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living or to make the most of the poverty at home. A penny bank has been started, a branch of one of the city savings banks. There are cooking classes where young girls are taught to do plain cooking and especially the cooking of Chicago foods. Boys are taught industrial arts and it was through efforts coming from Hull House. The *Times-Herald* said of this:

"The adoption of the amendments to the child labor law, introduced and advocated under the auspices of Hull House was a great victory for the women and brings Illinois abreast of the most progressive manufacturing states of the union so far as the adequate protection of the children is concerned. It will work a great revolution in industrial conditions in this state."

There has been much discussion of this law for and against it. It is urged that much suffering is the result of the law but at Hull House it is the unanimous opinion that in the long run the law will right a great deal of wrong by making it possible for the children to go to school and to raise themselves, part of them, to something like happiness. As things have been there was little chance for anything except mental and moral stagnation for those of the poorer class who were compelled to work in factories or shops before they could even read.

Hull House tries in all these ways to help the mental status of their neighborhood. Besides doing this it does something to relieve immediate wants of the people. The residents co operate with the police and so keep a knowledge of the crimes committed in the Hull House district. They co-operate also with other charitable and philanthropic organizations and if the work of relief seems to belong to any organization notification is sent.

When any one needs help he comes to Hull House, has a blank filled out with a statement as to his occupation, circumstances, debts, address and family. Immediately after this a resident is sent out as a friendly visitor to investigate the case, see the family, and report as to the advisability of giving aid. The man's record is looked up to see whether he has been aided before either at Hull House or at other places. There seems to be a great deal of red tape in giving this relief but it has been found absolutely necessary. The utmost dispatch is used in looking up cases so that immediate relief may be given.

In cases where medical aid is asked no delay is allowed. A nurse from the Chicago visiting nurses association has her headquarters at Hull House and goes to any place where she is needed.

If Chicago is a wicked city, and it is accepted as almost an axiom that it is, there is a strong current against the wickedness. Not only is there the college settlement movement so strong in its influence for civic and industrial betterment but there are many religious organizations that try in novel ways to influence the lower class of people. The salvation army does its usual work and there are as usual missions and Sunday schools. But these are not all. There are in Chicago river boats tied to the docks where the river rats, as they are called, come to hear good music and incidentally to have a great deal of amusement out of a Bible lesson. These "Floating Bethels" are managed by students in the Moody Bible Institute.

The students also go to parks or out on the streets with instructions to talk to any one who seems to be friendless and to help them in any way possible. They stand in wagons, with a choir with them, and preach to the changing crowds that gather to hear.

The task of lifting the mass of people that are at the bottom seems almost hopeless but it is good to see the effort made.

A work done by the woman's club in Chicago takes advantage of children's susceptibility to influence from pictures. The club has placed in the city schools collections of fruit copies of good pictures. The teachers take charge of these and circulate them as they would a library of books. A child can keep a picture two weeks and then if he likes the picture have it for another two weeks. They say that often a child becomes so attached to a picture that he manages in some way, even the very poorest, to get money for a copy of his own. Perhaps in this way the woman's club is raising up genius that will tell some day in making Chicago a real art center.

A party of young ladies from Lincoln passed through Chicago this last week on their way home from the Y. W. C. A. conference held two weeks ago at Lake Geneva. Most of them stopped over in Chicago for a day or so to look over the city or to visit friends. Among those who stopped were: Miss Auman, Miss Jennie Hall, Miss Pollock, Miss Pyrtle, Miss Dinmore and Miss Woodford.

ANNIE PREY.

Most of the State Federationes hold annual meetings, except Iowa, which biennially, alternates with the biennial of the General Federation. Some of the State Federationes enjoy the annual convention so much that they hold semi-annual meetings. Maine, Iowa, Minnesota and Georgia have this season held semi-annual meetings. The Minnesota State Federation had a lunch at St. Paul during February. A year ago this practice was inaugurated and the lunch was held at St. Paul, with about 500 women in attendance, and this year 1,500 women attended and taxed the capacity of the large West Hill hotel to its utmost. The great dining room and corridors were full of tables and the after dinner speakers were cheered to the echo.

Maine always holds a semi-annual meeting, which is made a social affair as well as a business meeting, and great interest in the work of the State Federation is evinced, as the towns and cities vie with each other to entertain the semi-annual meeting of the board.

The board meetings of the Iowa Federation are made occasions for social intercourse, and teas, receptions and dinners galore are given for the entertainment of the members of the board. All the clubs of the state participate to make this an occasion of great good feeling.

The Georgia Federation will be just a year old in October next, and the board decided to hold a field day during June and selected Warm Springs as a good place in which to hold a federation meeting. Nearly 500 club women met, at the invitation of the federation. Mrs. John K. Ottley, chairman of the program committee, made a brilliant success of the meeting. Visitors came from all over the state and spent the day at this charming resort.

The program was as follows:

1. "Federation March."
2. President's address.
3. Five-minute talks from the chairmen of standing committees: "Education," Mrs. Robert Park, Macon; "Libraries," Mrs. Eugene Heard, Rose Hill, Middleton; "Reform," Mrs. Nellie Peters Black, Atlanta; "Press," Mrs. Beulah Moseley, Rome; "Reciprocity," Mrs. Heber Reed, Atlanta.
4. Music.
5. Question box. Various questions of interest were answered by three-minute papers and discussion from the floor.
6. Music.

Mrs. Lowe, president of the Georgia Federation, was greeted by a continued outburst of applause when she arose to make her opening address, a proof of