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state of affairs exists her labors are for good. The number of children excluded from school because of disease is now trifling. The improvement in cleanliness, personal appearance, and home conditions in thousands of cases, the result of the work of the school-nurse staff, is amazing.

Although for many months the most rigid opposition on the part of the teachers in the public schools was encountered, today, with rare exception, the entire corps of teachers aid the nurses to the full extent of their power, and give tangible evidence of cordial approval. On every side opposition has diminished until today the value of the school nurse's work has become so generally recognized that other cities are following New York's example. Philadelphia inaugurated the work in nineteen hundred and six with a school nurse who underwent her preliminary training in New York.

The present head of New York city's Department of Health, Dr. Thomas Darlington, is an enthusiastic supporter of the school nurse's work. "I believe in the school nurse," he said, "because she is doing the greatest good to the greatest number." Could there be a more potent uplifting force? The work is quiet, unostentatious to a degree, but it is helping hundreds of thousands of children to grow into useful men and women. Through it the gospel of cleanliness has entered countless homes, in many cases paving the way for decency and honest living.

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ONCE more down alleys sweet and dim
Glimmers the Spring begun:
The merchild on the fountain-rim
Romps naked in the sun:
The marble Pan has poised his reed
As though in act to play,
Yet pipes no summons: who would heed
Now you have gone away?

—Grace Hazard Conkling.