

while amongst us it is not given at all, except in the case of from five to ten per cent. of our scholars, with whom the continuation of education is entirely voluntary.

The girls, no less than their brothers, require a thoroughly practical training. Cutting-out, making and mending, patching and darning, simple millinery, plain cooking, and laundry work—all these need to be taught not less in the elementary school, but more in the evening schools, when the woman within the girl is beginning to awake, and to perceive the uses and importance of these things.

One of the most valuable and attractive methods employed by the Recreative Evening Schools Association is the use of the lantern. By this means lessons of a sprightly and attractive sort are given in geography and travel, biography and history, and in many forms of elementary science, such as astronomy, botany, physiography, geology, and physics. Weekly lectures on these subjects, of about half an hour each, are given by ladies or gentlemen who have the requisite knowledge, and the no less requisite faculty of *simple talking* to the pupils. Similarly, object lessons are given in chemistry, electricity, ventilation, food, and food supply, &c., &c.

Singing and other musical classes are formed, and, as far as possible, every subject brightened by music, while calisthenics, or musical drill, is introduced into every school at least once a week. This kind of physical exercise is a delightful recreation to those who have been engaged all day at monotonous work in hot and ill-ventilated rooms, and often in constrained positions. For girls as well as boys it is conducive to health and good temper, and is of high value, from a moral point of view, as inculcating order, precision, harmony, and the self-command and sprightliness which are invaluable in daily life.

Branches of the Post Office Savings Bank are opened in many of these classes, so as to encourage thrift among those who are just beginning to earn wages; and clubs, reading circles, rambling parties, visits to art galleries, &c., &c., are parts of the scheme in operation. What need there is for such agencies! Within a few hundred yards of Westminster