Annual Educational Report of the General Federation

(By Miss Margaret J. Evans, Chairman.) | The Massachusetts federation has

The inclusive term, education, has educational conference committee of federated during the biennial term multiform activities, only to be hinted at it this report to the general federation of women's clubs.

A veteran reformer, of the last mid-century had from long habit always upon his lips, to his death, the war cry. "Agitnte, agitate," The general and state federations have followed the slogan, and by agitation of educational subjects, through circulars, discussions and conventions, have created sentiment and molded public opinion. The circular of their support. South Carolina, Kenter of the support. South Carolina, Kenter of the support. ventions, have created sentiment and molded public opinion. The circular of the committee on education of the gen-eral federation has been widely used, reprinted and given additional circula-tion by state federations in connection th personal letters and state circulars. The Georgia fedération, by its adly scattered woman's edition of

Southern Education, the Massachusetts by its Federation Bulletin, the Minne-sota by its Courant, and the year books of the federations have aroused whole-some agitation concerning educational

indirect influence of the federations has thus been more potent upon the schools than direct influence, since only the states of Minesota and Penn-sylvania report a gain in the number of women on school boards.

Co-operation. Of the four stages of club develop-ment,—the stage of individual culture, that of organization, of altruism and of co-operation—the latter, co-operation, become the most powerful. Coeration with the home in mothers' cetings and parents' associations is ose, an is evidenced by the 60 mothers' ubs in Texas and the numerous similar ones in Maine, California, Minne-Vermont, Florida, New York and

ther states. The Louisiana, Maine and Ohio federations keep in touch with all state officials interested in education. Il-linois co-operates with the state board ducation in seeking information of ol conditions; Nebraska sends delerates and a speaker to the state teachassociation, in which club members urged to buy memberships, hio, Massachusetts and Illinois have

themselves of the co-operation college alumnae, by using its valuable questions and by conference; the Connecticut federation has cs-oper-ated also with the W. C. T. U., the Con-gress of Mothers, and similar organis

provement in School Surroundings. e who adds beauty to the world adds and health. The clubs have been ac-in improving the buildings, grounds sanitary conditions of the schools, in decorating school rooms. Iowa, as, Massachusetts, North Carolina, we fairy-like tales of improvement told, the club officers drove 225 se in visiting 34 schools: Oregon. tiles In visiting 34 schools; Oregon, there in one term the clubs spent \$278 or school decoration; and seven other lates have done much to make the

Kindergartens. The federations and clubs have given exas federations and clubs have given ostering care to free kindergartens; the exas federations supports 58, South arolina, Missouri, North Carolina and fassachusetts each a lesser number.

School Legislation. federations have not arrived di-

usiness functions of this elected school-oard from the scholastic or executive functions, the latter being vested in a director, who appoints the superintendent, while the superintendent in turn secures the teachers. The code promises much improvement. Pennsylvania has secures the teachers.

much improvement. Pennsylvania has secured legislation to raise the minimum selary of teachers. A notable advance in St. Paul and which is the official club in St. Paul and w and those regulating compulsory attend-ance. The new law is one of the best, ance. The new law is one of the best, and the federation has adopted model methods for enforcing it. The Con-necticut federation has secured two good laws offering state aid for better teach-The Washington and Oregon federa-

tions have secured from the legislatures ans to investigate child labor lishments is increasing.

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territorial aid for manual training in schools. The Minnesota federation is renewing its efforts to secure legislation for separating the birls' training school from the boys'. Libraries.

"No one has yet written, says George Macdonald, "the poetry of hunger; has built up in verse its stairs of grand as-cent, from hunger for a penny loaf up the white marble scale to hunger for righteousness, whose very longings are bliss." When this poetry is written, the story of mind-hunger and of club efforts to relieve it will not be left un

their support. South Carolina. Ken-tucky, New Hampshire, Illinois and Colorado are going to secure and main-tain manual training in state institu-tions. The Wisconsin federation has partially endowed a chair of domestic science in Downer college.

Playgrounds and Vacation Schools. Playgrounds and vacation schools are offered another field for federa-

tion activities.

