

### CLUB WOMEN'S EXPRESSIONS OF KINDERGARTENS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By Nellie Wallace Matthews.

MORE than 50 years ago the founder of the kindergarten, Friedrich Froebel, said: "Come, let us live with the children," advocating universal education, believing that the possibilities in each child should be actualized.

He planned for this development by means of work and play; he meant properly guided work with a definite and purposeful aim, evolved from the child's point of view.

By play songs and games externalized by the child based on thought, believing with Schiller that "deeper meaning lieh in childhood play."

He prominently advocated free kindergartens, where the less fortunate could be developed along normal psychological lines. His hope to see the kindergarten a part of the public school system has been realized, as it is an established fact in the United States that the kindergarten has its place in the public schools and it has come to stay, as progressive educators and parents demand it.

Families from the east coming to Portland, the first question asked naturally is, where shall I send my child to school and at once inquiries are made regarding the best kindergarten. Much astonishment is shown when the reply is given, "there are no free kindergartens in Portland." In order to become familiar with public sentiment, a number of the prominent clubwomen have been asked for an opinion.

#### Mrs. Eggert's Views.

"The women's club stands for the free kindergarten and has so expressed itself several times. I heartily endorse the action taken by the club," remarked Mrs. Frederick Eggert, president of the Women's club.

"I am greatly in favor of the free kindergarten," said Mrs. Charles E. Sifton. "I am of the belief that the board of education will eventually have it in connection with the school as they now have the domestic science and trade schools."

"The Neighborhood house has demonstrated the need and benefit derived from supporting a free kindergarten," said Mrs. M. Blumstein, an active member of the Council of Jewish Women, an organization supporting the Neighborhood house at First and Hall streets.

"The nation can never build up, unless it builds from the bottom. The kindergarten is the key to begin the development of the children's characters, who are to become our men and women," was the thought advanced by Mrs. Webster. "Every thoughtful woman of today is anxious for a free kindergarten, have Portland take this progressive step by establishing the first kindergarten in the poorer district where the children are hungry for the elevating environment which the kindergarten offers."

#### Mrs. Rose Hoyt.

"The child's character is developed in the kindergarten, and he is better prepared to grasp the work in the first grade," was the opinion advanced by Mrs. Rose Hoyt, who, with Mrs. Caroline Dunlap, organized the free kindergarten in Portland 20 years ago; it was in existence six years. "The Portland Free Kindergarten association, through the efforts of John Wilson, one of the directors of the association, passed a law making it possible that Portland should have the free kindergarten in the public schools."

Mrs. Hoyt further remarked "That her personal observation of the benefit to the child attending the kindergarten was that the child learns to be obedient; in fact, learns to use all his faculties, which is the secret of an education."

#### Miss E. K. Matthews.

"The kindergarten is one of the most important factors in education and an essential part of the public school system, which is recognized as the bulwark of the nation," said Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews. "The children are the citizens of tomorrow. What of the foreign population on our shores, who are developed on the streets, who are to become future citizens? The kindergarten during the formative period of the child develops his powers of mind in a logical manner, which aids him in grasping the work in the grades more readily and intelligently."

#### Mrs. L. H. Wells.

"It is in the beginning of the reformatory work in the kindergarten that eventually the city will be able to do away with the juvenile court," was the thought advanced by Mrs. L. H. Wells. Continuing Mrs. Wells said: "The establishment of kindergartens is a sweeping innovation and of course has moved with the customary slowness, gathering some accelerated movement within the past year, along with some other changes in our educational methods. We are to commence at the very foundation, when the child's brain teems with activity with imagination, preparation cannot be too thorough, and the kindergarten is the preparatory department of the public schools."

#### Mrs. Willie E. Potter.

"The kindergarten is the greatest need in the country today," said Mrs. Willie E. Potter. "It is especially needed among the middle and poorer classes, for it educates and develops the child along the line of living, respect, and kindness for each other; enables the child to do things in the right way; to convert the destructive idea into the conservative."

