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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

Heroism of Parents Who Educate Their Children Above Themselves—Should the Children of This Poverty-Stricken Family Be Given in Adoption?

Dear Miss Dix—Is it not possible for one to be overeducated? Nothing can be finer than the motives prompting poor parents to send their children to schools that give them the advantages they never had themselves, but do they realize that in doing so they are sacrificing forever the camaraderie of their children?



Answer: I think no men and women ever do a more heroic thing than do those parents who give their children a better education than they have, well knowing that by so doing they are breaking the bond of comradeship between them.

Just how great is this sacrifice of parents who raise their children above themselves, only the parents themselves know, because there is a curious vanity that makes every man and woman supremely desire the admiration of their children.

Sometimes if the children turn out very successfully, this hurt to the parental vanity is atoned for by the pride the father and mother feel in their children's achievements, and in their boasting about John's fame as a doctor or a lawyer or the money he has made in business or the fine position that Mary holds or the big match she has made, they are repaid for the fact that there are no other man and woman in the world with whom they are so little acquainted and of whom they are so much afraid and with whom they feel so ill at ease as they do with Mary and John.

The situation is full of difficulties for both the parents and the children. All of us know fathers and mothers who have pinched and scrimped and saved and gone hungry and shabby and worked themselves almost to death to send their boys and girls to college and whose reward has been to be patronized by arrogant, self-conceited sons and daughters who criticized father's and mother's grammar and pronunciation until they were afraid to speak.

Who interfered with their mode of living; who turned out all of the old, comfortable furniture that was endeared to them by a thousand memories and associations and installed in its place back-breaking cubic or arsy stuff which ran father back to his office for a comfortable place to sit and made mother take to the kitchen for a familiar cook stove on which to rest her eyes.

Worse still, we have seen boys and girls come back from college to mock at their parents' religion and deride their idea on every subject under the sun and to break their parents' hearts because their children were following after new gods.

And we have seen children whose parents had lifted them above themselves, trying to repay the sacrifices that had been made for them by staying at home in an environment that they had outgrown and in which they were utterly miserable.

They were bored to tears by the home conversation that went round and round the domestic circle and the neighbor's back yard and had never a new thought in it or an inspiration. They had nothing really to say to father or mother, who no longer talked their language. And no matter how much they loved and respected father and mother they winced at father's and mother's grammar and table manners.

So it seems to me that the only way out of the muddle is for the super-educated children to go away and follow their own fortunes. That does away with the daily friction between them and their parents. It gives the youngsters a chance to go to their own country, for which their parents have paid the passport, and it leaves the parents free to lead their own lives in their own way.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a distracted woman who needs your advice. My husband is a wonderful father to our six lovely children, who range in age from 2 to 12 years of age, but he has been out of work and we are poverty-stricken. Our relatives suggest that we allow some very wealthy families to adopt our children, as this would give them opportunities for an education, but we love them so much that we cannot bear to do it. Should we sacrifice our own happiness for theirs?

Answer: It is a monstrous thing to think of giving away your children. You would never know a minute's happiness if you did, so don't do such a rash thing.

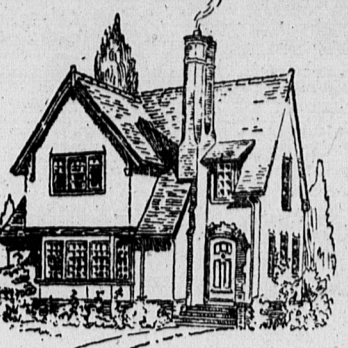
Rather than do so, humble your pride and ask aid of some charitable organization until your husband can find work and you can get upon your feet again. Perhaps you could put some of your babies in a children's home where they will be well cared for until times are more prosperous with you.

As for its being any advantage to your children to be adopted by rich people, that is problematic. In my opinion no amount of money, no fine clothes and indulgences can make up to a child for a mother's and a father's love and tenderness and understanding.

Perhaps the rich people who adopted your children might bring them up properly, with the right sort of ideals, but again they may be frivolous and light-minded people who would lack the patience and wisdom to rear your boys and girls into fine men and women.

Nor does it follow that because a child is brought up by wealthy people who can give it so-called advantages, you secure its success in life. About

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So don't give your children away. Keep them with you. It is best for you and best for them. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—We are twin sisters, 28 years of age, and have always been very close to each other and pals in everything. My sister is going to be married and has asked me to make my home with her. I love her dearly and want to go with her, but I am afraid that if I should go to live with her might interfere with her happiness. What is your advice? MILDRED.

Answer: Don't think of doing such a thing, because her husband would be more than human if he was not jealous of you. He would rightly think that if his wife doesn't love him well enough to go off with him alone, she doesn't care much for him. No man wants to have some other woman tagging along every time he takes his wife out of an evening and listening in on every conversation they have.

Don't go to live with your sister. Don't even visit her too often. Any third party in a home is a menace to it and it is especially dangerous to the newlyweds. DOROTHY DIX.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERY

At the meeting of the Prince Edward Island Presbytery held in Zion Church Hall on Tuesday, May 14th among other items of business submitted to the court by the Clerk, Rev. F. Hensley Staver was a comparison of the Statistical and Financial Returns for the year 1927 and 1928. The returns for 1928 were very encouraging. The Presbyterian Church on P. E. Island is making a steady gain all along the line.

and Young Peoples' Work also showed marked signs of progress. While the numbers of schools and teachers reported were slightly less on 1928 than in 1927, yet the number received into the membership of the Church from the Sunday Schools was in excess of that of 1927.

The number of awards given for the memorizing of the Primary and Shorter Catechisms and scripture passages was much larger in 1928 than in 1927.

The amount contributed by the Sunday Schools for missions in 1928 was considerably larger than the amount given in 1927. Both reports were very encouraging.

In the report of the Presbyteries given in the issue of Wednesday the names of the following representative Elders were inadvertently omitted: Dr. A. J. Murchison, A. W. Stewart, and Duncan McGilivray.

The following are the amounts allocated to the different congregations throughout the Island for the Budget for the year 1928: Alberton, \$410.00; West Point, \$80.00.

OXFORD, May 14.—Lord Grey of Fallodon, Chancellor of Oxford University, today formally accepted Rhodes House, a new building erected by the Rhodes trustees as a permanent memorial to Cecil Rhodes, and as a suitable headquarters for the Rhodes trust.

One wing of the new building will contain resident offices of the Oxford Secretary of the Rhodes trust. Another wing and sacroom in the basement are to contain a library of literature and history of English speaking peoples. The library will be administered as a part of Oxford's great Bodleian Library. The main hall and certain common rooms will be available for lectures and other general university purposes.

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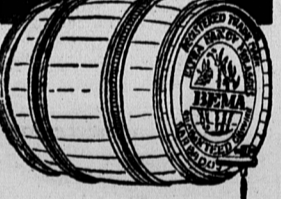
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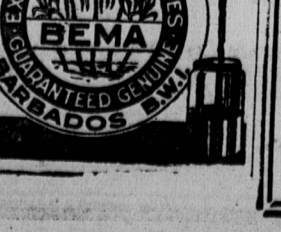
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