
A DEGREE IN NURSING.

THE suggestion of Dr. Pabst (Auckland, N. Z.) that nurses should have a degree conferred upon them has not met with the universal approbation of Matrons. The contention that Training Schools must be "freed from bondage to hospital needs," is, if such a thing exists, a just one, and here and there it may do. But a distinction must be made between *bondage* and *loyal generous service*; for, without this latter co-operation between served and serving, no Sick-nurse Training School can be run and no hospital wards be properly attended. Imagine a "Qualified Nurse" with a degree, installed for the first time beside a helpless patient! Would she be in any way as useful as the common-sense woman without any "training"? Surely if such a thing were to become customary here would be the chance for the handy woman and her ilk to step in, and, making the most of the situation, entirely oust her too ambitious sister. But a problem there is remaining, and this is not its solution:—something is wanting in status and remuneration in a profession that demands a late beginning and an early close, and saps the vitality of the worker away during the best years of her life, leaving her unfit to take up any other line of life, but leaves her stranded only, too often a hopeless penniless wreck, to the tender mercies of friends or to public charity.

GIRL GUIDES:

By MISS IRIS WINGATE.

THE Girl Guide Movement has reached India and has certainly come to stay. It began in Bombay nearly a year ago and has been growing slowly but steadily ever since; though not without having to overcome a good many difficulties. For instance, the captain had to begin without any previous knowledge of the subject, and had to learn herself at the same time as she taught the girls. The movement was started as a character training organization and the scope is as wide as a girl's need; among other practical subjects it includes cooking, dress-making, house-keeping and home-nursing, as well as very many games designed to train the girls in observation, resourcefulness and courage. Almost everything is learned in the form of a game or competition which is the secret of the great popularity of the movement among girls of all ranks of society.

A good deal of attention is paid to training girls for pioneer life and life far away from the great centres of civilization. For those here in India such training is particularly useful, and no girl ought to grow up without knowing how to make life comfortable for herself and her household even when there are not shops within a few minutes, walk and someone to do everything for her.

In Bombay when we began the girls were, of course, anxious to go scouting at once, and so we began knot tying, flag-signalling, and scouting games. The latter generally take the form of tracking a girl, who has gone out beforehand, by means of chalk marks in the ground, concealed letters, etc., and it is surprising how quick the girls grow at detecting these signs.

Later on we had lessons in camp cooking and physical drill. Then during the rains a course was held for First Aid, closing with an examination in which every girl showed that she had got a good and practical grasp of the subject and several acquitted themselves with distinction.

The girls are also encouraged to know the city and be able to direct anyone to the nearest doctor, post-office, chemist, and so on. While a very important feature of the training is the inculcation of kindness and thoughtfulness for others. Indeed every Guide promises to do one kind action every day. Another point of the Guide law is absolute truthfulness and loyalty.

We are hoping in the Christmas holidays to be able to go into camp for a few days and so put into practice some of the things we have learned, and are also planning for the course in First Aid to be followed by one in home-nursing.

We try in these ways to fit the girls to become useful members of society, but we do not forget that a girl has even deeper needs than these, and so the central feature of our work is the weekly Bible Class where the girls gather round their captain for talks together on the underlying meaning of life and its highest possibilities in the light of the word of God. The aim ever set before each Guide being whole hearted allegiance to Jesus Christ through whom alone she can attain to the full possibility of her womanhood.

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