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Bangor, Me. School Dept. Kindergartens

HOME WELFARE MOVEMENTS

BANGOR KINDERGARTEN
MOTHERS' MEETINGS

1912—1913



Place, Andrews' Music Hall, Main Street
Day, Thursday
Hour, 3 to 4 o'clock P. M.

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"Hundreds of stars in the lovely sky,
Hundreds of shells on the shore together,
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of flowers in the sunny weather,
Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one mother the wide world over."

A Mother's Prayer



For this year I pray that I may have—

“Kindness of thought and deed toward every living thing.

Ideals that have to be striven for.

National pride which shall influence my children to be patriotic.

Dread of my own faults and weaknesses sufficiently strong to make me strive for improvement.

Enjoyment of simple pleasures—the dewy dawn, the shade of noon, the sunset, the storm cloud.

Repentance of my sins and short-comings.

Gratitude for every blessing.

Ability to meet every demand made upon me as a mother.

Resignation under trials and wrongs.

Tact in dealing with my children.

Enough optimism to keep me from faltering, not too much to keep me from striving.

Nothing but love for friends and foes.”

The Teacher's Purpose



We, as teachers, owe Bangor our best efforts to train physically, mentally and morally every child who comes under our care. We cannot do it without the cooperation of the parents. It is our purpose

First: to help parents to realize the importance of training at home.

Second: to help parents realize the importance of their own intellectual life.

There is nothing in all the world so important as children, nothing so interesting. If you ever wish to be of real use in the world, do something for children. If you ever yearn to be wise, study children.

David Starr Jordan.



List of Readings



- Concerning Dr. Montessori and her Work
ANNE E. GEORGE
- The Methods of Maria Montessori
JOSEPHINE TOZIER
- Disciplining Children
MARIA MONTESSORI
- The First Montessori School in America
ANNE E. GEORGE
- The Montessori Apparatus
A CATALOGUE
- The Story of Karl Witte
H. ADDINGTON BRUCE

Program for the Year



October 28—Parents' Meeting

Music

Motto of the day—"Let us have nothing less good than the best for the children of our land."

1. Paper—History of the Kindergarten Movement in Maine

Music

2. Address—The Parent's Interest in the Montessori Experiments

JENNY B. MERRILL, P'd. D.

Principal of Kindergarten Normal
Dept. of The Scudder School, New
York City

Closing—America, 1-4.

“Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.”



List of Readings



A Christmas Carol.....	<i>Dickens</i>
Ben Hur.....	<i>Wallace</i>
Bird's Christmas Carol.....	<i>Wiggin</i>
Christmas-tide.....	<i>Scott</i>
The Mystics Christmas.....	<i>Whittier</i>

December 5

Special Christmas Music

Motto of the day—Teach Self-denial and make its practice pleasurable—*Scott*

1. Reading—The Story of the Other Wise Man—*Van Dyke*

Music

2. Story—Why the Chimes Rang
3. Two minute talks—Christmas presents

Closing—America, 1-4.

“Oh for boyhood’s painless play,
Sleep that wakes in laughing day,
Health that mocks the doctor’s rules,
Knowledge never learned of schools.
Oh for festal dainties spread,
Like my bowl of milk and bread.

Whittier.



List of Readings



- How to Tell Stories to Children *Bryant*
The Sunday Kindergarten *Ferris*
A Problem Solved *Du Bois*
The Value of Story-Telling in the Home, *Kgn Rev.*
Improvement of Comic Supplement *Kgn Rev.*

January 9

Music

Motto of the day—"It is the bounty of Nature that we live, but of Philosophy that we live well."

1. Health—The Physical Care of the Child
 - a. Faulty positions, etc.
 - b. Unhygienic surroundings

2. Mental Training—Children's Books and Story telling
 - a. Are they interesting?
 - b. Are they instructive?

3. Moral Guidance—"The Children's Sunday"—
.....*Hodges*
 - a. A happy day
 - b. A help to goodness

4. Two minute talks

Closing—America 1, 3.

At least two things are necessary to good citizenship:—

Intelligence enough to judge rightly

Conscience enough to do right.

The school that does not *tend* to produce these two results is not a true servant of the state.—*Pres. Aley.*



List of Readings



Dr. Woods Hutchinson's Articles:—

Shoes and the Man

Foot Faults

Thunderbolts from the Ground

The Cocoon of the Child

Ethical Needs of Young Girls

CLARA E. LAUGHLIN

February 6

Music

Motto of the day—To God, thy country and thy friend be true—*Vaughan*

1. Health—The Care of the Young Child
 - a. Its bath
 - b. Its clothes
 - c. Its handling

2. Mental Training—Pictures for Children
 - a. Kind
 - b. Value of pictures

3. Moral Guidance—Moral Education of Children
 - a. In what does it consist
 - b. Selfishness of parents a hindrance

4. Two minute talks.

Closing—America 1-4

"It is easy enough to be pleasant
When we're downstairs being fed,
But the child worth while
Is the child who can smile
When it's time to go to bed!"



