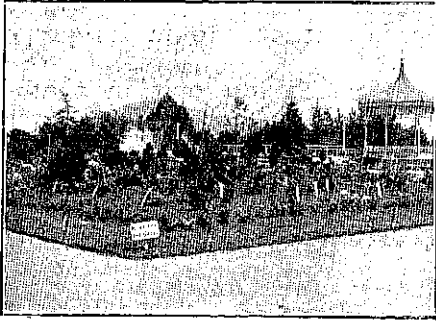


over a typewriter. Thus the weary struggle with Sham, commenced at the secondary school, follows the child into manhood or womanhood.

And the clever girl, whose mother goes out washing that her girl may get through her standards, is shut



Nettie Trewheellar, Photo.
View in Sanatorium Grounds at Rotorua.

off from all opportunity of gratifying a wish for education that would probably do her much real good. Even if her mind still sees the common sense of taking pleasure in work at home, the educated girl has lost nothing by her education. Her intelligence is all the better fitted to cope with the domestic work which her more ignorant forbears have made slavery of. It is the educated girl in whose hands lies the solution of the domestic service question.

Why then should not the child of the poorest parents have given the opportunity to cultivate her intelligence? Why should the dull child of moneyed parents waste the time of teachers and live a life of weariness just because "it is the thing" to send girls to a secondary school?

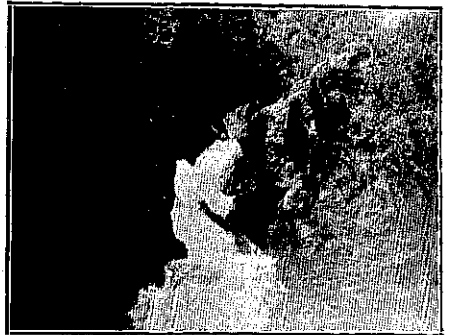
The Premier is right. Parents who now pay fees can, in most cases, afford to pay much higher ones. Let them, if they do not care for the association of their children with poorer ones, give help to the many "select" private schools which struggle on badly in the competition with the large colleges.

There is still a point to claim attention. This is the matter of dili-

gence. There are so many anxious parents who will wish, if the scheme is carried, to avail themselves of the opportunity. A great many children have not the least desire for more knowledge. It should be made compulsory to have genuinely true reports so that those who honestly are not availing themselves of opportunities may be sent away to give place to really deserving scholars. If something of the kind is done, there will, undoubtedly, be heartburning for many a mother, but in the main issue, which is the weal of the nation, there will be no doubt as to the result.

"F.J.H." sends the following on "Superstition in Woman":—

Considering all we hear as to the enlightenment of the age, and the progress of women, it is strange what hold silly, trivial superstitions still have over many women otherwise sensible. Many hold peacock's feathers in horror as unlucky, and would not for the world employ these for decorations. I am constantly finding out that this, that and the other is decreed "unlucky" by some female acquaintance whom I had hitherto looked



Nettie Trewheellar, Photo.
Falls on Waimate River at Orope.

on as a rational being. One lady looks on it as terribly unlucky to prepare the short clothes of an infant before it requires them, and apparently took the death of the