

EASTERN EDUCATORS MEET IN NEW YORK

Conferences to Consider Present Conditions and Needs of Education in Eastern States

A Citizens' Conference on Education for the States of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania will be held in New York City today and tomorrow, sessions of the conference to be held three times daily. The conference, which is to be a conference of citizens and not primarily of professional educators, has been called by the Commissioner of Education in cooperation with the chief of school officers of the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The purpose of the conference is to consider, from the standpoint of statesmanship and the public welfare, the present condition and needs of education in the states of the conference group, and the means of meeting these needs. The conference will discuss the means of fostering among the people at large and their representatives in legislative bodies and elsewhere such an intelligent interest as will result in a more generous support and wiseness of the schools and other agencies of education.

State and national officials, business and professional men and women, editors, publicists, educators, representatives of farm and labor organizations, civic and fraternal associations, women's clubs, boards of trade, Rotary Clubs, and chambers of commerce have been invited to attend the conference and take part in its sessions. Thus, it is expected that the men and women who own the schools, pay for them, use them and can alone make possible any important improvements in them, will have, through the medium of the conference an opportunity for frank and free discussion of the educational situation.

The proceedings of the conference will be largely in the nature of a roundtable conference with a minimum of prepared papers and set speeches and a maximum of discussion from the floor. The meeting will be a conference, in reality, and frank and free expression will be in order. Among the conference topics announced for such roundtable discussion are the following:

1. Important Recent Legislation.
2. Proposed Legislative Programs.
3. On What Does the Real Crisis in Education Consist?
4. The Pay of Teachers and School Officers.
5. Special Needs of Rural Schools.
6. Sources of Revenue for Education.
7. Relation of Education to Material Wealth and the Public Welfare.
8. Methods of Reaching the People.
9. Should the Administration of Education be Separate and Independent.

The series of regional conferences on education is the result of a resolution of the National Citizens Conference on Education, held in Washington last May. This conference requested that the Commissioner of Education call another similar conference late in the fall of 1920 for the purpose of discussing the situation at that time, the legislative measures to be presented to the legislatures of the several States in 1921, and the means of continuing and fostering such interest among the people at large and their representatives in legislative bodies as may be necessary to obtain needed legislation.

After carefully considering the matter the Commissioner of Education decided that a series of regional conferences would be more effective than one conference for the entire country could be, making possible a much larger total attendance, and a more practical and detailed discussion of conditions and methods of meeting them in the States of the several sections.

The nine conferences already held were successful beyond all expectations. The attendance was large, amounting in some instances to more than three times the number of delegates designated, making necessary the removal of the conference to a larger hall.

The first session of the conference which will be convened at 9:30 o'clock, Friday morning, January 28, in the auditorium of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, will be devoted to a consideration of Rural Schools.

The condition and needs of the rural schools of the conference States, equality of opportunity in rural schools, the length of the school term, the standards of qualifications for rural teachers, the pay of rural teachers, units of taxation and control and the needs of normal schools and other schools where rural teachers are prepared will be among the topics scheduled for discussion at this session of the conference. Men and women especially interested in the several topics have been asked to open the discussion, after which discussion will be from the floor. The same procedure in the matter of opening discussion will prevail at all sessions of the conference, which has been called by the Commissioner of Education, in cooperation with the chief school officers of the States of the conference group.

The afternoon session of the opening day of the conference will be held from 2:00 o'clock to 4:30 o'clock p. m. in the Town Hall, 43rd Street, between Broadway and Sixth Avenue. At this session the purposes of the conference will be outlined by Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Among the topics of the afternoon session will be "Some of the Most Vital Needs of Ele-

News From Other Colleges

PENNSYLVANIA—Playing as guests of the United States Military Academy, Pennsylvania's Musical Clubs entertained the cadets last week at West Point. A complete program was rendered by the Red and Blue musicians and included selections by the Glee and Instrumental Clubs and by the Saxophone quintet. During the club's stay at West Point, the members were guests at a dance held in their honor and were quartered in the barracks in order to give them an insight into Academy life.

CORNELL—More than 500 couples are expected to attend the Junior Prom which is to be held here on February eleventh, according to the indications from ticket sales and from questionnaires sent to the various fraternity houses during Junior Week. Two orchestras will furnish the music for the occasion. The hall will be elaborately decorated with many boxes around the four walls. Six supper relays will be served in order to take care of the large crowd that is expected to attend.

STEVENSON—Mr. Hibben, illuminating engineer of the Westinghouse Electric Co., gave an interesting lecture on the subject "Optics and Light." This was the second of a series of scientific lectures, to extend over the college year.

SYRACUSE—The Lion's Head Dramatic Society is to present the well known comedy hit "The Tailor Made Man." It is the most ambitious effort of the organization to date, and success is assured.