#### Mrs. T. R. Wise.

"I certainly favor having the free kindergarten as a part of the public schools of Portland," said Mrs. T. R. Wise. "In my mind the kindergarten is very advantageous for the children of the families belonging to the middle or poorer classes. Not only are the children benefited but their training for order and neatness has an influence towards the betterment of their home life."

#### Mrs. G. M. Glines.

"The kindergarten should be placed first in the school districts among the poorer classes, in order that the children may be kept off the street," was the opinion advanced by Mrs. G. M. Glines. "In the kindergarten the children are led to think for themselves in the right way, thus their character is well formulated developing them into better men and women."

#### Mrs. Caroline Dunlap.

"The years from four to six are as important as any in the child's life, and should be utilized to the fullest extent," said Mrs. Caroline Dunlap when questioned about the kindergarten. "The acknowledged method of utility in the kindergarten, where the child's character is well developed. Character is recognized as the child's safeguard and the state's welfare."

#### Mrs. A. J. Dayton.

"I am heartily in favor of the free kindergarten being a part of the Portland schools," remarked Mrs. A. J. Dayton, who has had actual experience while president of the Day Nursery association in Chicago. "Give the child occupation, properly directed, and a well rounded character will be developed. It is in the kindergarten that the child develops and grasps the work

which is just what their little hearts are hungry for."

#### Mrs. Robert Lutke.

"Making the free kindergarten a part of the public schools in Portland is taking a step forward in progress," remarked Mrs. Robert Lutke. "The child who goes to the kindergarten is always one to two years in advance of the child who has never attended. Orderly, systematic habits, polite ways and manners are so thoroughly instilled in the child that these habits naturally become a part of him."

"I am perfectly in favor of having the free kindergarten in the public schools," said Dr. Thompson, who has devoted much time and thought in endeavoring to have the free kindergarten a part of the public schools.

"It is in the kindergarten that the child's hands, heart and head are correctly developed, making it possible for the working together in harmonious action."

#### Mrs. J. Stowbridge Jr.

"The free kindergarten in connection with the public schools is of major importance to any city," was the suggestion advanced by Mrs. J. Stowbridge Jr. "The kindergarten teaches the child how to use his faculties."

#### Mrs. J. C. Prichard.

"I am strongly in favor of Portland having the free kindergarten," said Mrs. J. C. Prichard. "The kindergarten is certainly a great benefit to the masses, for it is there that the child develops order, neatness and thoughtfulness for others and the desire to help himself."

#### Mrs. William H. Colgate.

"In my opinion, Portland certainly should have the free kindergarten in connection with the public schools," remarked Mrs. William H. Colgate. "In the east and middle west every city—even hamlets and villages—have a free kindergarten, and Portland should strive to keep pace with the progressiveness of the world. I would advocate a bungalow built apart from the main school building."

#### Mrs. James P. Moffett.

"The kindergarten makes it possible for the child to acquaint himself with work, thus he soon becomes very enthusiastic in doing something that is worth while," remarked Mrs. James P. Moffett. "It is difficult for the child on entering school to grasp c-a-l or d-o-g, but he does take a great pride in really

making a piece of work, among others who are accomplishing something."

#### Mrs. A. J. Stiles.

"If the age limit of entering the kindergarten was 6 years then I would be in favor of free kindergartens," remarked Mrs. A. J. Stiles. "The parents are assuming too much and shirking the parental obligation when they send their children to school before 6 years of age."

#### Mrs. Wynn Johnson.

"It is very important and necessary that the free kindergarten should become a part of the public school," said Mrs. Wynn Johnson. Continuing, Mrs. Johnson was of the opinion that "The kindergarten is a very important part of the child's education, for it is there that the child's hands, heart and head are correctly developed, making it possible for the working together in harmonious action for the future."

#### Mrs. Jay Smith.

"Were I obliged to curtail my child's schooling it should be at the top, never at the beginning," remarked Mrs. Jay Smith. "Many people raise the argument that children of the kindergarten age are too young to be taught. To be sure they are, and that is just what the kindergarten avoids, but the child is never too young to be influenced."

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#### Finds Buried Palace.

