

PARENT-TEACHER CONVENTION HERE

Delegates Here From Various Cities to Attend the Opening Session--Excellent Program Will Be Carried Out Today.

There were delegates from all parts of the state present last evening when the first general session of the state parent-teacher association at the Y. M. C. A.

The delegates, arriving on all of the incoming trains yesterday, were met and taken to the Y. M. C. A. to register, before being assigned to the homes, where they were entertained.

At 4 o'clock the executive committee met at the home of Mrs. I. N. Walker for the preliminary business meeting. Mrs. T. C. Brockway, the state president, presided and the report of the auditing committee was accepted.

Some changes for the constitution were discussed, one of the most important being that the term of office be changed from three to two years.

Mrs. H. B. Cunningham, one of the vice-presidents, sent in her resignation, and it was accepted with regret, Mrs. W. H. Mum of Helena being elected to fill the vacancy. The recording secretary, B. A. Winans, of Livingston also resigned, but his successor was not appointed yesterday, and Mrs. W. C. Siderfin of Butte consented to act until the election.

The state officers are: Mrs. T. C. Brockway, of Butte president; Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Great Falls, Mrs. C. H. Bowman, Butte, Mrs. A. W. Richter, Bozeman, Mrs. H. B. Farnsworth, Missoula and Mrs. W. H. Mum, Helena, vice-presidents; Mrs. W. E. Gaily, Anaconda, treasurer; Mrs. L. M. McAllister, Great Falls, auditor; Miss J. R. Faddis, Butte, corresponding secretary; Miss Margaret McDonald, historian.

The local committee: Mrs. Milo Kreep, music; Mrs. L. W. Suhr and Mrs. Milo Cooching, meeting trains; Mrs. F. M. Bagley, committee on rooms; Mrs. G. P. Hunt, registration; Mrs. L. M. McAllister, Thursday evening reception; Mrs. W. E. Pettibone, Saturday luncheon; and Mrs. J. T. Bywater, program chairman.

Mrs. I. N. Walker called the opening meeting to order and Rev. Virgil B. Scott, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, gave the invocation. Mrs. Walker, in a few well-chosen words, greeted the visitors as the representatives of all of the parent-teacher bodies of Great Falls. She introduced as the largest of the public schools, gave the address of welcome. Her remarks commended the visitors to the advantages of the advantages



Photo by Here.

Mrs. I. N. Walker.

Mrs. Walker is president of the central body of the Parent-Teacher associations of Great Falls.

have affiliated with the state and national. To become more familiar with the big organization of which we are a part, let me review briefly some of the tangible achievements of the national congress during its 20 years of existence. It was the pioneer organization to specialize in child welfare. The ideal of its founders was to not only help parents care more wisely for their own children, but to reach out to all children, especially the dependent and erring, and right the wrong conditions of their lives.

The movement for mothers' pensions was started by the congress, and in some states the enactment of the law has been due to the state branch. The national congress inaugurated regulation of child labor in mines and factories, and has worked for courts to establish the juvenile court and probation system. Ben Lindsey, Denver's "Little Judge," says that the congress has been one of

impatient, and to demand immediate results, we are inclined to relegate to the scrap heap any organization which does not at once produce something tangible. Even though the practical achievements may delay a long time it is my conviction that that organization is worth while through whose agency fathers, mothers and teachers are led to consider the needs of the children of the community, and are encouraged to co-operate in that noblest of all noble endeavors, the creating of an environment best adapted to develop every power of the girl or boy. It is my observation that this is the immediate result in those parent-teacher and child welfare circles, and mother's clubs which are animated by the right spirit. Through considerable loss of time and superfluity, it is true, some results, perhaps fatherly, to the observer, school teachers

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Friday morning session begins promptly at 9 o'clock.
Y. M. C. A. building.
Music, Instrumental- Miss Helen Tenney.
Address, "Delinquent Children," Rev. Manfred Lilliefors.
Business session including reports of officers of state association, and officers and committees of various city circles.

Luncheon at Park hotel.
Visit to city library from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m.

Friday Afternoon, 2:30 P. M.
High school auditorium.
Music, High School glee club.
Address, "Higher Education and Citizenship," Owen P. McElmeel.
Music, vocal, Miss Alice Calvert.
"Practical Application of the High School Work," Prof. James Rae.
Discussion and visit to various departments.

