

attached or close to their place of work, and continuation classes for at least one hour daily at no expense to themselves. These classes might well be literary for three hours weekly, and teach practical home-making for two hours weekly. In this way the girls would be kept in touch with those housewifely arts which may at any time be required of them, but which they have no opportunity of learning or practising when they leave home to become wage-earners. The results of ignorance in these matters are too disastrous to the race to allow us to countenance their being ignored by the girls for whom we are responsible.

I have to thank all officers with whom my work brings me into contact for their continued courtesy and consideration; and yourself, sir, in particular, for your constant sympathy and help in regard to the welfare of the women on the staff. Certain it is that as regards consideration for its employees and provision for their health and comfort, the Public Service of New Zealand sets a high standard and an example that might well be followed by private employers.

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