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HEALTH EDUCATION

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HEALTH CONFESSIONS OF BUSINESS GIRLS—ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Out of 200 entries for this competition the judges, Dr. Edna Guest, Mrs. MacLellan (President of Misses' Womans' Club); and Miss E. M. Robson (Welfare Department of the T. Eaton Co.), have selected the prizes, as follows:

First Prize (\$15) Sadie Taylor, Bassano, Secretary of the Standard Medical and Surgical Clinic of Peterborough, (Pen-name, "Sadie").

Second Prize (\$10) Lillie Taggart, state secretary and bookkeeper, 19 Downing Ave., Toronto. (Pen-name, "Gash-Kit-tow"), the Indian for Winona.

Third Prize (\$5) Helena Drissol, London Ontario. (Pen-name, "Experient").

Standards Used in Judging.

In making their decision the judges based at selecting letters containing the most valuable information on how to keep physically well and mentally fit and happy and such as would be of use to other girls. Thus letters which had excellent suggestions for a more comfortable temperament rated higher than those which advised only to all temperaments.

The letter started with the assumption that to be healthy girls must not only know how to keep the general laws of health, and from this went on to some psychological points. The judges feel strongly that the statement that "No girl can be mentally alert or happy if she is robbing her body of the time for work, sleep and play" is especially sound and had a real bearing on health. Inertia, the slackness and dawdling increase the drudgery of work hours and create a mental load which rests on the body. Distinctly original—and also practical—is the suggestion that made it possible—of prosperity and happiness. It may be vigorously positive.

Realizing that the aim of the letter writers was to help themselves, all the judges took into account each suggestion in light of their combined wide experience of business life and medical knowledge. The big point which has come out of the competition is that business girls' health is not only in keeping the body well, exercised and rested, but also in keeping the mind and spirit active.

Winning Points in the Third Prize Letter.

While a minor point in this letter referring to having a good sleep could not be agreed by the judges, it was generally applicable, most important was fact to attach to the necessity of avoiding narrowness of interests and to the coterie advice to associate with those engaged in different work from one's own. The old world maxim "be civil and strange" will always have its place in business life.

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Winning Points in the First Prize Letter.

This letter was given first an account of the two key points on which the whole of a healthy, happy life must be based, that congenital employment and the right attitude to life-time business women should be in generation. These are obvious, so obvious and so big many fail to see them. How easily realize their supreme importance to the extent of going to terrible trouble to find work they enjoy, even possibly at a heavy sacrifice. Again, how many women fail to realize that money well and wisely spent in get-

ting points in the First Prize Letter.

Light Workers.

Blank—What kind of a fellow is Jones?"

Blank—Well, he is one of those fellows who always grab the cool when there's a piano to be moved."

Minard's Liniment for Colds, etc.

Size of Antares.

The diameter of the giant star Antares is about 400,000,000 miles.

55th Annual Meeting of Bank of Montreal

Vincent Meredith, President, Takes View That on the Whole Trade Conditions More Satisfactory than a Year Ago.

Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager, Shows Necessity for Bringing Down Cost of Living in Canada—Reviews Features of Annual Report.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, held in its office in the city of Montreal, gave a very comprehensive review of Canadian and its conditions and said outside its responsible and profitable operations most lines of business.

Year's Developments.

Referring to some of the developments during the year, Vincent said in his address, "The financial situation in the United States, gave a very unsatisfactory result, but it is gratifying to note that our country is aware our troubles have not been the result of this university's fault, but rather of the country's virility and untold resources; yet we have been able to realize our opinion namely, that Canada cannot go ahead again as she should while taxation and protectionism are still in force in the United States, of America."

The policy of the Bank of Montreal has been more and more based on our manufacturers.

Bank Act. They have been expanded to meet the needs of the West, are being developed to take pressure off the Canadian market.

So far in this Bank is considered and great interest has been shown in the harvests or other resources which have been made available to meet the needs of the Canadian market.

As to ways and means that are open to all, he said, "We must seek the banking field." A matter of fact, the distribution of the bank's capital has been more than that made by Canadian institutions.

Cost of Living.

Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, in dealing more particularly with domestic conditions, said the cost of living has made the price of all home for it down had occurred.

The Positive Versus the Negative Man.

The negative mind never gets anywhere; it can only destroy, tear down. It is very easy to develop a negative state of mind, and it is very fatal to success. We must get rid of it before we can attain prosperity or develop efficiency.

We cannot act negatively without getting negative results.

The vacillating man, however strong in other respects, is always pushed aside in the race of life by the determined, positive, decisive man who knows what he wants to do, and does it. Even brains must give way to decision.

Even if sometimes wrong, it is better to decide positively and carry out your decision with energy than to be forever hanging in the balance, contemplating, and procrastinating.

Even important decisions involve a letting go of something, and the more one tries to get away from the difficulty, the more he thinks over the idea to be decided, the more he entertains the whole situation.

It is not only necessary to keep your mind positive, but to be immune from all the enemies of prosperity and happiness. It must be vigorously positive.

Senior Scouts attending the public schools of Hamilton will probably undertake the work of traffic regulation in the vicinity of their schools before long; this work to be carried out under the direction of the regular traffic officers of the city police force. Alder Bert Mackay has introduced the project to the City Council and District Scout Commissioner Lloyd W. Sharpe has given it his approval.

The project, for a school organized plan to guide younger school children across busy thoroughfares has come out of the result of a couple of school children recently fatal to cars on school roads.

The 1st Niagara Troop Tramp has a champion baseball team. In a recent game played with other city teams in their class they won every game they played.

The Owen Sound Troop, do not let the name fool you, has an amateur baseball team, which plays in the big fire is growing steadily.

The 3rd Owen Sound (St. George's) Troop came out with a little hit in the woods a few miles from the city and other tramps are following suit. These will be centres of tramp out-of-doors activities all through the winter months.

The fund being raised by the Scouts of Ontario for the benefit of the Scouts of Haliburton, Hastings and North Cobalt who lost all their troop property in the big fire is growing steadily.

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