

Women's Clubs and Their Work

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CONTINUING with the annual reports of the standing committees of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, we give the following report from the educational committee:

The educational committee of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs started out on its year's work with but one object in view, that of making a study of the public school system using its influence through the federation toward improving undesirable conditions.

Soon we found, however, that to succeed in this work we must take into ourselves all another object. We found through experience, what all the world finds out, sooner or later, that the conditions of public life are but the reflection of the home life, and that to improve school conditions we must begin in the home.

Our second object then, is to bring into the home something of intellectual value, and to this end we have adopted for our plan, the extension course of the University of Oregon.

During the year this committee has sent out 82 letters, distributed the educational literature sent them by other organizations, visited a large number of clubs and persons in the discharge of its duty, and has kept in personal touch with a large number of schools.

Our work has taken us into school rooms at unexpected times of the day and out of season, and with but rare exceptions have we found the air fresh and pure; more often has it been so heavy and foul that compulsory education was more of a crime than a benefit. We believe that if proper ventilation were insisted upon by the parents or better still, if the school rooms were so constructed that the circulation of fresh air was unavoidable, then would we be rid of much of our fight against the white plague, and all the other "ills that flesh is heir to."

The hot lunch, as established in many of the eastern schools is not a new idea, for we find William Morris saying that children should receive their hot meal a day when at school. While the hot lunch seems a bit in advance for us, at least in the country schools, still much of the evil wrought by the lunch bucket habit could be overcome, if properly discouraged. Lunches put up in the morning, and served in tightly covered tin pails, hot and cold food piled one on top of the other, and left to steam from 8 o'clock until noon, hard boiled eggs and greasy doughnuts, pieces of strong cheese and sour pickle, and the never-forgotten soggy pie, all contribute toward keeping up our nation's dyspeptic reputation. After personal investigation we find that most of the immorality among school children begins with the lunch bucket habit which allows so much time and freedom at the noon hour. The noon recess should be long enough to allow children, living within at least a mile of the building, to go home, for a good brisk walk, after three hours indoors, is beneficial to any child who is well enough to be in school. But like all such questions, the fault lies principally with the mother, and we must go back to the home for the solution.

After studying over the buying of text books which are unnecessary and sometimes scarcely opened, the qualifications required, or rather not required, of teachers and directors, the bodily filth and uncleanness of some children, and the need of a school bath room, the lack of honesty and integrity in some of our schools when it comes to examination and exhibition work these and many more things, which time prevents enumerating, convince this committee that the club women could do more in the future than they have done in the past, toward righting the wrongs in their districts, and with that thought in view we offer the following recommendations:

That the clubs make the study of the school law part of their year's work. That in order to do so, the resolution now filed with the secretary, which is to petition the state authorities to print a sufficient number of copies of the school law so that all who desire may have one, be passed. The dearth of copies not only robs the state of much valuable thought and suggestion, but is even dangerous in that district authorities, either wilfully or unintentionally, misquote, misapply, violate and disregard rules and regulations, while the law, of which the majority of people are forced to remain in ignorance, is given as authority for such infringement.

We recommend that the federation authorize this committee to send to each club a list of questions and suggestions, and that the club appoint one of their members to visit the school in their district and report to the chairman of the educational committee, sending any recommendations or suggestions they deem helpful to the work.

We further recommend that the clubwomen use their influence as school patrons to discourage the multiplicity of studies that are being crowded into the school curriculum, the tendency of which is to prevent concentration of thought, and force the intellect of children of tender years, causing them to study late into the evening with "home work." When the child is in bed asleep. That the woman's club in the town, look into the question of school lunches, and if necessary interview the school board to the end that a longer recess at noon be allowed.

What we have done in behalf of our second object, that of the university extension, has been in creating an interest among the clubs and in encouraging them to undertake the courses as part of their programs. We have, during the past year, arranged for several lectures, given by the members of the University of Oregon faculty before the clubs interested in the correspondence study courses, and we have several more in contemplation. So many inquiries have come to us in regard to these study courses as practical for women's clubs, how much time they take, how many books required, what the cost, what are the subjects, who has charge of them, etc., that we feel we have been successful in arousing an interest, which is the year to come will bear fruit. This committee has done several things worth while, but of nothing do we feel more proud than that through our work we have one with us today who can tell us all there is to know about university extension, and who can answer all our questions satisfactorily, as "with one having authority."

