

## PROBLEMS AT THE RURAL SCHOOLS

Theme of Discussion by State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

J. H. ACKERMAN'S ADDRESS

Frank Rigler, City Superintendent of Portland Schools, Talks on "The Problem of Classification" at the Congress.

**EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE TODAY.**  
Conference meets in Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Bldg., entrance free at Twenty-fifth-street gate.  
Presiding officer, R. F. Robinson, County Superintendent, Multnomah County.  
General subject, "Technical and Industrial Education."  
Address, "The Higher Agricultural Education," President E. A. Bryan, Washington State Agricultural College, Pullman.  
Address, "Education in Reference to Our Future Industrial and Commercial Development," Howard J. Rogers, Assistant Commissioner of Education for the State of New York.  
Discussion led by A. L. Mills.

Probably no stronger illustration of the radical changes that have been brought about in the principles advocated by educational leaders of the country through co-operation and free discussion of school questions in forum and press has been presented during the Educational Conference than in the discussions yesterday. Not very many years ago the suggestion was first made in Western States of consolidating school districts in order that better and graded schools might take the place of the rural district school. At first it was hardly taken seriously by educators, and ridiculed generally by the public as impracticable. In the Auditorium session yesterday forenoon some of the greatest thinkers of the American public schools advocated this very thing and that its natural sequence of supplying means of transportation for children would be more than compensated by the enlarged facilities thus placed at service of pupils, and higher efficiency of instruction that might in this manner be provided.

Address by J. H. Ackerman.  
J. H. Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, of Oregon, was the principal speaker, and the discussion was participated in by W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education; Edward G. Adams, principal of the Mount Tabor School, and others.  
Frank Rigler, City Superintendent of Schools, Portland, who was to have delivered an address at the session of Tuesday, and was prevented by illness, spoke on "The Problem of Classification."  
A. J. Church, City Superintendent of Schools of Baker City, presided at the session and was an excellent officer of the day. Like his predecessors during the week, he did not occupy much of the time of the Congress in introducing the speakers, and was apt in his remarks. Superintendent J. H. Ackerman's address was the subject of chief interest, for the rural school presents problems in which very great interest centers, and for which the educators evidently have intense concern.

**Problems of Graded Schools.**  
Professor Ackerman, in the course of his remarks, said:  
The graded school has its problems, but in my opinion they are at this moment far less urgent than those presented by the rural school, and this must serve as an excuse for devoting a period of this congress to the conditions and needs of the many one-room country schools, where more than half of the children of the state must receive their elementary schooling, and which with most of them is all the schooling they ever get.  
They have a real and healthy, unobscured feeling to the judgment and direction of intelligent parents or guardians, to cheerful and helpful surroundings, to the best intellectual, moral and industrial training that the age affords, to membership in happy homes; in short, to everything comprehended in the words "education" and "training." These country children deserve and have a right to demand school privileges in every way equal to those afforded to the children of towns and cities.

That their school privileges are not equal to those provided in the graded schools of our towns and cities cannot be questioned by any one at all familiar with the facts. It is conceded by all students of education that the conditions in the country schools are not today what they should be for the proper preparation of the country boys and girls for American citizenship. These conditions are wretched: ill-kept, poorly furnished and inadequate school buildings, surroundings the most depressing, the schools too small to present conditions for successful work, teachers deficient in experience and scholarship, frequent change of teachers, poor classification, and the school year more than one month less in the average than prevails in towns and cities.

Until the standard of rural schools is advanced, the teachers who regard them as merely training for work in cities. A high ideal is necessary for great attainment, hence the necessity of deciding what must be our ideal rural school. A wise policy on the part of the school boards will remove some of the weaknesses. I would suggest consolidation of school districts and the transportation of children to centers, a course of study modified from that of city schools, so as to meet the needs of a rural community, and introducing agriculture and domestic science, and, last, a special course for teachers in rural schools.

The relation of the rural school to agricultural interests is intimate. It gives vitality to farm life. It has failed in this somewhat in the past because the rural students were forced into the one mold of education. Instead of a specially designed one adequate to their needs. Under the old plan of education the schools influence the people from the farm, but not toward the farm. Our industrial schools are revolutionizing education, and it is to them we must look for our rural teachers and our patterns for rural schools.  
A favorite scheme of mine is to arrange the rural schools in groups and assign a teacher of agriculture to each group—a teacher who is a specialist, who could go from school to school in his group as the specialist in drawing, music and physical culture goes in the city from building to building and from room to room.  
The question of industrial education in rural schools has been a live one in the deliberations of the National Educational Association. It is to the normal and agricultural schools that the rural schools will have to look more largely than they have in the past for qualified teachers, and when our normal schools shall recognize this need of specially trained teachers in rural districts and shall have set about to meet and supply this demand, then will the normal school problem be effectively solved and the normal school will have found its true mission.

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