Pennsylvania's work-during last year in one county alone in maintaining 10 such schools and playgrounds as a cost of \$7000, flearly one-half of it given outright by 22 clubs, and thereby blessing \$,000 children with a happy and profitable summer, and Chicago's enrollment of 4,555 pupils, with \$8,000 expended, may serve as types of what pended, may serve as types of what many are doing on a smaller scale. All the federations are trying to make real Mayor Lowe's ideal; "Open more schools, more of the time, for more purposes, for more people; keep them open after school, on Saturdays, on Sundays, and in summer for play places, for con-certs, for citizens' meetings." Would that every mayor might say, too: "You tell us how to do this up at the school board, and We'll give the money down at the city hall."

Scholarships. The privilege of helping by gifts or loans young women who would other-wise be unable to obtain a higher edutions. Alabama and Georgia have several scholarships; Kentucky several for mountain teachers; Michigan several annual ones and its Stone Memorial permanent scholarship of \$5,000; Louisiana has four; Texas has six and a large loan fund; California a thousand-dellar piedge; Kansas 13 and South Caroline 61 scholarships. These scholarships are for state universities and other colleges, for normal schools and for industrial schools.

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Illinois has several scholarships to reimburse, according to her noble plan, widowed mothers for the loss of wages of their children now required to attend

school.

The Massachusetts federation has been the mainstay of two model rural schools in Georgia of far-reaching in-Special Work.

Many unique form of effort must be left unrecorded or be only mentioned; such are the success of the Alabama federation in adding to secure a state industrial school for boys; the practical wisdom of Colorado clubs in recommending simpler dress for high school graduates; the success of the Minnesota state art commission, secured by the state art commission, secured by the federation, in its lectures on are given before the normal school and the State Teachers' association, an its first annual exhibtion given in a normal school

Here are a collection of facts con-cerning the status of domestic service which with a little consideration will discover to be factors in the problem. Domestic service is decreasing both in quantity and quality.
 The number of girls engaged in factories and general business

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their future struggles for this good cause, let Stevenson's suggested epitaph, "He clung to his paddle," be the grateful euolgy of this general federation.

Arizona had bills pending for better school attendance laws, for payment of interest on-teachers' warrants, and for interest on-teachers' warrants, and for largely in soll-tude. Next to the objection to the uncertain hours, "loneliness" is the most frequent plaint of the house worker. Sixty per cent of the recruits to the ranks of fallen women is drawn from domestic employes. This is not an involved the property of the control of the recruits to the ranks of fallen women is drawn from domestic employes. This is not an involved the control of the recruits to the ranks of fallen women is drawn from domestic employes.

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7. In the factories the girls are working in groupe. Their noon hour they spend together.

thereby creating a feeling of good will toward the establishment and of solidarity among the employes. Other firms have combined the recognition of this social tendency with a desire to look recorded.

In the west and south, where the need is greatest, the traveling libraries maintained by the clubs, from the six libraries of South Carolina to the 57 of Texas rest room is provided on each floor

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household service. This is naturally so, for the girls who work for a living are normal human beings. Altogether it has made bad business for the house-keepers of the land. Therefore it is not hard to realize that, aside from the sense of civic obligations, which the head of such a firm as Foley Bros. & Kelly possesses, the sense of far-sighted business gives hearty consent to the outlay which such accommodation of the members of the Woman's club of Portland that there was "money." they live better, and, after all, money is only good for the life it affords. Girls that, as household workers, would move from house to house and neighborhood to neighborhood in quest of change, will stay in this establishment, and in others of like regime, pickling, canning, label-ing, year after year, till the current of

ing, year after year, till the current of life carries them in other directions. Women who would study this question from both sides at close range can learn much of value in the solution of the present household difficulty by going into an establishment like this and seeing for themselves how well these girls do—and how quickly—the things that women fret their nerves with trying to do in the home with "poor help." ing to do in the home with "poor hel They might find some of that "po-help" right there. But improved n chinery, economic arrangement, and vironments that meet the demands The federations have not arrived disconnected and the recity at political power, but the hand that rocks the cradie has been enforced. In order to educate the cradied child, to the education committee extends her blundering, dish-breaking "thumbs."

to its best advantage. For this reason the club determined to continue its meetings during the summer and if the "vacation microbe," as Russell Sage is pleased to call it, becomes rampant, to induige its propensities in the winter months, when the study of forestry months, when the study of forestry would have to be conducted through books of somebody's else observation. With this idea of making the most of the summer months many picnics have been arranged and several have already passed into history. In response to most cordial invitation from Mrs. Fre Harlow, a large number of the member took the train last Saturday morning for Troutdale. Upon arriving, they were met by the hostess and conducted to her lovely country home on the banks of the "Sandy."

