

Motherhood Is More Than Maudlin Sentiment or Manual Labor

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

During the last week Omaha has been witnessing a film drama on mother love. The play was well done and contained many worthy sentiments. It touched responsive chords in all of us, "the little colony which every family founds"—a lot in the center; the mother's longing for the children who have left "the old nest"; it awakened, in fact, all the ideals which civilization has given us of family life and love.

But the play was a disappointment to those who hold a high conception of motherhood, for it glorified the wrong variety, the weak and selfish, not the strong and ennobling. A pity that the author did not make the most of this exquisite theme; not once did he transcend the physical relation and enter the realm of the spiritual.

A mother does not deserve the respect which the world gives her, merely because she has borne and fed her little folk.

She wears her place as the loveliest thing in God's universe only as she teaches her children the great truths of life and conduct and gives them to the world, honest and useful citizens.

In this the Rupert Hughes mother failed. She cooked for her children, she clothed them, she worried about them, she scolded them, but she lost every opportunity the plot of the play presented for their higher development.

Love Alone Not Motherhood.

She loved them, and love is beautiful wherever found; but love alone is not good motherhood. She smiled indulgently at the wrong doings of her children. Their wrong doings were her opportunity to teach them the right, to lead them by the small lesson into a wide appreciation of the great and universal verities of motherhood. She did not strengthen her children.

She seemed not to know that every obstacle children conquer through their own strength builds character for them.

She wept when her son stole from his employer and was driven from home a thief. But she herself stole from her husband (to put it harshly) to pay gambling debts for that boy and buy a new gown for her girl.

We love a mother who sympathizes with her daughter's desire for pretty things, but the thoughtful mother does not connive to obtain them. She tries to teach her child that a bright mind and charming manner will attract beaux quite as much as a new frock.

This mother was never her children's companion; she was their refuge in weakness. She held them by physical ties only. What wonder that once they were away, and their primitive wants satisfied, they felt no irresistible pull back to her.

What, after all, does one owe the person who merely washes his clothes and patches his pants in childhood? Something, but not the allegiance of the spirit, else we would all be revering our washerwomen and idealizing our tailors.

The mother's service must be something infinitely more wonderful

than manual labor if her influence is to be a lasting power in the lives of her family. And there must be something more than maudlin sentiment to draw the fledgling back to the nest if family ties are to endure.

Honest Men Better Than Chocolate Cake.

The one thought of this mother for a returning son was in the meal she could prepare for him—well enough, so far as it goes—but no suggestion was there from the author of her concern in the boy's experience and development while absent. No such mental query as: "How fares thy soul upon its way?"

The production of good food is worthy a mother's attention, but an honest man is a better gift to the world than a chocolate cake.

The child who wiped oatmeal over his head, if asked to wash it off himself, would have learned at once that we bear the responsibility for our own misdeeds and incidentally would have been taught good manners. None of that in the picture. The mother considered the little affair a "prank"—which it was—but it was also an opportunity for the mother to drive home a valuable lesson.

The youngster who carved into a table was petted, not punished. He could have been taught to respect property through this very incident.

Partnership With Husband.

Failing toward her children, this woman failed even more miserably with her husband. At no time was there any idea of partnership there. She ignored him in the upbringing of her family. She interfered with his honest efforts to correct them. She protected them from the deserved punishment he attempted to give them. When one of the handsome sons, grown to manhood, hired an attorney general of the United States and the father said tenderly, "Our son? My son?"

When the old couple, children grown, sat down at the table no longer so small, and father consulted her with the thought, "We still have each other. See. We can hold hands across the table again, as we did in the first days," she made belated and reluctant response to his soothing words, indulging in self pity and sharing neither her sorrows nor her joys with her life partner.

The true mother is loving, eternally loving, toward her children, but she thinks as well as loves. She is forgiving, she is patient, she is understanding, but she struggles with herself, like Jacob of old, to strangle the selfishness and self-gratification in her love in an effort to give to the generation to come men of virility and character, and women of wisdom and nobility.

Calendar

SUNDAY.

Old People's Home, Fontenelle Boulevard, 1:30 p. m. Speaker, Rev. George Van Winkle, pastor of Olivet Baptist church. Must be a male quartered from the church.

Get Acquainted Club—Sunday, 1:30 p. m. First Unitarian church, Turner boulevard and Harney street. Program of musical games and community singing. The meetings are nonsectarian and are open to all lonely men and women of the city. Mrs. Paul E. Harlan, director.

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Woman's Relief Corps Is Active

The ninth annual session of the Woman's Relief Corps convention of the Second district will be held in Blair Thursday, October 13. There are 14 corps in this district, including Omaha, North Bend, Hooper, Plattsmouth, Fremont, Decatur, South Sioux City, Walthill, Lyons, Tekamah and Blair. They are meeting at Clearwater on Saturday, October 1. Mrs. Sylvia Simkins of Clearwater is the district president and Pearl Worden of Neleigh is the secretary.

In July the Taylor Rock W. R. C. presented the American Legion post of that place with a beautiful flag. Miss Emma Wood gave a patriotic reading and the corps president, Mrs. May Bedea, made the presentation speech. This was responded to by Dr. Harman, commander of the American Legion post.

The Ainsworth corps has 150 members.