A recent expedition, headed by an Austrian scientist, has discovered in central Mesopotamia an immense head of ruins, including the remains of a magnificent palace, believed to have been built soon after the downfall of the Babylonian kingdom.

#### Nation's Graphite Output.

Flake graphite valued at \$171,149, amorphous graphite valued at \$125,821, and artificial graphite valued at \$481,239, were produced in the United States in 1907, which is an even greater amount was imported to meet the demand.

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## PRESIDENT'S SON ALLEGED THIEF

### Charges Are Brought by the Colombian Government Against Frenchman.

By Paul Villiers.

(Heart News by Long-Led Wire.) Paris, Dec. 5.—The son of a former French president stands accused of theft and fraud by the Colombian government. The law of Colombia sets forth that a person, foreigner or native, who finds an emerald in Colombian soil cannot dispose of it as he chooses. He is required to turn over the gem to the government who pays him about one fifth of its value. The Colombian government reserves to itself the right of cutting the stones and selling them for its own profit.

A few years ago a company was formed in Paris with the son of the ex-president as managing director, but it neglected to post itself in regard to Colombian law. The company bought and sold emeralds and on two occasions, in 1906 and 1908, sent a special mission to the American republic.

Its operations were so successful that the Colombian government stepped in and lodged a complaint against the explorers, alleging that the company had obtained emeralds by fraud.

A judge is now looking into the affair and two members of the mission have been examined. They declared that they acted in good faith, since they had obtained an official passport signed by the secretary of the mining syndicate of Muso. They added that they had bought emeralds from a man who was known as a large number of the precious stones and appeared to trade in them habitually. In spite of this explanation the charge of fraud and conspiracy to defraud the government is maintained against the members of the mission.

All the gourmets of Paris are thinking and saying unpleasant things of King Alfonso of Spain, who has just carried off Marechal, the famous chef of the Jockey club and installed him as master of the royal kitchen at Madrid.

The Jockey club was loth to let him go, but courtesy to a young gourmet for a monarch prevented the kitchen committee from entering into competition with him.

As a matter of fact the club has coolly got its own back off another club, the equally aristocratic but a trifle less sportsy Union Deploimique, at the other side of the boulevard, almost opposite. Having lost Marechal, the Jockey club has brought over the Union chef.

This is the second time the Union has suffered indirectly through royalty. Some time ago King Leopold of Bel-

gium, having enjoyed a "canard aux navets" at the Jockey club, instantly secured the services of the masterpiece, who was Marechal's deputy.

The Jockey club bowed and went across the street, where it bribed one of the Union's cooks as a substitute. Now the great Marechal himself has been captured by royalty and once more of the Union's cooks as a substitute.

Indeed, Marechal himself had originally come from the Union. He is said to be unrivaled in the preparation of carp and grouse. He acknowledged that King Edward's chef is a brilliant artist, but "there is just ever so little more romance and poetry in the cuisine, but, after all, is not true classicism the real thing? I am a classic!"

A wrestler of some fame found himself in the police station of the Goutille D'Or yesterday charged with a minor offense. When the inspector questioned him, the man, a variable Hercules, who turns the scales at 235 pounds, adopted a defiant tone. A policeman was ordered to search him to see if he carried a weapon. The policeman was promptly knocked down and a second was ordered to search him. At this moment a police commissioner entered the office. He saw what had taken place and locking the door after him, beat a hasty retreat. His secretary followed his example.

The wrestler then opened a window and took refuge on a terrace, but the police messenger stepped on the terrace without being seen, and with a kick and a blow with his fist sent the colossus into space. He was picked up with a fractured skull and taken to the Lariboisiere hospital, where it was found necessary to bind him. He has promised to get even with the messenger when he leaves the hospital.

China's New Coinage. From the Shanghai Mercury. The one tael silver coins, which have been adopted as the standard coin of Chinese currency are expected to be minted next year. They will be limited to 10,000,000.

The Molteno (Cape Colony) farmers have hit upon a novel plan for dealing with locusts. A farmer has imported some eagle kites for the purpose of scaring locusts from the crops.

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