

EVENING AT HOME.

A Paper Read by Miss Shuttleworth of Guelph at the Farmers' Institute Meeting.

Home; what a volume is contained in that little word. As the word is uttered our thoughts fly to our own homes, or perchance to the home of our childhood, and our minds are filled with pleasing or sorrowful memories as the case may be.

Home is the place where our loved ones dwell; Home is the place where we drop all feeling of restraint and feel that perfect freedom and rest that we find in no other place. Let us do our best to make it all that the word implies.

The country home can be just as dainty as that in the city if those who rule it give to it the thought it deserves and are willing to accept suggestions in regard to it. Most of us like the home we get comfort out of, the one we have to go back to after being away. It does not take much money to make that sort of a home. There is an indefinable something that attracts you directly you enter some homes. You cannot explain it. If you began to analyse the various parts that go to make up the attractive whole, you are puzzled and forced to admit that the perfection does not belong to any one article of furniture, to any one picture or any one bit of drapery, but to the happy combination of them. Even then you are not satisfied with your explanation. There seems to be something more and for want of a better word we call it atmosphere. It is the soul of the place and it never yet happened that by any chance the soul came from the shop with the furniture or the professional decorator tucked it into the folds of a curtain.

There is so much of beauty and loveliness in our lives as we live them on the farm, if we only look for it and do our utmost to attain it. The beauty of comradeship, of heart to heart association, freedom from restraint, the hearty healthy out door life and closely allied interest with nature which is our greatest teacher and friend. If we only had time to know it, there lies the greatest drawback to perfectly appointed lives and homes in the country: THE LACK OF TIME. How are we going to get more time? Women ask that of one another, and though it seems to be said lightly, there is beneath the words something which is almost a cry of the heart. We have all the time there is, and yet how few of us are satisfied with the way we spend it. When we have plainer living and the easier time that comes with it then perhaps we shall have more time for rest. Or if we would be less concerned about the depth of our collars, the flare or straight fullness of our skirts, and the whereabouts of the baggy portion of our sleeves, we might have much more time to cultivate the grace of mind, and heart and body.

What would you think of women who take time to rip the sleeves out of their dresses and turn them upside down, just because some silly woman in Paris decided that she would have hers made that way for a change.

The world of women has great need in fact of a certain amount of moral backbone, which will enable one to wear with comfort and repose of soul a gown, a hat or a mantle which, though well made, whole, clean and becoming is one or two seasons behind the style.

It is also true that mental culture suffers more in the country but I believe the future holds bright days for the farmer and his family.

Drop all care when evening comes. One means of gaining happiness is the art of laying aside in the evening all the work and duties of the day. Every person ought to have some simple evening diversion as a relaxation, even if it is only the pleasure of having a good book to read, or some topic of interest to discuss, or some simple pleasure to share with others. Even if you are very tired from the duties of the day, make up your mind to have some one little pleasure with which to finish the day. Try this plan and see if it does not make your mind healthier or happier. A change of this nature is often a greater rest than to lie down and let our mind dwell on the work already done and that which is to be faced on the morrow.

Let us suppose the farmer to be in comfortable circumstances surrounded by his family with everything needed to make home life attractive. The ideal home is clean and well kept, there is a prevailing atmosphere of peace and plenty, a feeling of liberty and love, of confidence and cheer. Let nothing be too good to use—not abuse.

'Tis true there is the unavoidable rush of work at some seasons, which call for long days of steady application. But when the rush is over, there are long pleasant evenings that can be most profitably spent. In many cases families are so dependent upon their own home circle for society, amusement and entertainment that all composing the circle should feel in duty bound to do all in their power to add to the happiness or entertainment of

the rest. Reading aloud, games and music, all should have their turn and you will be surprised to find how thoroughly you can yet enjoy pure fun and how heartily you can laugh at a good joke even if it is at your own expense; so, don't be a crank and want to read your favorite book or paper alone. Be comrades and companions to your children. Share with them their joys as well as sorrows. Play a game with the little ones who are just learning to count or a game of marbles with the boy of ten. They will go to bed at an early hour and all the happier for your having done so. Childhood is a time when lessons if well and carefully taught will make an impression that time will not efface. It is a time when some lesson is learned and if not a good lesson than it will be a bad impression left upon that child's mind. It pays to take time to help the little ones when the impulse to make something seizes them. It pays even if some seemingly very necessary work must be neglected thereby. In ten years from now the work that was not done will have long been forgotten but the child who was taught will be the very staff of the mother's life. The children stay small such a very, very little while every bit of training and mother teaching that can be packed into those few years is a life long blessing. This is when the older brother or sister may discover they have gifted talents for music or elocution. However the evening has been pleasantly spent and all may retire to dream pleasant dreams and awaken in the morning refreshed and ready for another good day's work.