Walthill corps held three patriotic open meetings during the summer months, assisted by the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls. They are also erecting a monument in the cemetery to the world war soldiers and hope to have it completed this fall. Besides this they have sent two quilts to the soldiers' home at Burkett and have contributed to the educational fund for the fund with which to buy a piano for the soldiers' home at Milford.

Neligh corps has been giving a series of birthday parties for the old soldiers. In August four of these birthdays were celebrated and in September, three. Charles Myers, one of the guests of honor, was 90 years old. The members of this corps are making rag rugs and feather pillows at their Kensingtons to be sent to the Milford home. Mrs. Emma Howell is the corps president.

Plattsmouth corps presented a flag to the American Legion post and also one to the Elks lodge.

Rawlins corps, No. 92, of Beatrice is busy making quilts at their Kensingtons. Joint meetings are also held with the G. A. R. and on one of these occasions a beautiful mounted silk flag was presented to the post.

Goulds corps of Republican City entertained Minnehaha Camp Fire Girls and their guardians in July. The girls were presented with a silk flag by the patriotic instructor, Bertha Travis.

The Blair corps has nearly finished the Red Cross quota of garments assigned to Washington county. Twenty-eight layettes remain to be finished. The corps executive committee has done the cutting and supervised the making of these garments. Each old soldier is remembered on his birthday with a bouquet of flowers by this corps, and in the evening the members of the post and corps go to his home and help him properly celebrate the occasion.

To Reside in Minneapolis



The marriage of Miss Verna Kirschbraun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirschbraun, and Alex Rubel of Minneapolis took place Thursday. The couple will reside in Minneapolis after October 1.

Club Women Sell Home Made Goodies

The political and social science department of the Omaha Woman's club, Mrs. Thomas R. Jones, leader, will have charge of the Women's club booth at the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival grounds on Monday.

Mrs. Jones will be assisted by Mesdames A. S. Widener, Munson Goodyear, J. L. Niederst, Harriet MacMurphy, Louis Boehm, F. C. Tym, George Smith and the Misses Grace Thomas, M. Bauman and Margaret Smith.

Proceeds from the sale of coffee, buttermilk, cheese, popcorn and home made sandwiches, pies and doughnuts will be added to the club building fund.

The public speaking department, Mrs. O. Y. Kring, leader, will be hostess Tuesday; music department, Mrs. Ward Shafer, leader, Wednesday; art department, Mrs. Avery Lancaster, leader, Thursday; parliamentary law department, Mrs. A. L. Fernald, leader, Friday, and the club president, Mrs. Charles Johannes, will be hostess on Saturday.

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Federation of Industrial Clubs.

Monday at 5:45 p. m. the Fellowship, W. D. T., Blue Triangle and G. P. C. clubs will have supper at the Y. W. C. A., followed by discussion and adoption of program for fall. Clubs are working on a tournament and meet to be held at Camp Brewster, October 1, when a cup will be awarded to the club in the federation having gained the most points in activities during the summer.

Thursday at 5:45 p. m. Many Centers club meets for supper at the Y. W. C. A. followed by business meeting.

Saturday and Sunday September 24 and 25, the federation will have its setting up conference at the Central association building, when the program will be worked out for the winter months. The federation is working on a co-operative plan whereby it can send to its members and other girls, things girls want and need. Open Forum meetings on subjects of interest to young business girls are likewise being discussed for the fall, when the federation will extend invitations to all business girls.

Chautauque Notes.

A new chautauque circle to be known as the Hellenic circle, was organized last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. B. A. Chappell. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Alice Carl, president; Mrs. A. P. Holt, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Chester Linn was chosen leader.

Meetings will be held Wednesday of each week beginning October 5. Members of Tennyson circle will be entertained at an informal tea Tuesday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. F. F. Simpson, 1123 South Thirty-third street.

McFarlane Lecture Postponed.

The lecture by Mrs. Ida Kruse McFarlane, under the auspices of the Delphian society scheduled for Saturday, September 24, has been postponed until Saturday, October 1 at 4 p. m., and will be given at the First Presbyterian church, Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets.

This is the first of a series of eight lectures to be given by Mrs. McFarlane during the winter on the last Saturday afternoon of each month.

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Christ Child Society

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Christ Child society Monday at the Christ Child Center the following committee chairman were appointed: Mrs. S. B. Doyle, sewing circle; Mrs. T. J. Dwyer, needle work; Mrs. William Hayes, regular sewing classes for the younger girls will be resumed commencing Saturday, September 24.

Classes in piano have been changed from Wednesday to Saturday morning. Miss Bernice Dugher is in charge of this work.

An orchestra is being organized at the center among club members. Plans are being made for a rummage sale which will be given at the center some time in October.

Miss Theda Waterman, visiting nurse, will be stationed at the center for the next two weeks in the absence of Miss Dorothy Stowits, who is enjoying a vacation.

Miss Sara Shanley, head resident of the center leaves Sunday for Milwaukee, where she will attend the meeting of the National Catholic charities. She will also attend the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women to be held in Washington, D. C., in October.

Song Books for Women's Chorus

The official song book of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, edited by Anna Shaw Faulkner (Mrs. Marx Oberndorfer), national music chairman of the general federation, will be ready about October 15.

This collection will consist of 50 folk and art songs arranged in simple form for three-part women's chorus. It is especially adapted for clubs, schools and college use.

All profits from the sale of this book will go to the music fund of the general federation.

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