

Out of regular habits self-control is evolved, and, in order to develop independence, never do for a child what he is quite capable of doing for himself; rather, indeed, he should be encouraged to do things for those around him. He will enjoy performing little duties, and even the boys should be taught to help in the home; this will teach them to use their hands, and will sharpen their faculties. It is impossible to overrate the pleasure a child has in using his hands, and it is never too early to teach him to handle, to grasp, and later to pile up and throw about his toys. Complaints are sometimes made about the "destructiveness" of children, but it must be remembered that sometimes this arises from the mere desire to be creative, and then it should be encouraged rather than otherwise. Those of us who have worked among children in the hospitals and elsewhere often hear the demand, "more pictures, more scissors, and some paste, please."

Some children have a great difficulty in being accurate, and this must not be confused with lying, for they are often delighted to relate an experience which is really all imagination. In such cases the child should be taught to explain that he is "only pretending."

AN ATTRACTIVE CLUB FOR NURSES.

Members coming up to town for the holidays frequently write to enquire where they can find a comfortable and central club at which they may stay. They will find nowhere more pleasant quarters than the Kensington Gardens Nurses' Club, 57, Kensington Gardens Square, W. It is within easy reach of all the important parts of the city, and the Principal of the Club, Miss B. Cave, had a very intimate knowledge of club life and the requirements of private nurses before ever she established her own very popular club. Its rooms are large, airy, and very tastefully furnished, while the numerous contrivances for adding to the convenience and comfort of the nurses, and the exactitude with which their telephone messages are attended to, add very much to the value of the club as a residential one for private nurses. One much-travelled nurse expressed the view that she had never sojourned in any club where the atmosphere seemed more homelike or offered a greater sense of freedom.

Miss Cave is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, and her club is one of the very few large clubs for nurses in London which has a trained nurse at its head.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BADGE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROYAL CHARTERED CORPORATION OF NURSES.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—I have seen a picture of the badge of our Association in the official organ, and I should like to draw attention to the fact that all the members should make a point of wearing it who can. I often meet nurses from our Association, and we always recognise one another as fellow members through our badge. I have heard of two of our members who met out on the Rockies, and one was able to give the greatest help to the other, when, but for the R.B.N.A. badge, they would never have known that they were members of the same body, or even fellow nurses. I am, &c.,

H. MACWILLIAM,

M.R.B.N.A.

A KIND THOUGHT.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—A few days ago I heard of a member, suffering from an incurable disease, who felt the keenest disappointment because she could not afford, owing to the expenses of her illness, to take THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, as she had been in the habit of doing our monthly paper. Her subscription was promptly paid for her by another member, but I hear that there are quite a number of the old nurses who find the cost of a weekly paper too much for their slender incomes.

We have had to discontinue the Recluse Club since the war began. Might I suggest that it now be revived for a slightly different purpose than its original one—that of supplying our old members with an illustrated paper each week? We used to subscribe a shilling annually, and I think it would be nice if we young members could link up and subscribe the same amount again, just to prevent the old members who helped to found the Association, and who have belonged to it for so long, from feeling shut out or left behind. Seven of us could keep one old nurse in touch with it right to the end in this way, and I know that it is a real grief to some to feel that they will no longer have their NURSES' JOURNAL each month.

The President's letter has given us all pleasure, and I for one warmly endorse what she says about welcoming other nurses to a share in our Charter. I am glad, too, that you have made this new arrangement about the official organ, for many of us have been very indignant about the one-sided propaganda for the College in the other papers. I hope that other nurses will follow the example of the R.B.N.A. members and "wake up."

I am, &c.,

V. M. COBBETT,

M.R.B.N.A.

Application forms for registration and membership can be obtained on application to the Secretary, R.B.N.A., 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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