

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Features of Report of National Commissioner of Education.

VALUE OF CHILD LABOR LAWS

How the States Line Up on Compulsory School Attendance—Progressive Activities of Various Institutions.

The annual report of the national commissioner of education, advance sheets of which have been issued, deals chiefly with compulsory attendance and child labor laws and the progress in that direction made by states and territories.

On the subject of compulsory attendance the report says: The full period for compulsory attendance in the United States ranges from 4 years in Maryland to 9 years in Connecticut and Illinois.

It is worthy of note in this connection that the actual ages for free attendance at public schools in the different states of the union vary as a rule, a much longer period than the ages for compulsory school attendance.

So far as regards time alone these liberal provisions make it possible for every child to pass beyond the mere elementary school stage. At the same time also they afford the opportunity for children whose schooling is interrupted by sickness, necessity of work, or other misfortune, to resume study when circumstances permit.

Unfortunately, the actual average period of school attendance in our country falls far below its legal measure. From estimates continued for several years in the bureau of education, it appears that the average number of years of schooling in elementary and secondary schools supported by public taxes is equivalent to 4.89 years of 200 days each for each individual of the population.

Moreover, we have come to realize that the lower grades of the public schools do not reach the same high standard as the upper grades. The bulk of the population of the nation are successfully weaned out the same problem—for example, Massachusetts, by the requirement of an evening school in every city and town of 10,000 or more inhabitants; Kansas, by its system of high schools; Wisconsin, by its continuation or agricultural high schools.

The term just closed at Simpson college was one of the best in the history of the school. The attendance was large, the spirit shown of the best and the work fully up to the standard of the past. In athletics there was the greatest interest, and the basket ball team was defeated by but two teams and only one of those an Iowa college team.

ENOUGH DIAPEPSIN TO RELIEVE ENTIRE FAMILY OF INDIGESTION.

Why not make up your mind now and for all to get rid of your stomach misery and indigestion. Nothing will remain undigested or sour on your stomach if you will eat one 22-grain Triangule of Diapepsin after your meal. This powerful digestive and antacid, though as harmless and pleasant as candy, will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood 2,000 grains of food.

ever added to the work of the college. All the students and nearly 100 outsiders took the work and there was the greatest interest manifest. The work was in charge of professors from the Iowa State college at Ames and was the same as is given in all their short courses, and the students will be given the same credit as those doing the same work at Ames. It is hoped to make this a permanent feature of the year's work and to have it earlier in the year hereafter. The work of the spring term began on April 1 and will last ten weeks.

Columbia School of Mines.

In 1907 Columbia university revised the entrance examination requirements for its schools of engineering and chemistry by simplifying them and co-ordinating them with the programs of the best secondary schools. By the adoption at the same time of a uniform program of studies for the first year in all courses, students were no longer compelled to make their minds at the outset as to the particular course they desired to take, and it became much easier for college graduates to enter the schools with adequate preparation for advanced standing. Following these steps has come the co-ordination and revision of the three subsequent years of each of the courses. This revision, which has been the subject of earnest consideration by the committee on a program of studies and by the officers in charge of the school, has just been formally adopted by the faculty at its March meeting and will go into effect on July 1, 1908.

In the first place, the programs have been thoroughly co-ordinated by attaching such duplication of instruction as had grown up in the development of the several departments, and courses whose value has been lessened by changes in actual professional methods have been replaced by subjects of greater value to the professional students of today.

Secondly, the work in many subjects has been made more intensive and as a result the number of students who are able to complete the courses has increased. For example, calculus is to receive five hours weekly during the first half year, instead of three hours during the year, and the same change is to be made in the important courses in Analytical mechanics and resistance of materials. These three fundamental courses, which are taken by all professional students, are some of the subjects in which the most important changes have been made.