Friday Evening, 8:30 P. M.
High school auditorium.
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**Message From Mrs. Frederick Schoff,
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Meeting Parent-Teacher Associations**

The following message from Mrs. Frederick Schoff, national president of the Parent-Teacher association, has been received by Mrs. T. C. Brockway, state president:

"My Dear Mrs. Brockway:

I wish it were possible to greet in person the members of the Montana branch of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations. I remember with real pleasure the delightful visit to your beautiful state — one of the most beautiful in the union. I appreciate deeply the faithful work that has been done by the leaders in Montana in this great movement, and hope that the meeting which you are holding will be one that will greatly promote the interest and extend the movement. To reach every home and to help every mother to make the opportunities better for every child is a great purpose, and can only be attained by reaching all the homes and all the parents. It is for that and not because we wish to count a large membership that we require the assistance and help of everyone to make opportunities better for the children.

While you are meeting in Montana, the national congress is meeting in Washington. We are with you in spirit. There are great issues which the women of the country must face today. One of the greatest of these is loyalty and service to our nation in its hour of need. The message which I would send to every woman is to study carefully the great questions that are agitating congress and state legislatures today; to remember that the millenium is not with us; that we must face conditions as they are and gradually work toward making them better. The call for service to our young men is one which touches every mother's heart. The needs and conditions of army and navy are matters which should be better un-

derstood by the women of the country. The good women of the country rarely follow the army. They leave it to those who entice to evil. Having visited the army camps in Texas and seen the actual living conditions of the men it has impressed me deeply that the women of the country are not informed or awake to the work they could do and should do for those who are offering their lives for the protection of those who remain at home.

"A call has come for the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations to register the names of those who are willing to serve the country in any way and in so registering that each woman state what she could do and would do if needed. If it is only the planting of a garden and caring for her own family as far as food is concerned that is worth recording; or if it is to run automobiles or give definite service in connection with army or navy, this too, should be noted. If it is to fill the places of men who are called away, that, too, is a service.

"I congratulate Montana on being the first state to send a woman to congress. It marks the beginning of a new era in the history of our country. We have much to be thankful for in the progress which has been made in many directions, not the least of these is the wave of prohibition that has gone over the country and which will do more to prevent crime than any other one thing. We must ever hold before us the great purpose of giving to every child the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually to his highest possibilities. That can only be accomplished by child study. Understanding the child himself and a careful study of every condition that affects children. May your meeting be inspired by a spirit of love and service and devotion to the great purpose and with warm regards to you all, I am sincerely yours."

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PROGRAM FOR SATURDAY

Meeting at Y. M. C. A. promptly at 9 o'clock.

Music, vocal, Miss Myrtle Johnson.

Address, "Patriotism," Rev. Will Arthur Dietrick.

Extension work session:

- (a) "Children's Films," Mrs. J. W. Chivers, Helena. Discussion.
- (b) "The Kindergarten," Supt. S. D. Largent. Discussion.
- (c) "Child Hygiene," Mrs. S. W. Souders, Red Lodge.
- (d) "Parent-Teacher Work in the Rural School," Miss Annie McAnelly.
- (e) "Press and Publicity," H. B. Mitchell.

Luncheon, 12:30 at Hotel Rainbow.

Mrs. S. D. Largent will preside.

Program of toasts.

Visiting delegate teachers and members of the associations are cordially invited.

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She said that as sure as it was change people would complain that something had been left out and things were not as they should be. She made a request that the members of the association study the school curriculum. "If there is not something wrong with the present course of study why do so many children leave school in the grades?" Miss Lumbert asked. "Boys and girls must see something practical in what they are doing. Consequently we can all see what a great help the parent-teacher association can be to the boys and girls of the rural districts if they take up this work."

Mrs. Brockway announced this morning's session will begin promptly at 9 o'clock, and the luncheon at 12:30 at the close of the program. Earlier in the day she appointed Mrs. J. T. Bowater of Great Falls, Mrs. Hopkins of Roundup, Mrs. Branlagow of Helena, Mrs. Harley of Butte, and Mrs. Lamer of Hinsdale, members of the resolution committee.

The Morning Session.

Although there were not quite as many townspeople at the morning session of the Montana Parent-Teacher convention, the reinforcement of delegates brought the attendance up quite materially yesterday morning.

