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Quite large boys and girls attend schools this winter. We have debates once a week. The scholars did not at first take much interest in these, but now they willingly learn longer lessons all the other days in order to gain time for them. My friend who teaches in the city has often begged me to try and do something of this kind. She says her schoiars are not permitted to leave off spelling five syllabled words long enough to learn how to become thoughtful and conscientious citizens. She once asked a member of the committee if she might omit a fragment of a column daily and spend the time thus gained in conversing with the scholars on general subjects, that they might be less like machines. He told her it was her business to obey orders, not to make suggestions. My committee are neither so rigid nor so ungentlemanly as hers, still they did need some persuasion.

Our subjects for debate are various: "Which Country is the best one to live in?" "Which Zone?" "Which Section of the United States?" "Which of the Trades is to be preferred?" "Which of the Professions?" "Which has the Pleasanter Life, the Squirrel or the Bumblebee?" "Advantages and Disadvantages of sea-faring life;" "of a Merchant's;" "of the President's;" "of a School teacher's." "Which are Happier, the Rich or the Poor?" "The Learned or the Ignorant?" "The Handsome or the Homely?" Historical characters are sometimes discussed. The scholars take some pains to inform themselves on the different subjects (there's a library in Crooked Pond village), so that something of geography, history and natural history is learned by the way. The comparative safety and enjoyments of the lives of different animals help out our list of subjects greatly. At all events, these discussions teach the scholars to think and to look on both sides. Sometimes I suppose situations or courses of action involving moral principles, and then draw out opinions as to what should be done in such and such cases.—*Hearth and Home.*

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