

SOCIAL SERVICE.

THE NURSERY TRAINING SCHOOL, HACKNEY.

Ten happy and healthy babies and sixteen equally happy looking students were "At home" on June 25th, to members of the Women's Industrial Council and their friends. It is now two years ago since the Women's Industrial Council decided to undertake the training of girls of the industrial classes as little children's nurses, and in August 1911 the Nursery Training School was opened at 4, King Edward Road, Hackney, N.E. There sixteen students at a time, ranging in age from sixteen to twenty-six years, are thoroughly trained in all the domestic arts as well as in the care and management of infants and young children, under a trained and experienced nurse and domestic economy teacher as well as a visiting staff. In these days of typewriting and shorthand it is a pleasure to find that there are numberless girls who are interested enough in domestic matters to spend time and money on making themselves thoroughly efficient, and those who are fortunate enough to be admitted to the Nursery Training School feel that their trust was justified, over 250 ladies have already applied for nurses from the School at wages beginning at £20 for girls of seventeen, and so far only twenty-four nurses have been ready



LEARNING THE ART OF SPOON-FEEDING.



RECREATION TIME.

It is *not* a hateful "comforter," but a teething ring the baby has got.

for posts! Educationalists now realize that more things are learnt by "doing" than in any other way and, acting upon this principle, the student learns how to look after children by having the charge of one or two babies for a month at a time, first in a large nursery under constant supervision, then towards the end of the year, when she is ready for more responsibility, she has complete charge for a time of a small practising nursery with one infant and one older child. She sleeps there herself at night and is responsible for the punctual and carefully ordering of everything connected with her nursery and her children. In the same way cooking, laundrywork, needlework and housework are learnt by doing in rotation the whole work of the house, making, mending and washing the children's clothes, and cooking the meals for the children and her fellow students. But practice without theory is not enough to make a competent children's nurse, so every evening, when the children are in bed, all the students are assembled for a class held by a visiting teacher. Kindergarten games, songs and occupations are practised, there are lectures on elementary physiology, first aid and home nursing by a lady doctor, children's ailments are discussed, the cutting out and making of children's clothes are taught. There is an outside examination at the end of the course and a certificate is granted. Visitors are welcomed at any time. Fees for students are £36 for the year or £3 a month. The new course is beginning in August, application for one of the few remaining vacancies should be made as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary, at the School, who will also be pleased to give any further information to anyone interested in this new training for the oldest women's profession.

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