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To the Public—

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We can not do the former in justice to our patrons, and have decided on the latter course, bringing our nominally advanced

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Concluding Sessions of State Meeting Prove Interesting and Discussions Indicate That Good Work Is Being Done by the Local Circles.

The concluding meeting of the Montana State Parent-Teacher association convened yesterday morning at 9 at the Y. M. C. A., in spite of the rain there was a goodly attendance. Besides the program the business of the meeting was completed. Miss Beaulieu, Collier of Butte, extended the invitation that the next year's session be held in that city and it was accepted.

Miss Myrtle Johnson, accompanied by Miss Norma Almy, sang two numbers. She addressed as "Patriotism" by Rev. Wm. Arthur Dietrich was brief and to the point. Rev. Dietrich imbued the audience with a deeper meaning of the word patriotism, in its relation to humanity. It was an excellent talk and quite in keeping with the problems of the day.

Mrs. T. G. Breckway, the president, then called the attention of the session to the address by Mrs. J. W. Chivers of Helena and presented very interesting and her report of the accomplishments toward the Great Falls women, as it brought home the fact that the picture our citizens here are leading as well as the more co-operation toward other cities than any place in the state. She particularly complimented the attention that succeeded in bringing the program on "Snow White" and "The Wickedness" before the children. Mrs. Chivers is hopeful of some accomplishments in the near future.

Report of H. Bergstrom, Mrs. E. B. Langston talked of the "Snow White" and "The Wickedness" for the children. She reported a large number of children who had gone to the school and those who without attending kindergarten. A brief summary of the reports of the grade teachers on the work of the children, both in school and at home, was given. The child attending kindergarten progressed more rapidly and learned more of school life more readily than did the child who stayed home.

Mrs. S. W. Sanders of Red Lodge was unable to be present, but sent a special report on "Child Hygiene" which was read by the secretary. In it she urged the hiring of a health officer, and paying sufficient salary to take up his duties, and not teacher salaries.

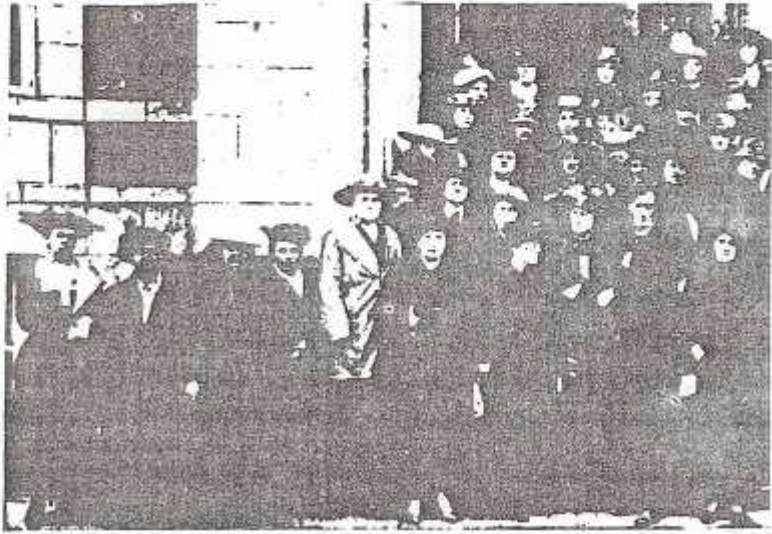


Photo by Hers. Group of delegates to the Montana Parent-Teacher association, photograph

of instruction lengthens as the child advances and continues until the mother is satisfied that the child should be placed in school. Miss Lynch has outlined a plan for mothers, but she maintains that in dealing with individual method is not necessary. The mother can instill reverence, respect for authority, and a liking for good books.

What Has Been Done Here.

"As for the work of organizing the Parent-Teacher association in rural communities of this county I shall try to state the results as nearly as I can recall them. Last year through the kindness of one of your state leaders I received a booklet entitled 'How to Organize a Parent-Teacher Association.' From the directions given I condensed the essential steps necessary for organization and sent a copy to the teacher or a leader in a district where an organization was likely to be possible. I heard very good results from four districts. This is not a flattering report, but when you consider that this is attempting something new, that the conditions in rural communities are not always favorable for travel, and that distance does not lead to enthusiasm in getting together, it is not surprising that organization is slow. Any association that brings the people of a community together, that has as its home conditions is to be commended. The teacher can do much in rural communities to help as a leader, providing she knows how."