List of Readings



Dr. Wiley's Articles:—

Vitiation of Our Daily Bread
Butter and Its Substitutes
Ice Cream and Iced Drinks
Candies
Soft Drinks and Dopes
Coca Cola

American Children At Home

ELIZABETH MCCrackEN

Conservation of the Child

EARL MAYO

The Fight for Clean Milk

CONSTANCE D. LEUPP

March 6

Music

Motto of the day—"When the parent is 'chums' with the child, truth-telling rises to something very close to one hundred per cent"

1. Health—The Care of the Young Child
 - a. Proper food
 - b. Sleep

2. Mental Training—Music in the Child's Education
 - a. When should musical training begin?
 - b. Concert by kindergarten children
 - c. Music; vocal, piano, violin

3. Moral Guidance—"Truth-telling in Children"
..... *Packer*
 - a. Reason for untruthfulness
 - b. Over-vivid imagination

4. Two minute talks

Closing—America, 1, 3

When Little Claude was naughty wunst
At dinner-time an' said
He won't say "Thank you" to his Ma,
She maked him go to bed
An' stay two hours an' not git up,—
So when the clock struck Two,
'Nen Claude says,—"Thank you, Mr. Clock,
I'm much obleeged to you!"

James Whitcomb Riley.



List of Readings



- The School's Growing Service to the Home
A. E. WINSHIP, LL. D.
- American Children At Play
ELIZABETH MCCrackEN
- Eye Strain and Physical Attractiveness
ALGERNON TASSIN
- Fifteen Minutes a Day
LOUISE SCUDDAY
- The Man Who Threw Stones
WALTER S. BALL

April 3

Music

Motto of the day—Come, let us live with our children.—*Friedrich Froebel*, Born April 21, 1782

1. Health—The Child's Eyes and Ears
 - a. Avoidable blindness
 - b. Causes of diminished hearing

2. Mental Training—"How Jane Was Educated"—*White*
 - a. Play
 - b. Work
 - c. Books

3. Moral Guidance—Discipline
 - a. What is it?
 - b. Nurture in discipline

4. Two minute talks

Closing—America, 1, 4

The year's at the spring,
The day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled:
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn:
God's in his Heaven—
All's right with the world.

Robert Browning—Born May 7, 1812.



Not God in a garden! when the eve is cold?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.—*T. E. Brown*

May 1

Music

Motto of the day—Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called the children of God.

—Bible.

1. Health—The Child's Nose and Mouth
 - a. Adenoids
 - b. Enlarged tonsils

2. Mental Training—Children's Gardens
 - a. A garden a means of education
 - b. Insects; helpful and harmful

3. Stories—Billy Boys Garden
Pippa Passes

4. Memorial Day—The Blue and the Gray
An Appeal for Peace

Closing—America, 1, 2

Happy hearts and happy faces
Happy play in grassy places—
That was how, in ancient ages,
Children grew to kings and sages—*Stevenson*



List of Readings



- In the Woods with Dr. Long
The Choice of Social Companionship for the
Young
WILLIAM A. MCKEEVER
- An Appreciation of Valiant Trees
MAUD GOING
- American Children In the Country
ELIZABETH MCCrackEN
- Children as Cabbages
WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D.
- Brick Walls and the Growing Child
WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D.
- The Open-Air School
ANNE O'HAGAN

June 5

Music

Motto of the day—"Keep thou an open door between thy child's life and thine own."

1. Health—Cleanliness in its Relation to Health
 - a. Fresh air in sleeping rooms
 - b. The ice chest
 - c. The attic and cellar

2. Poem—Too Much Trouble—*Paine*

3. Moral Guidance—Courtesy and Manners
 - a. Am I polite to my children?
 - b. Other influences at work

4. Two minute talks

Music

Closing—America, 1-4.

Miscellaneous Readings



- Philanthropic Food Factories
- The Child and the Charity Trust
- Women Who Have Helped
- Children's Court
- The Boy Scout
- Women's Share in Civic Life
- Seventeen Hundred Rural Vote-Sellers
- The Dangerous Age in Woman
- The Dangerous Age in Man
- Who Should Marry—3 articles
- Eugenics
- Training for Motherhood
- Home-making Articles
- Income Problem

Servant Problem

Sex Hygiene Articles

Carriers of Disease: The Cat. The Fly

The Postponement of Motherhood

LAURA E. RICHARDS

The Girl Versus the High School

DR. WOODS HUTCHINSON

A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil

JANE ADDAMS

AMERICA



1

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

2

My native country thee
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

3

Let music swell the breeze
And ring from all the trees
 Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
 The sound prolong.

4

Our father's God, to Thee
Author of liberty,
 To Thee, I sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
 Great God, our King.