The results of the change in entrance requirements and the uniform first year have been most satisfactory. In 1907-8 the total of new students in the schools, being 229, as against 182 in 1906-7, a gain of 47 per cent, and the number of entrance courses carried by students being reduced 62 per cent and the number of term conditions 25 per cent. It is expected that the program in the professional courses, together with the close personal contact which is now being maintained by the dean and the professors with all the students in the schools, will still further enhance the reputation of the historic "Columbia school of mines."

Iowa State University.

On April 29 and 30 the national meeting of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity will be held at the State university of Iowa. This is the oldest and most famous law fraternity in the United States. It has chapters in every law school of any note in the country. It is probable that the convention this year will be largely attended, it being the first time that national meetings have ever been held in the west. The program arranged is as follows: April 29, business sessions morning and afternoon, a smoker in the evening; April 30, business sessions in the morning, a ride about the city in the afternoon, and a banquet in the evening. Not only will the various chapters of the fraternity be represented at this meeting, but a great many alumni will be in attendance.

A new club has been formed at the State university which is made up of students from foreign countries. There are many students at the university from foreign lands and this club is known as the "Cosmopolitan club. It is formed in order that its members may become better acquainted with other countries than their own. The bulk of the membership in this club is made up of students from Mexico, Japan and the Philippines.

In the bacteriological laboratory of the State Board of Health, which is a part of the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology located at the State university of Iowa, from twenty-five to thirty examinations a day are made. These are special examinations of various specimens, more especially tuberculosis, typhoid fever and diphtheria, submitted by physicians from all parts of the state, and are for the purpose of assisting physicians in the recognition of infectious diseases which from the clinical symptoms alone cannot be recognized as such, or at least not so early as by bacteriological examination.

The work of the laboratory has had a steady increase since its beginning a little more than three years ago. During the first year 2,500 examinations were made, during the second year 5,100 and during the third year 8,653.

The work of the laboratory has done much in saving the lives of patients suffering from infectious diseases, but more especially by preventing its spread to others. During the last year it has nipped in the bud what have on several occasions threatened to be quite severe epidemics of typhoid fever.

LATTER DAY SAINTS MEET

Annual Conference Begins Monday at Independence, Mo.

SOME OF LEADERS OF CHURCH

Many Prominent Men in Organization from Iowa—Missions Work Chief Feature—Polygamy is Opposed.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 5.—(Special.)—The white-haired, venerable president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Joseph Smith of Independence, Mo., will call to order tomorrow the world's annual conference of the church, over which he has presided for nearly half a century.

While this estimate may be high, yet there will be hundreds of visitors from various countries and from all parts of the United States, gathering with earnestness and zeal to participate in this annual convention, wherein the policies of the church are determined and set forth from which are sent the missionaries to propagate the doctrines of the church in all parts of the world.

The patriarchal man who stands at the head of this church is the son of Joseph Smith, the prophet, who in 1844 was murdered at Carthage, Ill., by an infuriated mob of overzealous opponents of the religion which the murdered man had been propagating. The Joseph Smith who now presides over this church, which claims to be the church in direct succession to the one established by his father, has from the beginning of his public career been known as an ardent champion for obedience to civil law as well as divine law and one who has taught his followers to be conscientious supporters of the laws of the land.

Everywhere they are known the members of the church are known as law-abiding, peaceable citizenship, and the faces and general appearance of the gathering delegates and visitors bear testimony to the fact that they are a clean, moral people. Their public spirit is known wherever they are known, and their record everywhere is one of unblemished character to the fact that between them and the Utah Mormon church there is a wide chasm.

In these annual conferences the business of the church is transacted, and this business is transacted in open session, where any delegate or ex-officio member has rights to the floor and where he is listened to if he expresses his opinion on matters under discussion, even though such opinion might be severe arraignment of even the president of the church. This is in marked contrast to the practice of the Utah church, where liberty of speech on the floor of the conference is an unknown thing.

Organization of the Church.

