

WOMEN APPROACHING MIDDLE LIFE

MAT MRS. GODIN SAYS OUT "FRUIT-A-TIVES"



MRS. O. GODIN.

Godin's letter is of particular interest to women approaching middle-life. It

giving this testimonial hoping it will benefit every woman suffering as I the change of life. I was obliged to bed, had terrible dizziness and felt extremely weak. "Fruit-a-tives" really a God-send to me. Now in perfect health. Every woman follows my example. They would get the wonderful relief I did!"—nesine Godin, Paquetville, N.B.

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MONEY AND TIME CAN END LEPROSY

Governor-General Wood of the Philippines is appealing to the American people to provide him with \$2,000,000 for a fund to stamp out leprosy in the islands. It seems to be only a matter of raising the money and of time when this horrible disease will be eradicated from one of its last strongholds. Leprosy can be cured in certain stages almost as certainly as tuberculosis can be cured. Indeed leprosy, uncomplicated with other disease, can be cured at almost any stage, for what is regarded as practically a specific for it has been found in chaulmoogra oil. This treatment has been used in India for many years, but in the Philippine leper colony at Culion it has been improved by the oil being refined into an ethylster. Until recently the chaulmoogra oil was swallowed by the patient, and unless he had an unusually strong system his digestive apparatus was seriously upset. Only certain favored lepers could derive the benefits that the oil contained, but now it can be injected into the muscles with no inconvenience.

Twelve Thousand Lepers

There are 42,000 lepers in the Philippines, but only 6,000 on the little island where they are being treated. The others are scattered about, many of them being hidden by relatives for fear they will be interned. But Governor-General Wood believes that if the necessary fund can be raised all the lepers can be segregated and most of them cured. Those who are too far gone for treatment will not communicate the disease to others and thus in a generation it will be abolished. So far 1,000 lepers have been discharged as cured. The treatment lasts for three years with a weekly injection of the oil, and at the end of that time scientific tests tell if any of the dread disease lurks in the system. If it does not, then the happy cured leper is permitted to return to Manila. It was in the autumn of 1923 that the first batch of 100 cured lepers was sent back to the capital thus definitely proving to the Filipinos that the disease is curable. The effect was remarkable. Lepers who had been hiding presented themselves for treatment, and the thousands of uncured ones who remained at Culion took heart. The so-called "leper race," namely the hopeless, tragic expression of the sufferer who knows that he is doomed, has all but disappeared from Culion.

Segregating Lepers

As leprosy advances it is commonly, if not invariably, complicated by other diseases, heart disease particularly. Science has yet found no way to cure these cases. The urgent need is to apply the treatment at the earliest possible stage, and if the fund is raised, as expected, experiment will proceed with a view of curing the disease even when it is attended with other maladies. The Culion colony was established in 1907 by Dr. Victor G. Heiser, Health Director of Manila. His immediate object was to save those who had not contracted the disease by removing infected persons. The first lepers to be rounded up resisted as best they could, but were forced to leave homes and families and isolate themselves. At first the non-leprosy population was inclined to resist the deportation of their friends and relatives, but gradually it became known that the segregation was for the good of both the sick and the well, and now there is better co-operation. The Manila Legislature has been giving one-third of its health appropriation to the leper colony, which is a large percentage in view of the fact that smallpox and cholera are also rampant in the islands.

Children Born Clean

The wife of Governor-General Wood has established herself as a good angel to the lepers, and they also have thirty Filipino doctors and nurses, half a dozen French nuns and Dr. and Mrs. Wade, the former being the medical chief. These are the only non-lepers on the island. All the others, including teachers and workers, are victims of the disease. Mrs. Wade is now in the United States acting as the Governor-General's aide in raising money. Mrs. Wade says that the most pitiful sight on the island is not the lepers themselves, but their children ten years old, and then, if they could be got off the island, they would escape, but Mrs. Wade says that they usually stay long enough to become diseased. Why the children are not forcibly removed is not explained, but it would seem better that their hearts and those of their parents should be wrenching for a time than that they should develop into lepers.

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ers and thus perpetuate the problem.

Joys of a Leper

There is some difficulty in re-establishing the cured lepers. Of the first group of 100 discharged in 1923, two returned to the island in six months and asked to be taken in, saying that it was the only home they had. The non-lepers show reluctance to associate with those known to have had the disease. They know from the experience of generations that leprosy does not become manifest until 15 or 18 years from the beginning of its development, and they do not like to take chances. The cultivation of gardens is one of the chief occupations of the Culion lepers. Each man has his little patch where he raises vegetables which he sells to the Government, and later consumes as rations in addition to the food provided by the Government that comes from Manila. The lepers have also carpenter shops and fisheries, and they build roads. The chief joys are in tobacco and in chocolate, which they purchase with the money they earn from the sale of their vegetables or fish to the Government. Often dying lepers, according to Mrs. Wade, ask for a bit of chocolate as they breathe their last.

GROW MORE RED CLOVER SEED

The Dominion Seed Commissioner, George H. Clark, is advising the farmers of Canada to increase their production of red clover seed in order to meet home requirements. At present more than half the red clover seed used in Canada is imported. Canadian farmers have suffered serious losses, in past years, from the use of southern grown red clover seed, and red clover has been abandoned in a great many cases because it has proven difficult to get a stand and a crop.

Just how far imported red clover seed is responsible for the increasing failure of red clover, it is difficult to say. Seed imported from Britain and northern countries should do fairly well in Canada, but seed from Italy and southern climates is unquestionably too tender for successful clover production here. The trouble has been, in the past, that growers and local merchants were unable to tell where seed originated, and unless one bought from his neighbor he had no way of knowing whether the seed he put into the land was produced in Italy, in England, in United States or in Canada. The staining of imported seed will overcome that difficulty, and after this year at the latest we shall be able to ascertain by staining whether we are sowing Canadian grown or imported seed.

In any case, the home-grown product is best; and since we are not producing half enough clover seed to meet the demand in Canada, growers can look forward to a remunerative market. Home-grown red clover seed sells for a premium over the imported product, and this, with the assurance of a ready market, should encourage increased production.

Growers are advised to obtain hardy strain of Canadian-grown seed as their foundation stock. Those with seed production in mind should use the very cleanest seed this spring and lay down fields that are known to be free from weeds that give trouble in seed production. There is no reason apparent at present why good red clover seed will not meet a ready sale in the years to come.

Observations lead us to conclude that the colleges and experimental farms might profitably do more investigation work relative to seed production. At present seed is taken almost universally from the second growth, but we have seen some good yields taken from what would have been the first cutting. Perhaps, like alfalfa, it will eventually be proven that the first cutting of red clover is more reliable for seed production than the second.

He Didn't Know

A village doctor, whose most troublesome patient was an elderly woman, particularly on the free list, received a sound rating from her one day for not coming the night before. "You can go and see your other patients at night," said she. Why can't you come when I send for you? Isn't my money as good as other people's?" "I don't know, madam," replied the doctor. "I have never seen any of it."

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