There are so many different ways of harmless and useful entertainment for the young people that it would be difficult to give any set rule. I am for almost every game but "cards." Before those bespotted and bedazzled pasteboard mysteries I stand aghast! If I were superstitious, I should think them haunted by some malicious spirit. No adequate reason can be advanced why pieces of thick paper decorated in that peculiar way should have been the source of so much misery and crime. Why is it (let him answer who can) that they so often (I had almost said invariably) lead to the misuse of time, to quarrelling, to cheating and to gambling? What ingredient is mixed with that paper? What chemical is there in those patterns? What spell was breathed over them by their inventor, that always and everywhere they lead up to, if they do not actually involve society in so much wrong? Well, they have come to stay no doubt and we must make the best of them. We must indeed, or they will make the worst of us. The wisest people whom I know have concluded that it is better to teach their children to play cards at home than to provoke them to learn to play in the barn loft on the sly. Amusement is a divine art! Study it, practise it, master it. Make your brilliant parlor or your humble sitting room a place where your children and their friends will find happy entertainment and we shall wait at your doors to see noble youths come out.

Childhood needs no closer attention from fathers and mothers than do the years to follow. The moment son or daughter avoids the parent's eye, that moment danger begins. As you value the worth of your children's souls—that part of life which exists forever—then work, study and play with them as much or more than for them.

The duties of children to their parents have been preached so long it is high time we heard a little more about the duties of parents to their children and the best way for parents to train a child in the way it should go is to travel that way themselves some time. If we each give the best of our lives toward making home attractive, not keeping our smile and sunshine for strangers, then will the boys and girls delight in staying at home and father and mother will too.

But, parents, let me remind you, children will only be with you once and for their sake and your own in your old age, make their life pleasant. Do not let them go out into the world to find amusement, for they will surely go and find it. The memory of home and father and mother should be the sweetest thing on earth. No tie should be dearer, and no child ever

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forgets home. So let us make those moments the sweetest, purest and best of all.

We are thankful for the great demand to-day for intelligent mothers and that we find them in the Women's Institutes and societies, reading and thinking and sweetening their leisure hours by social intercourse. They are hand in hand with the work of education, striving by intelligent efforts to raise the standard and that of their families and are saying to the world, the woman who cannot think is pitiable, the one who will not think is criminal.

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THE OLD SONG.

You may talk about the new songs That you hear sung nowadays At the high-toned classic concert, Operas, musicales and plays; We hear them whistled on the street By the rich, poor, sad and gay, But the old-time songs of long ago Will ne'er dim or pass away.

There was "Gentle Annie," "Annie Laurie," "My Old Home in Tennessee," "Away Down in Dixie Land," "Mollie Darling," "Bessie Lee;" "Daisy Dean" and "Darling Mabel;" "Not for Joe," "Old Uncle Ned;" "My Old Kentucky Home," and "Maggie May," "Put Me in My Little Bed."

The singer on the Minstrel stage Must sing the popular songs, Like "Dem Goo-Goo Eyes," "My Baby Lou," To please the frivolous throngs. But, goodness, How I'd like to hear Those dear, sweet songs of old, "In the Evening by the Moonlight," "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Folks now want the ragtime music; They don't want the "Old Zip Coon." And will sure make fun of grandma, If she hums an old-time tune. In my heart I thank the author— It makes no difference where I roam For giving us the dear old ballads, "Down in the Corn Field," "Old Folks at Home."

We may cross the grand old ocean, Raven locks be changed to white, But the old songs learned in childhood, Bring back memories of delight, And the world seems really brighter, Makes the heart feel all aglow, That we have not ceased to love them, Those sweet songs of long ago.

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Bishop—Lawrence.

(Port Arthur Chronicle.) A very pleasant event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawrence, Park street, at half past five on the evening of the 9th inst. when their daughter, Martha V. Lawrence, was united in marriage to Sylvester G. Bishop, the Rev. E. Parsons officiating. The bride was becomingly dressed in white silk and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and maiden fern. She received many handsome presents. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold watch and chain.

After the ceremony and wedding supper a very pleasant evening was spent by a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

Mr. Bishop is one of Port Arthur's highly respected young men and a good citizen. A wide circle of friends join in wishing the young couple a very happy and useful life.