Report on School Visitors.

the democratic advance that was being made all over the world, that it not only meant for better schools, but also for better homes, and these two together were most important influences in the world for the future of humanity. The few remaining business matters and Mrs. J. T. Bywater, chairman of the resolution committee, were disposed of and Mrs. J. T. Bywater, chairman of the resolution committee, were disposed of and Mrs. J. T. Bywater, chairman of the resolution committee, were disposed of.



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The National League of Teacher Mothers founded by Ella Frances Lynch, of New York has been in existence in the United States just one year. Its object is to establish the home as the center of the child's early education.

Mothers Work as Teachers.

Ella Frances Lynch appeals to the mothers very forcibly on the subject of home teaching. To become a member of the League of Teacher Mothers only one promise is required, to give her child some systematic home instruction each day.

"This league is nothing new. It only wishes to re-establish the work that has been neglected for half a century. This is her plan: The mother begins when the child is 3 years old with five minute instruction each day. The period

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Try This on Face,
Neck, Arms, Hands

The lemon juice massage indulged in once or twice each day means a little time and trouble, girls, but what of the splendid results? A skin bleached beautifully white, a complexion with the bloom of a peach, a softening of those lines of care, in fact, a skin eloquent of nature's purity and hands white, soft and full of charm.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes, to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty. But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quartet of skin and complexion beautifier at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. To use: strain the lemon juice as no more gets into the bottle, then this liquid will remain pure and fresh for months. When massaged daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, it should whiten, clear, smooth and beautify the skin.

...are capable of being called upon. I believe that we should have more women trustees and that we should welcome the Parent-Teacher movement.

In the discussion of the rural associations Mack Depew of Fife, the only male president of an association in the state, complained of the lack of interest that the average teacher shows in a community. He said that at his association there are four or five districts in the circle, but the members find it too far to attend. Distance, however, does not phase them when it comes to the every other week dance. County Superintendent Creighton of Lewis and Clark county agreed with Miss McAnally's statement, that the trained teacher should go to the country where a leader in the community is needed, and the inexperienced girls are more fit for the town schools, where there is a principal over them. She told of receiving letters from six Dillon normal students who are taking special rural school training and want schools.

Any number of the speakers lamented the wages paid rural teachers and gave this as one of the reasons for so many teachers leaving the country schools. Miss Creighton said the best medicine for this that she could prescribe, would be to give the teacher \$75 or \$80 a month with an increase each year. This would keep the efficient teacher in a school more than one year, and do away with the change of teachers every term.

Mrs. C. A. Wilson spoke of the teachers begrudging the 60 minutes they give once a month to the parent-teacher meeting, and said "they do not seem to realize the mothers are doing this, to cooperate with them and not to find fault." She also urged re-apportionment of the school funds, that all of the children of Montana rural schools may have an equal chance for education.

H. B. Mitchell talked on "Press and Publicity." He said he believed that he could assure the delegates that they could always depend upon the support of newspapers everywhere for their work, and that he was confident that the papers of Great Falls were always glad to do anything possible to promote the movement. Newspapers had first to consider their readers, and because they gave more space to prize fights and like news than to altruistic movements such as this, it was not because they believed that prize fights were more important, but because there were a greater number of readers who were interested in the latter. Some of these readers, while they were buying papers to read about the prize fights and the divorce and police court cases, might incidentally read something about parent-teacher associations and thus the latter would gain publicity and the former a little of the uplift spirit perhaps.

He advised the members of the organization to get all the publicity they possibly could, as it was most important for the success of this or any other movement that as many people as possible should know about it and understand what it was doing. Newspapers were the most important mediums of publicity, but there were others that could be con-

Photo by Mrs. Heyn. Mrs. T. C. Brockway

Mrs. Brockway, of Butte, as president of teacher association, and during the day at the convention meetings being held by

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A group picture of the delegates was taken at the adjournment for The Tribune.

Luncheon Ends Program

The crowning social event for the visitors was the luncheon tendered at the palm room of Hotel Rainbow at 2:30 yesterday. There were 111 guests present; the tables were arranged in a U and were prettily decorated with daisies and yellow candles.

