. His advice on preparing children for school was: "See that they get all their needles (inoculations) against childhood diseases. Try to develop a liking for music and stories. And have them associate with other children."

This may not be home economics but it sounds like fun. At a meeting of **Kemptville** Institute, Mrs. Alice Gibson arranged a millinery contest. Materials provided were paper plates, colored drinking straws, foil and crepe paper streamers. The contestants worked in pairs and when their hat was finished one modelled it in a fashion parade while the other acted as commentator.

Havelock had a most interesting discussion on the pros and cons of "Credit Buying." The arguments presented on both sides showed that the women had given the question some real study.

Chesterville had an address by the Supervisor of Nursing of their Public Health Unit on "Mental Health in Pre-school Child." Outlining plans by which a small child learns, the speaker showed simple diagrams of home-made toys which would delight small children.

Hillcrest had a discussion of the question: "Are present-day parents too easy on their children?"

Louth had an address by a woman doctor from St. Catharines on the progress made in medicine and surgery over the past twenty-five years. At **West Lorne** another woman doctor spoke on Immunization and the work of the county health unit. **Balmoral** had a nurse from their county health unit speak on "The Relationship between Parents and Children."

At a meeting of **Mansfield** Institute a letter was read from the county health unit on the

proper handling of food for suppers in halls or churches. A placard was sent to be posted in the hall or church kitchen as a reminder.

An interesting feature of the grandmothers' meeting in **Vineland** Institute was a comparison of the life of a grandmother today and a grandmother of fifty years ago. This took the form of a symposium with different speakers pointing out the advantages and the disadvantages of modern and older times.

Ivanhoe reports a roll call: "Tell of a way in which you have economized in the past year." At the same meeting attention was given to the Attorney-General's appeal for support of the Government's Traffic Safety Program. The Attorney-General stated that through their influence in the home, in business and in social contacts, women could help to create a safety outlook, and an attitude of courtesy and caution on the part of both drivers and pedestrians. One of the members spoke on Milk, why country children don't like it and the pasteurization of milk in the home. This was the February meeting and a new Canadian member, Mrs. Tom Danchuck demonstrated the decoration and coloring of Easter eggs as it is done in her home land.

At a meeting of **Annan** Institute there was a display of leather purses, belts and gloves made in Annan's homecraft workshop course, and visitors from **Briar Hill** branch showed hats made in their millinery course and told something about the course.

Blackstock reports an interesting address by a member who before her marriage was a home economist with a commercial firm, on the subject "Women as Consumers."

Laurentian View had a demonstration of felt work by a member who had borrowed the kit on Felt Work from the Extension Service Loan Library. The demonstration was made very practical for the women because the demonstrator had mimeographed copies of the patterns used, and these were distributed at the meeting.

Moncton had a talk by a registered nurse on the Care and Welfare of the Baby in the

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TOO TIRED TO PRAY

By Jane Coffin

She thought, when night had finally ended day,
"Dear Lord, tonight I am too tired to pray,"
And wearily she closed her eyes in sleep,
Slipping far into the shadowed deep.

Up in Heaven the dear Lord heard and smiled.
"Today she soothed a little, crying child.
She stopped her work to take old Ella Kloop
A fragrant, warming bowl of her good soup.
Her house was orderly, her garden tended.
Her children fed, their clothes all clean and mended.
Her husband, home from work, found happiness
And quiet peace in her deep gentleness."

The dear Lord smiled again. "Too tired to pray?
Her hands have offered prayers of love all day!"

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