

*Q. (Mr. Nelson):* Mr. Clerk, I left for a few moments and did not hear all of your answer to Bishop Brown's question. Did you bring out in connection with the private school the great opportunity of training leaders to meet the need in the public schools now?

*A. (Mr. Clerk):* No, I didn't, not specifically. It grows out of the opportunity for character education.

*Q. (Mr. Coleman):* What do you think is the significance of the recent legislation in Oregon restricting the use of the Bible and religious instruction in the public schools?

*A. (Mr. Clerk):* That is just a temporary flare-up. It has no real significance. I am almost positive it will be repealed in the next legislature.

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN UNION

The thirteenth annual meeting of the International Kindergarten Union was held in Pittsburg, April 16-20. It represented kindergarteners from California to Maine, from Minnesota to Florida; and those states which could not send delegates sent messages.

One of the most interesting people who attended was Emily Poulsson, one of the pioneer kindergarteners. Her songs and stories have not only delighted the hearts of kindergarten children, but those of the first and second grades as well.

The meeting was crowded with conferences from beginning to end; and like every good meeting several of these were held at the same hour, so that those in attendance had to choose those which best answered their needs. The kindergarteners of Pittsburg, together with the Pittsburg Teachers Association and the Woman's City Club, were most cordial in their welcome. Excursions to the kindergartens and the various points of interest in the city were made possible by the kindness of citizens in giving the use of their automobiles.

That the kindergarten is no longer entirely a woman's movement was made clear by the number of prominent men who took part in

the program. Mr. Angelo Patri, of New York City, spoke on "The Aspects of Child Growth"; Mr. George Bellamy, on "The Effect of Play upon the Minds of People of Various Nations"; Dr. W. T. Root, of the University of Pittsburg, on "The Importance of Pre-First Grade Training"; Dr. Will Earhart, of Pittsburg, on "Music in the Kindergarten"; Dr. Bird Baldwin, University of Iowa, on "Measuring Childhood"; and Dr. Frederic Bonser, Columbia University, on "Standards for Early Elementary Education."

One of the outstanding addresses was given by Patty S. Hill, Head of the Kindergarten Department of Columbia University. Her topic was "Taking Stock in Kindergarten." She took her audience back to the early days when the kindergarten idea was first introduced into this country; and to those first kindergarteners the greatest homage is due. She paid a glowing tribute to the founder of the movement and the new ideas which he gave regarding childhood and the importance of play in education. She also brought out the fact that in the light of modern psychology and science kindergarten training must not lag behind, but must change to meet the changing demands; and as a result the kindergartens of today are keeping in stock the great idea that education is growth and that this growth can best be accomplished through doing and play. They have laid in stock the ideas that health and interest are also necessary to growth; and they are willing to invest in various types of intelligence tests and a study of the effect of the emotions on growth. Some of the more progressive kindergarteners have already begun a study of habits which should be formed in the kindergarten and are tabulating their results, while others are working on a record sheet which may be used alike in the kindergarten and early primary grades.

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The reorganized National Association is a new force because it has taken on a new character. The new Association is truly National. All the forty-eight State associations are affiliated with the National Association and send delegates to its representative assembly. Local Affiliated associations are scattered throughout the States.—Dr. William B. Owen, President of the National Education Association, Chicago, Illinois.