ELIZABETH PETTINGER, chairman Educational Committee. At the close of this report President Campbell of the State University was introduced and spoke upon many of the phases of school work referred to in the report, but particularly in regard to the university extension courses of study that have been prepared for the clubs.

With praise, glory and honor the women of Oregon extend congratulations to the women of Washington, and even more than to the women do they extend it to the men, for to them is the praise and honor due. Thoroughly organized, earnest of progress, laying aside the smaller issues of personal interests, and uniting with only the goal in view, the women of Washington marched to victory. Skillful generalship, political acumen and a constituency that lost sight of all save the object, were contributory causes to the success of suffrage in our neighboring state. But it must ever and always be borne in mind, that it was through the votes of men they came to their own.

The men of Washington were big enough, progressive enough and courageous enough to get away from the opinions of the Ladies Home Journal, which was the only weapon used against the women of Oregon, and who can only suppose that she has a certain masculine population whose prerogative as an American citizen is putty in the hands of Mr. Bok.

Two weeks ago the representatives of 66 clubs in Oregon met in council at The Dalles. Besides many women who hold lucrative and enviable positions in state school and municipal affairs of the state, the president of the state university, the secretary of the state board of health, a representative of the commercial club of Portland, and several prominent ministers thought it quite worth their time (and their own money) to come and address that body of women. The subjects discussed were: Our normal school situation; free text book; water and its relation to health; the care of food in the home; school inspection; open air schools; women in civics; the subconscious influence of ordinary reading, and several other kindred subjects, wholly practical and for the betterment of home, school and state. The influence of that convention is already being felt by committees of mothers being appointed to visit the schools, by steps toward state milk regulations being taken, through the assistance it gave in the struggle for normal schools and in various other ways. One evening of the session was devoted to hearing what the individual clubs of the state were doing, every one of which, through their works, proved their excuse for being, and Oregon today would be less beautiful, the schools less healthful and sanitary, and the homes conducted on a far lower plane of intelligence if it were not for these clubs.

In the March 1908 issue of the Ladies' Home Journal, Mr. Bok said in an editorial: "This magazine is met in large and angry letters in the minds of many estimable women as being opposed to women's clubs. And it is." Its reasons were the absolute uselessness of the organizations, and its entire lack of practical work.

Mrs. Dicker and Mrs. Wood of the bureau of information, prepared a short summary of actual civic and social betterment work done by the clubs and sent it to Mr. Bok, asking the simple justice of having it published, which was refused.

(See report, Boston convention, page 81.)

It does not take a sage to see to see why this opposition, from this magazine, to the progress of women. The editor has coined money out of the skim milk he has served to babes. When women have a part in the real issues of life they will cease to read a journal whose chief object is to hobble their brains as well as their petticoats.

When Oregon men wake up to the realization of the true condition and how they have been duped, they will accord the women of their state the same justice Washington has done for Oregon men and just, if not generous, and two years will not be long to wait for no cause is settled till it is settled right.

Three Judges File Statements.

Salem, Or., Nov. 12.—George H. Burnett and H. J. Bean, successful candidates for the supreme bench in Tuesday's election, filed statements of campaign expenses with the secretary of state today. Judge Burnett spent \$266 and Judge Bean \$442. F. M. Calkins, the successful candidate for circuit judge in the first judicial district, comprised of Josephine and Jackson counties, spent \$10 in his campaign, according to his statement of expenses filed today.

Catholic Young Men's club gym classes: Girls 3:30 to 4:30 Mondays; 3:30 to 4:30 Wednesdays. Married ladies and young ladies, 8:15 to 9:15 Mondays; 8:15 to 9:15 Wednesdays. Boys, 3:30 to 4:30 Tuesdays; 3:30 to 4:30 Fridays. Men, 8:15 to 9:15 Tuesdays; 8:15 to 9:15 Fridays. 281 Morris street. \$1 initiation fee, 50c per month. Apply at club.

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