

# BOOK REVIEWS



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## A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GREAT VALUE

AN announcement intended to be made at the meeting of the American Nurses' Association, but omitted through pressure of time, was that nurses interested in teaching school children problems of hygiene may find valuable lists of books and articles bearing on the subject in a little pamphlet entitled "A Bibliography on Educational Hygiene and Physical Education," by Thomas Dennison Wood and Mary Reesor. Some of the subjects listed are Eugenics, Fatigue and Hygiene of the Nervous System, Health Instruction, Medical and Health Examination and Instruction, the Nurse in Education, Open-Air Schools, Sanitation of Schools, Sanitation of Rural Schools, School Hygiene. This pamphlet may be obtained by sending twenty cents to Teachers' College Publishing Office, New York City.

## REMINISCENCES OF LINDA RICHARDS, AMERICA'S FIRST TRAINED NURSE. Whitcomb and Barrows. Price, \$1.00.

As an autobiography Miss Richards' book is distinctly disappointing. Never perhaps did one ever write of one's own life and give as little heed to one's self. Augustine Birrell says that autobiography shows "a noticeable desire to make humanity, or the reading public, our residuary legatee; to endow it with our experiences, to enrich it with our egotisms, to strip ourselves bare in the market-place, if not for the edification at all events for the amusement of man." But Miss Richards entirely disregards the formula of the great Mr. Birrell, and while she has not quite eliminated the heroine from her book her friends certainly have cause to claim that she has not done her justice.

The achievement of Linda Richards is most remarkable. For thirty-nine years she has been active in the field of her vocation,—the organization of nurse training schools. Well indeed has she been called "the pioneer path breaker." Once the way was open, and machinery running well in any venture, and it seemed to pall upon her—she sought for new ground and started on new material only to forsake it when it began