The great, broad porch, with its rocking chairs, hammocks and cushions, shaded by heautiful trees, was a sight to delight the vision of the picule crowd, and the view, as they sat and refreshed themselves with cool spring water and luscious cherries was one never to be forgotten. The cliffs along the river at this point rise high and straight, eastellated and beautiful, a sight worthy the brush of an artist or all the ad-miration bestowed upon them by the de-

lighted picnic party.

After resting, a stroll was taken over the farm and the beautiful cattle, horses and feathered creatures were admired and petted, when the party, each carrying a mysterious basket, pan or bundle, hapded them from the depths of Mrs. Harlow's kitchen, started for the picnic grounds on a bank above the river. Soon a great fire was roaring up s. Some of the large business houses have recognized the importance of this social craving. They have provided rest mysteries began to explain themselves rooms and club rooms for the use of their employes during recreation hours, repast which the hostess had provided thereby creating a feeling of roots. repast which the hostess had provided for her guests was spread upon a mossy bank over which a creamy cloth was laid, decked with cedar houghs and buttercups. And the menu! Well, it lingers yet in the memory of the participants, and we regret the power of poetry is not ours that we might put into enduring form the memory of the stuffed eggs, salad and brown bread, ham sandwiches and home-made cake:

It would be very difficult to convince some of the members of the Woman's club of Portland that there was "money in advertising," even after contemplating to the outlay which such accommoda-tions incur. The girls may not, make as good a living in dollars and cents, but the handsome bank account created re-they live better, and, after all, money is they live better, and after all, money is they live better, and after all, money is they live better.

> Soliciting, however, is acknowledged to be as yet a "man's business," probably because women have not become inured to refusals or learned the art of Robert Dale Owen.
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> Everyone who visits the Educational building and sees the efforts of the club women put forth there to raise \$3,000 for a statue to Robert Dale Owen, are impressed with the carnestness with which the Indiana women go about it. "Why should we not?" asks a bright little women. "Every woman in the state is affected and are receiving the henefit of laws made by his untiring efforts—laws giving them rights to own and control property; laws giving to the woman who works for her living the right to collect and use her own wages, and many others." gracefully accepting failure and retain-ing courage to "try again."-But in the matter of preparing ad-

Statue for

Robert Dale Owen.

by different organizations. One can contains a list of bills introduced in

the legislature, which were endorsed and supported by the federation. With one exception all these bills became laws.

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ments women have made a great the catchy verses and approsuccess. The catchy verses and appro-priate or striking designs of many of our foods and patent medicines are the work of women. Several employment agencies employ women exclusively to write their paragraphs. A Boston woman and for printed matter, the chairman of the education committee extends her book also the political machine.

Ohio rejoices over her new school office of the education committee extends her blundering, dish-breaking "thumbs."

In the exposition in this city stands for the first time to testify to the included of the value of such efforts are are here reported, a palace of the ection of members at large instead of wards, for the independence of the choice board by the ection of members at large instead of wards, for the independence of the choice boards from all municipal are ority; and for the separation of the salness functions of this elected school sard from the scholastic or executive.

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her control and management.

When this last advance was made about six years ago, she was still a girl hardly out of her teens. While not definitely known, her salary is supposed to be close on to \$5,000 a year.

Her remarkable ability to advertise the right thing at the right time is

turned with profuse apologies and later the typographical error was traced to

the printer.

While there are few girls that could acquire such pronounced success, the field of advertising is a tempting one for a girl skilled with the pen or pencil. Any large store or establishment will

that it is an easy and profitable way of earning a living, but in spite of their incredulity, there are hundreds of women throughout the country pursuing it as a means of livelihood with the above results.

one of this young woman's gifts. To take into consideration the weather, the holidays, conventions or anything of a local nature is one of the successful requisites; another is to unload the shelves of unsold or undesirable goods; They relate to the creation of forest reserves, a forestry commission, manual training in the public schools, the creation of a juvenile court, creating a state library board, providing for public and traveling libraries, etc.