Associated with the venerable president at the head of his son, Frederick M. Smith, of Independence, Mo., are J. W. Evans of London, Ont. These three constitute what is known as the first presidency of the church, and have general supervision of affairs of the church in all the world. It is generally spoken of as the leading "quorum" of the church. Another office is that of the twelve apostles, which is known as the quorum of twelve, who are, according to the beliefs of the church, the twelve apostles. The personnel of the quorum as at present constituted is as follows: W. H. Kelly of Lamoni, Ia.; H. C. Smith of Lamoni, Ia.; Joseph Luff of Independence, Mo.; Gomer T. Griffith of Columbus, O.; I. N. White of Independence, Mo.; J. W. Wright of Lamoni, Ia.; Peter Anderson of the Scandinavian mission; A. Smith of Lamoni, Ia.; E. M. Bosh of Boston, Mass.; U. W. Greene of Kirilund, O.; C. A. Buttner of Geelong, Australia; J. W. Rushton of Leeds, England.

Upon these twelve men, who have been in session in Independence daily in "quorum work" since March 10, devolves the work of assigning missions to the 200 or 600 missionaries who spend their time constantly in proselyting the work of the church. The chief work of these twelve apostles in the interim of conferences is to preside over the missionary work of the world, and for the purpose of accomplishing this work these twelve apostles are assigned missions and sent to various parts of the world by the quorum of the first presidency, the appointments or assignments of both quorums being subject to approval or disapproval by the general conference, though as a matter of fact little or no objection has ever been urged on the part of the conference to assignments made by these quorums.

Work of Bishop Kelley.

There is a body of men in the Reorganized church known as "bishops," each bishop having two "counselors." These bishops in the Reorganized church have slightly different functions than do the bishops of other churches. They are the financial officers of the church, their chief work being to collect and disburse funds of the church in the way of tithing, free will offerings and contributions. Over this arm of the church presides one of the noted characters of the church, Bishop E. L. Kelley, a man now past his three-score years, and who has been discharging the trying and vexatious duties of bishop for about eighteen years. Upon him devolves the task of caring for the families of all the missionaries sent out by the church. Of course it would be difficult for him to attend to all of these personally, so he has through the church, his assistant bishops, agents and sub-agents, completely organized as the financial corps of the church. Bishop Kelley is a resident of Independence, Mo., and is prominent in the affairs of the city.

Missions-Literary Society.

The conventions of the General Sunday School Association of the Reorganized Church and the Young People's society, known as Zion's Religious Literary society, have been in progress since the middle of the week and they are holding today. These conventions, while not so largely attended as the general conference of the church,

are scarcely behind it in zeal and enthusiasm.

The president of the Religious society is Prof. J. A. Gussally of Lamoni, Ia., head of the commercial department of Graceland college, a school run under the auspices of the church, associated with him in the presidency is Rev. Walter W. Smith of Philadelphia. The secretary of the organization is Mrs. M. A. Eisenhauer of Independence, Mo. Other officers of the Religious society, as it is familiarly known, are R. B. Trowbridge, treasurer, Independence, Mo.; E. Burgess, St. Louis, Mo., librarian. The General Association School Association of the Reorganized Church is presided over by General Superintendent T. A. Housgar of Macedonia, Ia. W. S. Robinson of Sapulpa, Okl., is first assistant to the general superintendent and E. H. Fisher of Boston, Mass., is second assistant. The secretary of the association is David J. Krall of Independence, Mo., and the treasurer is John Smith of Lamoni, Ia. Mrs. Lucinda Eisenhauer of Independence, Mo., is the librarian. All of these officers have been present at the conventions of both societies.

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ECHOES OF THE ANTE-ROOM

Grand Army of the Republic Holds Thirty-Second Annual Encampment at Hastings.

The thirty-second annual encampment of the Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Hastings, Neb., May 19 to 21. A public reception to the veterans will be held in the First Methodist church the evening of May 17. The parade will take place Wednesday, May 20, at 10 a. m., under the direction of Chief of Staff A. W. Taylor. Arrangements are made for the reunion of the several state associations. The business sessions of the encampment will be held in the evening of the beginning Wednesday, May 20. A campfire will be held in the opera house Wednesday evening.

