

WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG

EVERY ambitious person dreams of some day occupying a high position or piling up money because men usually measure a person's success by the importance of the position he occupies or by the amount of money he has accumulated. Mrs. Josefa Jara Martinez is one of the few who use service as the yardstick of success. A woman of keen intellect, practical ability, and indomitable energy, she gives the best in her wherever her services are needed, whether she is paid for the work or not.

As a young girl she had a definite ambition in life—to be of service to others. Believing that taking care of the sick was a beautiful form of service, she thought that nursing was the course for her. Circumstances, however, did not permit her to realize this early dream of hers.

Born to a family of modest means, Josefa might have remained in her hometown to finish the ordinary general course in the public schools and to work in obscurity, if Fortune had not taken a hand in shaping the girl's life. She was chosen pensionada to take the teaching course in the Normal School. So in spite of her mother's misgivings because of the girl's "temper and lack of patience," she became a teacher, graduating from the Philippine Normal School in 1912. The girl with a temper turned out to be a highly efficient teacher and an effective speaker, so much so, that she was selected to represent the Bureau of Education at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, California, in 1915.

Seeing America and the opportunities it offered fanned the spark of ambition in her and she determined to go back again some day. Her most cherished dream then was to go to college and wear a toga. Having set her heart on it, she found a way by which she could be transferred from Iloilo, her



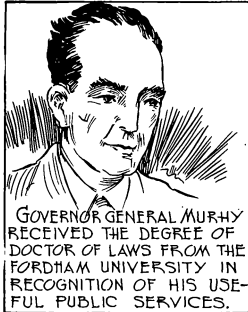
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home province, where she had been teaching, to the Philippine Normal School. Here she worked as a critic teacher for almost two years. As such she had a chance to attend evening classes in the University of the Philippines and at last she thought she was on her way to the goal which would qualify her to wear cap and gown. But fate had other plans for her. She was meant for another field of service than that occupied by a teacher.

The group of pensionados to the United States in 1919, the Philippines' brightest and best, included the bright-eyed, sweet-smiling young woman, who had already made a name as Miss Jara. She was chosen by the Department of the Interior to specialize in family and child welfare work. While other pensionados were sent to college and universities, Josefa Jara was sent to a "school." Once more her dream of getting a college degree was farther from realization, but she buckled down to her studies. A two-year course in New York School of Social Work, a few courses in English in Columbia University, and extensive field work in the slums of the great metropolis and visits to institutions for delinquent and defective children and orphanages amply prepared her for the task of

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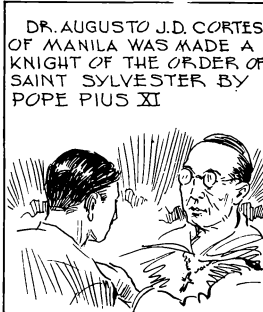
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helping in the improvement of social conditions in her homeland. But they did not qualify her for a toga. She had to give up the dream of wearing one in response to the call for service.

Upon her return to the Philippines she found plenty to do. Constructive social work was then in its infancy and trained social workers were badly needed. While employed by the Office of the Public Welfare Commissioner, she had to be loaned to various organizations from time to time to train workers and help the needy. Among the organizations and institutions that reaped the benefit of her services are the Associated Charities, the Red Cross, the government orphanage, the reformatories for boys and for girls, puericulture centers, the Settlement House of the Damas Filipinas, and the Young Women's Christian Association. Wherever expert opinion in family and child welfare was needed she was called upon to contribute her share. Whether in subordinate or executive capacity, she was always glad to help in the best way she could.

Her ability, earnestness, and integrity did not pass unnoticed; for when a chief was needed for the Division of Dependent Children in the Office of the Public Welfare Commissioner, Mrs. Martinez was



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the Japanese Boy Scouts of Nagoya. Wherever our delegation went in Japan, the Japanese Boy Scouts showed a keen interest in their visitors. Even though some of the lads of Nippon could not converse in English their conduct and contact was of an extremely friendly nature. In other instances when Japanese Scouts could speak the English language there was an interesting exchange of impressions on scouting conditions and scouting life in both countries.

On Board the S. S. President Grant

After the departure from Hongkong, the delegation was able to begin the intensive training planned in preparation of the exhibition which they are to give at the Jamboree. Since all of the boys had greatly recovered from the familiar yet so unfamiliar sea-sickness (for there is nothing worse when it gets you and nothing like it either) they at last could enjoy participating in all activities on board the good old ship.

The dances, according to the head of the delegation, have created considerable interest among the passengers and officers of the President Grant. A special request came from

appointed to the post, becoming thereby the highest paid Filipino woman in the Civil Service.



the first class passengers on July 21, to have the boys present the "tinkling" dance on the deck of the first class. The efforts of the boys were well rewarded by the continued applause of an appreciative audience. So we hope, that this particular dance will make a great hit in the Land of Uncle Sam. It is one which would appeal anywhere because of its beautiful movements and its attractive rhythm.

A dress rehearsal will be conducted above five days before landing in Seattle to help the boys get over their stage fright.

The delegation will also take advantage of the friendships they have made with the sailors. They are hoping to learn a lot about knots from the old sailor boys. Since sailors are known to have all sorts of knot tricks up their sleeve, our boys will surely arouse much interest and enthusiasm if they remember all they are shown. The sailors have been very kind to the scouts. The excellent treatment accorded them has been commended upon by all scouts.

The Philippine Delegation is at present on its way to Seattle. There, they will be the guests of honor for one week of the Seattle Area Council Boy Scouts. A reception is planned in their honor and various entertainments also. All these will surely impress our Scouts. They are bound to have a good time in Seattle!