Another card announces the public enterprise begun by the federation, which is to place in the state house at Indianapolis a bust of Robert Dale Owen, the advocate of equal justice to all in early Indiana legislation. To this is attached a booklet entitled: "Robert Dale Owen: What He Did for the Women of Indiana." Year books of the 59 clubs in the federation are appended to other cards, as are also other sheives of unsold or undesirable goods; and the closest scrutiny and proof reading is an absolute essential to success. It is told as an evidence of the confidence the firm has in the judgment of this young woman, that at one time a sale of scalskin sacques was to be advertised at \$125 apiece. The advertisement appeared \$12.50. This was such a glaring misprint that it was supposed no one would take advantage of it, but one woman came in, who was posed no one would take advantage of it, but one woman came in, who was one of their large customers and in-sisted upon having one at that price. It was given her and the loss charged up to the store, and no word of the transaction sent to the young woman, but a note was sent to the customer asking her to please withdraw her trade from the store.

A few hours after the sacque was re

the 59 clubs in the federation are appended to other cards, as are also other photographs of the founders and of the president of the federation. Miss Minnette Taylor of Greencastie, who arranged the exhibit.

Might it not be timely work and make an interesting exhibit if the Oregon federation would ask each state to send an exhibit of their year hours to the Lewis exhibit of their year books to the Lewi and Clark fair?

The Five Maladies of Women, According to the Japanese

be long before she would become amply equipped for intelligent citizenship.

"With the most insinuating flattery, her male protectors tell her that for Gemand is entirely just, and that her intelligence and purity would doubtless lift the tene of public affairs, but that her womanly qualities must 50 be menaced, and her pure instincts hust not be violated by the atmosphere with which they have surrounded the ballot-box.

printing on a level with the men in struggles of life.

In the present day tendency for organized womanhood, we see the microbes of these "maladies" more active than ever before, but fortunately, like the septic tank, they are their own destroyers. They cannot lie dormant as in days of old, but having the ground to feed upon—the contact of other woto f After reading all that was said and done in other states, with their deficiences and accomplishments, it is safe to predict that when these things are again told in Portland by the sunget sea. Oregon will not again refuse to give legislative recognition to its board of charities and correction.

on, the popular leader of the parliamentary class.

This class has been doing excellent work, steadily growing in interest and attractiveness and promises large results for another year. The afternoon with Mrs. Johnson was one long to be remembered. Some beautiful musical
numbers were given after the business
was concluded, and delicious fruit punch.

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While this is probably not the exact construction in many organizations of women, it nevertheless applies to the situation in many organizations of women, it nevertheless applies to the situation in many organizations of the selders of Crosson, the presence of these of Oregon, the presence of these of Oregon, the presence of these of Oregon, the presence of these of the great detriment of the organization and its work.

Taken separately, let us try to discover what each of these maladies mean

The affair was so altogether delightful that it was with much regret a lin-gering "good bye" was spoken for the

On Tuesday, following the last club meeting, being the joint mession of the new and retiring board, Mrs. Mann, the Elects Officers for Ensuing Year.

new president, invited the members to meet with her and remain for lunch. The closing up of the business of the woman's Club resulted as follows: board, paying some current bills and settling up some unfinished business, was soon dispatched and the real business of the meeting was discussing the sumptous course lunch provided by the hosters.

The election of officers of La Grande Woman's Club resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. D. Slater; vice-president, Mrs. H. O. Thomason; fecording secretary, Mrs. H. Clara T. Lyle: treasurer. Mrs. R. E. Worstell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. L. Cavana; directors, hosters.

The table, which had been laid for 17. Olive Slater. hostess.

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was beautifully decorated with crimson The club will resume October 4, 1904.

ANOTHER SUBURB CRIES FOR WATER

UNIVERSITY PARK RESIDENTS

Residents of University Park have discovered a grievance against the city water board and are making vigorous AMOUNT OF TAXABLE protests against the water service. The discovery followed close on the complaint that was made by east side citizens and published in The Journal.

It is claimed by those who live in the park that petitions and protests have up to this time been completely ignored. Complaints have been frequent, it is said, but no relief has even been promised.

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unprotected condition. It not only in-sures widespread dissatisfaction and dis-agreeable complainings, but really in-vites calamity. And this we trust to see averted by the prudence, forethought-and executive ability of those in au-thority. thority.

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We have repeatedly represented to you that our supply is inadequate; that our suburb is growing rapidly; that new and important industries will materially add to our population in the near future; that an extension of the Portland railway will cause settlement along its line down the peninsula; that the water we now receive is doled out through unsuffixery old tubs, all of which facts are certainly patent to the reflecting minds of the members of the board.