U. OF P.—Major John T. Ayledotte of the U. S. Medical Corps, has been detailed to the University to take charge of the Dental Unit of the U. S. Army, which is soon to be organized. The course will instruct the student in the relationship of a dental office with the army organizations, as well as give him general training for officership in the department.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY—A rifle team has been newly formed at the University. It has secured

the indoor rifle range of the National Guard for practice and has already great possibilities.

PENN—According to a resolution passed by the Undergraduate Council, members of the Senior Class were authorized to wear class hats with their numerals.

MUHLENBERG—"Johnny" Shuebel, All-American halfback of 1914, has been chosen to coach the football team next fall.

LEHIGH—The new chemistry laboratory is nearing completion. It will be one of the most modern in the line of equipment and is considered a great asset to Lehigh as an engineering school.

STEVENSON TECH—In his speech to the Alumni at the recent Alumni Dinner, President Humphreys urged the former students to support the new athletic policy, and to contribute to the Graduate Fund, recently established for the betterment of the school.

U. OF MARYLAND—A clamor for a representative basketball team has been set up, but owing to the lack of "gym" accommodations the plan has been abandoned for the present at least.

SUSQUEHANNA—Plans are being made to make this next commencement a banner affair, and all the old classes are arranging to hold a reunion at the time.

LAFALETTE—Delegates from fifty-six colleges will meet at Easton on February 25, 26 and 27 for the purpose of attending the Student Volunteer Conference of the colleges of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

GEORGIA TECH—Twelve southern universities have recently taken steps to form a southern university conference to govern intercollegiate athletics. The conference will include Georgia Tech, Georgia University, Alabama University, Virginia University, North Carolina University, South Carolina University and several other large southern colleges.

mentary and Secondary Education in the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania" and a discussion of the preparation, pay and working conditions of teachers in city and town schools. "The Needs of Kindergartens in City and Town Schools" will likewise be considered.

"The Relation of Health to Education" and "Part-Time and Continuation Schools for Boys and Girls who Cannot Attend All the Time" will be the major topics of the Friday evening session, which will be held in the Town Hall, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

The conference will meet on Saturday morning, January 29, in the Great Hall of the Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street. At this session, the major topics will be "Units of Taxation," "Control of Revenues," "Economic and Liberal Support of Schools," and Sources

of School Revenue."

In connection with the Citizens' Conference on Education, a luncheon will be given at the Commodore Hotel, at 1:00 o'clock, Saturday, at which it is expected Dr. John H. Finley will preside, and at which legislative programs in the States of the conference group will be discussed. Reservations for plates at the luncheon may be made through Mr. Howard W. Nudd, Secretary Public Education Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

The conference will be primarily a conference of citizens, men and women of affairs, rather than of professional educators—a conference of the men and women who own the schools, pay for them and use them, and who alone can make possible any important improvements in them. All are invited to attend and take part in its proceedings.

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CORNELL—Plans are under discussion for the institution of the Honor System at Cornell. Whether the system will be in effect in the coming examinations has not yet been decided.

MICH. AG. COLLEGE—A huge indoor track meet has been planned for March 21. Invitations have been extended to all colleges throughout the state, as well as to the high schools which will compete in the junior events.

REHABS WILL OFFER DIVERSIFIED PROGRAM

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and avoids anything bordering on the serious.

The second part opens with a scene in the buffet of a trans-continental "limited." It depicts the trials of a troupe of hungry passengers in their struggle to secure something to eat from the indifferent and ignorant colored waiter, who has charge of the dining car. The pitiful predicaments of the passengers coupled with the clever repartee of the waiter gives rise to a grotesque farce filled with amusing incidents.

Another act worth of mention is the "Acety" scene, a travesty with splendid scenic embellishments and a talented chorus which is featured in the song hit "Parody." This song combined with

the intermingled witticisms of the comedians is a source of hilarious humor. The third act consists of a play "The Awkward Squad," which was written especially for the Rehabilitation Club. The personnel includes eight black face comedians and the amusing scene is laid in State College on the return of the Thirty-Third Brigade from the war. The dialogue throughout this scene is unusually realistic and the utterly ridiculous situation presents a unique picture.

The performance ends with a depiction of the Foyer of the Penn State Club in New York City. This is a touch of burlesque of the lighter type in which all the players take an active part.

The talent from which Mr. Moyer will

select his cast is of an exceptional nature as many of the two hundred Rehabilitation students have had considerable experience on the stage. This abundance of material will enable Director Moyer to secure experienced actors for the leading roles and eliminates the amateur element which otherwise would have been a necessity.

Practice will begin the early part of next week and rehearsals will be staged each day until all the parts are thoroughly learned. The Nitany orchestra has been secured to furnish the musical accompaniment, which was written especially for this occasion.

The advance sale of tickets now being held and they may be secured at the Athletic Store, Lohman's Barber Shop or from any member of the Rehab Club.

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