

are old enough, the work of the household should be done by them. No training is more healthful, useful or necessary; but in order to encourage and afford partial independence, an allowance equal at least to the wages of a good servant should be made to them. This sum should be paid with regularity and generosity. It will be found to amount in most cases to more than is received by young ladies who keep books or copy letters. This arrangement will secure comfort and economy; assist and relieve the mother of all except the supervision, and add greatly to the completeness of home life. Speaking generally, no work can be more becoming.

In not a few cases, however, it is necessary that the daughters of the house should add to the income of the family or become self-supporting. No work for young ladies is more suitable, honourable or useful than teaching. To be a properly qualified teacher means natural aptness to teach, and much steady hard work to obtain the necessary standard of qualification; but it also implies more, far more than these, not simply enough education to reach a certain standard, but culture, refinement, and, above all, tact and good sense. And our country will never be safe until we cease to turn out teachers by machine-examination, and aim at securing high natural qualifications combined with culture and refinement.

Many young ladies will devote themselves to bookkeeping (and do it well) or type-writing or copying, or they will attend in stores, and excel in such work; but in all cases it is absolutely necessary that great care be taken to preserve the self-respect and modesty of our daughters—these are above all price, and must not be trifled with. In stores they should, when at all possible, have a department to themselves, under proper and mature supervision. In

offices they should *always* be in a room for themselves, not in a corner, among general and frequently noisy and mixed office work. Influences adverse to the growth of the crowning flower of womanhood should be securely banished. With such safeguards young ladies will discharge with much acceptance and efficiency the duties in these and many other employments requiring lightness of touch and accuracy in detail.

Again, in cases where natural disposition and liking point in that direction, no employment can be placed higher than that of the trained nurse, new in Canada, but greatly in demand, and for the well-being of society difficult to over-estimate. For information regarding the Training-Schools of our country our readers are referred to an article on the subject in the May number of this magazine.

There remains still a large class of girls in our cities and towns, the children of hard working fathers and mothers, who cannot secure more than a limited education, and who from surrounding circumstances cannot hope to be able to fill positions such as have been indicated, but who, nevertheless, form an important, influential and eminently useful class of the community, and one whom all the others can ill afford to do without. This class of girls must while still young go out to earn money, and they crowd in troops into factories of all sorts chiefly because in these employments they can be at home when the day's work is over, and be as it were more independent than if they were living in what is called domestic service. The scarcity of domestic help is an evil, but it is not the only evil caused by this state of matters. Such girls are underfed, poorly clothed, and utterly unfitted both by training and physical power to take their places as heads of families as in the na-