

EXTENSION OF LIBRARIES

Reasons Why the State Should Promote Them in Small Communities.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF GOOD BOOKS

Proposed Law for a State Commission to Push the Work Along Practical Lines—Plans for Traveling Libraries.

The Nebraska legislature of 1901 will be asked to consider a bill which has for its object the furtherance and spread of the library movement in Nebraska. It is proposed to create a library commission, to provide for a system of traveling libraries and to make an appropriation sufficient to carry the law into effect.

It is no untrodden path into which the state is asked to venture. Seventeen states have already established library commissions and thirty-three states are enjoying the advantages of some form of traveling libraries.

These commissions are composed of people who serve in nearly all cases without salary and whose sole efforts are to raise the intellectual and moral standards of their respective commonwealths.

Methods of Promotion.

There is no need of arguing as to the desirability of establishing free public libraries. Rather, it has come to be considered a reproach to a town of any size if it has not a public library.

There is much that the commission can do to assist libraries already started and those whose establishment has already been decided on.

When demand for such a school comes, it is the duty of such a commission to give a brief school of instruction in library methods in order that librarians whose salaries will not permit of attendance at any of the distant library schools, may learn better methods of library management.

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Traveling Libraries.

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A good book is never seen, where the people have no way of finding out which books are good and which are not, where the advent of any kind of a book is a godsend.

Traveling libraries will be the means of keeping alive the small libraries, where only a few books can be added each year.

Practical Examples.

As a concrete illustration, suppose that the superintendent of schools at B—a town of 2,000 inhabitants, attends the State Teachers' association meeting at Lincoln, hears an address from the library commission, secures a printed circular containing the library laws of Nebraska and some hints on starting a library and goes home to consult with the people he is sure will be interested.

In the rural districts the mere presence of the traveling libraries will be an argument for more books in the schools and the home. When people live hundreds of miles from a book store they cannot be expected to buy books or to know what books to buy.

Much of the world's best literature—particularly that in periodical form—is stowed away in the garrets of Nebraska or has been set aside by libraries that have received it by donation because it duplicates things already in the libraries.

The library commission will co-operate with the state superintendent, the teachers of Nebraska, the conductors of farmers' institutes, the study clubs and other educational societies in advancing the educational standards of the state.

Time for Action.

Much more might be said as to the possibilities of the work of a library commission, but is not this enough to convince the most obtuse that Nebraska must no longer delay in this work?

It is one of the duties of a library commission to publish and circulate library information, lists of books and other matter that would be helpful—particularly to the small libraries—except, in Nebraska, mean all the libraries except those in Lincoln and Omaha.

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takes the turn of antagonism to commissions simply has to submit to the inevitable, and would do well to expend his energies in finding out just what commissions the state really needs.

No Politics in It.

The only other serious objection, aside from the financial one, will come from those who fear that the commission will be composed of political partisans, who will use their positions to spread their own particular doctrines.

The economical objector must also be reckoned with. Iowa appropriates annually \$4,000, the Minnesota commission has \$2,000 a year and the coming legislature is to be asked to raise it to \$10,000 a year.

Anyone who wishes to co-operate with those who inaugurated this movement should not do so more effectively than to call the attention of his neighbors to it, and one and all to urge it upon their representatives in the legislature.

MRS. BELLE M. STOUTENBOROUGH.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Little Miss Upperton—Mamma, doesn't the bible say we should love our neighbors?

Mamma—Yes, dear.

Little Miss U.—Does that include those on the back street as well as those on the avenue?

Tommy (aged 4)—Mamma, may I go out and play in the street now?

Mamma—What! You want to go out and play with that big hole in your jacket?

Tommy—No, mamma; I only want to play with the little boy next door.

Johnny had been watching the crowded street corner from his father's downtown office window for nearly an hour.

"Gee!" he exclaimed. "There's a fellow that's going to get run over! No, he ain't, neither," he added, in a tone of deep disgust. "He got out of the way!"

Small Boy—Mamma, please give me another lump of sugar for my coffee. I dropped the other one.

Mamma—Well, here's another. But where did you drop the first one?

Small Boy—In my coffee.

Little Johnny—People can't get married after they die, can they?

Mr. Slowboy—No, I guess not, Johnny.

Little Johnny—Then you can't never marry my big sister, can you?

Mr. Slowboy—Why, I—er—what makes you think I can't, Johnny?

Little Johnny—"Cause I heard her tell me the other day that you was a dead one.

A child just in her teens, who was accompanying her father to a street car in the suburbs, suddenly saw a grass snake slide into a knothole in the sidewalk.

"Say, papa," exclaimed the startled youngster, "did you see the snake?"

The man, bent upon work, declared that he had.

Then the little girl made this staggering inquiry:

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A celebrated English physician says that he has found that warts may be cured by vaccination. He vaccinated a girl of 12 who had ninety-four warts on one hand and seven weeks after the operation the warts had all disappeared. Many other remedies had been tried in vain.

It is the law in Maine that the bounty on bears must be paid when the animal's nose is shown, while in New Hampshire the money is forthcoming upon exhibiting of the ears. Some enterprising sportsmen who live near the boundary collect double bounty—showing the noses in Maine and the ears in New Hampshire.

Christmas trees are already being cut down in Washington county, Maine, and the season's output from that section will amount to 400 carloads, with 300 bunches to a car. Each bunch consists of from two to six trees. The trees are sent to New York and Boston, where they are sold for about ten times as much as they are worth on board the cars in Maine.

Quite the capital of Ecuador, cannot be approached by rail or by wagon road. In two years it is expected that a New York syndicate will have completed a railway to that point. Horses and mules and thousands of pack animals are engaged in bearing burdens to Quevedo, the nearest point. It takes sixteen Indians about thirty days to convey to Ecuador's capital from the nearest point.

The last congress appropriated \$3,000 to erect the clock at Sioux Falls, and the secretary of the treasury let a contract for the time piece costing but \$1,300. It is to have no striking attachment and no dial and is not at all satisfactory. It seems now the citizens will follow the example of St. Joseph, Mo., where the same kind of deal was attempted. A protest sent to Washington caused the clock to be ordered taken to Wilmington, N. C., and service and an up-to-date one substituted at St. Joseph.

The total cost of the Pan-American exposition to be held in Buffalo next year is estimated at \$10,000,000. The executive committee, says that the resources now in sight amount to about \$2,000,000. Progress on the work of construction is proceeding rapidly.

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