Keeler—Sudden

(Chatsworth News.) An interesting social event took place in the Presbyterian church here at twelve o'clock high noon yesterday, when Robena Orma Mae, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sudden, was united in marriage to Mr. Clifton R. Keeler, of Durham. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Findlay Matheson in the presence of about fifty invited guests and a number of others. The bridal party entered the church and walked down the church to the music of the wedding march, played by Miss Keeler, sister of the groom. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss M. Sudden, and Mr. Roland Keeler assisted his brother, the groom, through the exciting ordeal. The ushers were Mr. Tyerman and Mr. John Sudden. The bride looked charming in a dress of white silk organdie trimmed with lace and insertion, a white beaver hat and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid's dress was of grey silk aedlan over blue taffeta silk, with black picture hat and gloves and carrying a shower bouquet of pink carnations, and the bride's mother was dressed in black silk and red toque. While the contracting parties were signing the register Miss Lysla Taylor sang "O Perfect Love." After the ceremony the wedding party were conveyed in large sleighs to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held and a bountiful dinner enjoyed by all, followed by a couple of hours of social enjoyment. The bride was the recipient of many handsome, valuable useful presents, the groom's gift to the bride being a gold watch and chain, to the bridesmaid a lovely brooch, and to the ushers gold cuff buttons with their initials engraved. The bride's going away costume was a white colored military suit with black trimmings and hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Keeler took the 4 13 train for Toronto and other points east and on their return they will reside in Durham. The News joins their many other friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Keeler lives of happiness and prosperity. Among the guests from a distance were Miss Ross and Miss Ethel Ross, Mr. and Mrs. James Newton, Miss Sudden, Miss Lou Cameron, Miss Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Little and Mr. and Mrs. White of Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. F. McClocklin, Mr. R. and Miss Keeler, Miss Burnett and Mr. Tyerman of Durham, and Mrs. Keeler of Woodstock.

PRESENTATION.

Thursday last being closing day for the term at Sharphead School the children took advantage of the occasion to give their teacher a pleasant surprise. Just before the closing exercises Master Vernon Longman presented Miss Derby with two beautifully bound volumes—one of Goldsmith the other of Bryant—and a souvenir spoon of Ponoka, and Miss Nannie Rowan read the following address:—

MISS MARGARET DERBY: DEAR TEACHER.—Being aware that you are about to sever your connection with the Sharphead School, we, the undersigned pupils attending the same, feel that we cannot let the occasion pass without making you a small present as a token of the high esteem and regard we have for you.

We hope that you will kindly accept same, and in doing so the boys and girls taught under you will in the years to come have many kindly thoughts of you and the way you always endeavored to do your duty while we were under your care.

We all unite in wishing you good health, long life and prosperity, and remain sincerely yours.

GRACE CRAWFORD, NANNIE ROWAN, RICHARD ELOFSON, JAMES LONGMAN.

Miss Derby, who was completely taken by surprise, thanked the pupils for their beautiful presents, and for the kindness shown her in the giving of the gifts. She also thanked them for their kindness to her, and their good behavior in the school room during the two years she has been with them; and said she would always have pleasant memories of the Sharphead girls and boys.

Miss Derby takes charge of the primary room in the Public School of Ponoka for the year 1907.—Ponoka Herald.

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Farm for Sale.

CONTAINING 100 ACRES, BEING Lot 14, Con. 4, N. D. R., Glenelg. About 85 acres cleared, balance in good hardwood bush. Well watered, well fenced, good frame house, bank barn and implement house. Good bearing orchard, about twenty-five acres ploughed, four acres in fall wheat. Possession may be had after Mar 1st. For further particulars apply to DONALD BEATON, Prop., Jan. 20th, 1906—tf POMONA P. O.

Good Farm for Sale.

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A good solid brick two storey dwelling, alongside Presbyterian Manse property in Upper Town, Durham. Corner of Durham and Elgin streets. Seven rooms, pantry, closets, cement floored cellar, etc. Good airy location in good locality. Good frame stable, hard and soft water, one acre of land. Snow for quick purchaser. For further particulars apply to JOHN W. McKECHNIE, Owner, Aug. 1st, 1906—tf. Rocky Saugeen P. O.

Normanby Farm for Sale

LOT 21—IN THE SECOND CON- session West of the Garafra Road, in the Township of Normanby, in the County of Grey. For particulars apply to J. P. TELFORD, Jan. 3, 1906.—tf Barrister, Durham.

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