Department Commander T. A. Creigh has issued his general order regarding the appropriate observance of Memorial Day, May 30. He recommends that the different posts of the state invite the neighborhoods to join in the appropriate observance of the day. Comrades are advised to attend divine services in a body at some church on Sunday, May 24. Arrangements are made for patriotic services in the schools on Friday, May 23.

Royal Arcanum.

The twelfth annual session of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum of Nebraska will be held Tuesday, April 28, at the institute, 219 South Eighteenth street. The session will open promptly at 10 a. m. The committee on credentials will be in session at 10 a. m. and examine credentials of representatives, in order that a prompt organization be effected. All officers and members intending to introduce resolutions, memorials or amendments to the constitution are required to have the same prepared in writing in duplicate and in the hands of the grand secretary not later than April 27. The committee on credentials will be in session at 10 a. m. and examine credentials of representatives, in order that a prompt organization be effected. All officers and members intending to introduce resolutions, memorials or amendments to the constitution are required to have the same prepared in writing in duplicate and in the hands of the grand secretary not later than April 27.

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Last Seen Alive.

Nelson lived near where the Illinois Central railroad tracks cross Fifth street, with his wife and two children. On the evening of January 27 he hitched up his team and in company with Youn Larson, a Courtland Beach, saloonkeeper, started around the lake to procure a load of wood. Arriving at the saloon of Jake Sauer the two had several drinks in company with the habitues of the place, employees on the ice fields. Some of these latter, while Larson and Nelson were in the saloon, borrowed a wagon from the night watchman of a nearby ice house and loaned a burr on one of the axles of Nelson's wagon, and when the latter attempted to drive away the wheel came off, and Nelson was forced to abandon the wagon, according to the story told by Sauer. After having a few more drinks Nelson and Larson started to walk across the ice toward home, but when nearing the opposite shore Larson was overcome by insensibility and fell asleep on the ice, awaking several hours afterwards and making his way home, numb from the exposure.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS' MEETING

Announcement of the Extension of the Society to Nebraska.

O. M. Frazer of New Castle, Ind., an officer of the Society of Friends, in a letter to The Bee announces that one of the annual meetings of the society will be held in Central City, Neb., next. There are fourteen yearly meetings of the society, and this will be the fifth and the first held in this state. The location of these yearly meetings is well indicated by their name: Baltimore, California, Canada, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Philadelphia, West Virginia, in western Indiana; Wilmington, in Ohio; and the Nebraska meeting, in the various stations of those meetings is 16,800. The Friends have colleges at Philadelphia, Wilmington, Richmond, Okaloussa, Wichita, Kan.; Central City, Neb.; Wiltshire, Cal.; and Newberg, Ore. The society has 124 missionaries working in the various stations in foreign lands, Japan, China, India, Syria, Africa, Portugal, Porto Rico, Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico, South and Central America and Alaska.

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Start on a New Line. Regular passenger trains are now operated on the new line to the Pacific Coast to Moberge, Lemmon, Hettinger, Bowman and Marmarth, in the Dakotas, and to Terry, Miles City, Musselshell and Harlowton, in Montana, with connections for Moore, Lewistown and other points in the Judith Basin. Home-seekers' Excursions Tuesday, April 7 and 21. Home-seekers' tickets are good for 21 days from date of sale stop-overs are allowed. Investigate NOW the openings in farming, stock-raising and mercantile work, along the Pacific Coast Extension of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. The round-trip fare from Omaha for these excursions will be \$20.85 to Moberge; \$25.95 to Lemmon, Hettinger, Bowman and Marmarth; \$36.50 to Harlowton; \$37.50 to Moore and Lewistown, Mont. Fares to other points quoted on request. Maps and descriptive books regarding the opportunities in this new country free for the asking. F. A. MILLER, General Passenger Agent, CHICAGO. F. A. NASH, General Western Agent, 1524 Farnam St., Omaha.

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