Mrs. S. D. Largent was toastmistress and called on a number of the visitors; the program was materially shortened on account of the limited time. Mrs. J. N. Walker extended the welcome to the visitors; it was a royal one, though she also apologized for the weather which has not permitted them to see much of the city.

"The Hand That Wields the Chalk" was the subject of a clever little response that Mrs. Beauchamp of Fort Benton gave. Miss Anne Houston followed with her usual charming humor, responded to the topic, "Freckles and Beer." When Mrs. Largent called on Mr. Depew, one of the two men attending the luncheon, to speak on "Better Babies," it caused a good deal of merriment; however, Mr. Depew soon showed that he was well acquainted with the subjects and their training. Mrs. Depew of Anaconda concluded the program with "My Trip to Great Falls" in which she gave a few words of praise to the work and to the entertaining women.

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deserve much praise for their work. They danced the Poppy dance, the Dainty dance and the Four dance. Their costumes were very pretty and the work artistic.

Those taking part were from Miss Sherrard and Miss Rowe's rooms and were: Mary Wiswell, Nedra Short, Martha Jane Hart, Marian Gift, Eliza Beth Bennett, Miss Stewart Alice Stukes, Jane Thelen, Jean Cherrier, Evelyn Fisher, Ada Brunkhorst, Joyce McDonnell, Ivo Meisenbach and Erlene Johnston.

SIDELIGHTS ON CONVENTION.

Mrs. I. N. Walker's idea of no one working for glory and no one working for fame panned out sufficiently for her to keep her name off the official programs. Nevertheless, every woman attending the convention felt that a good share of the glory and fame of the successful meeting, should go to Mrs. Walker. She assisted materially, arranged the program and carried out the numerous details of printing, and arranging the other business matters that were so well done that the meeting hadn't a hitch.

When Mrs. T. C. Brockway called the meeting of the executive committee on Thursday afternoon, she announced that the Brockway family would probably not be in Montana another year and that she was ready to hand over the office. The news fell like a thunderbolt on most of the women. Mrs. C. A. Wilson, the first vice president, was next in line, but held up her hands in horror at the idea of assuming the office. Mrs. Brockway consented to keep her official position, until nearer the time of her departure.

As a chauffeur, Mrs. I. M. McAllister proved a howling success during the convention, her automobile was usually crowded and she made many trips to and from the different meeting places. Thursday evening after taking Mrs. Brockway and several other delegates to the Y. M. C. A. building, she left the automobile standing in front of the building. Mr. McAllister was to come for it, when he arrived there was no machine to be found. A trip to the side of the building revealed his 2633 sailing up the alley; he hailed a passing taxi and started in hot pursuit. The machine

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May Day Party.

The U. C. J. ladies will give a day dancing party Friday evening in the room of Hotel Rainbow. It is to be one of the most delightful parties that the organization

Miss Carr Leaves for Home.

Miss Edna Carr who has been working at the Washington school has resigned on account of and left last week for her Washington, D. C.

Her marriage to E. F. Her take place in August, Mr. Her the judiciary committee of Culberson of Texas.

Stephens-Banckoff.

The marriage of Mrs. Mad sock and Gilbert S. Stephens 3 Wednesday evening at 7:30 at Presbyterian church. Rev. Scott officiating. Mrs. Smith H. E. Woods were the attendants. The bride wore a gown of champagne tulle with trimmings of pink.

After the ceremony the wedding repast to the home of the Seventh street and Centralaven a dinner was served. The table decorated with purple iris and arranged in a silver bowl. The were: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Alex Larvee, Mrs. F. J. C. William Grover, Mrs. S. McPherson, E. J. Sires, Mrs. Mary Sires and Mrs. Melvin Lindberg. A Reception was served by Mrs. Sadie White. Mr. Stephens is proprietor of Falls Stove Repair Works.

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Special Correspondence.

Conrad, April 28.—Mrs. Gieson entertained the ladies of the pal guild on Thursday afternoon was a large crowd in attendance afternoon was spent in sewing socially.

Mrs. F. D. Hanks and daughter returned this week from Fort Lons, where they spent the month.

The members of the U. C. J. the Christian church were ed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C on Friday evening. The eve spent in music and games. At delicious refreshments were se

Otto Abraham has resigned as bookkeeper for the Repton Lumber Co., and will like position for the Conrad Mr. F. F. Tinkenhiser having his position with the latter. Miss Martha Burrell of Bo

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**Teacher Convention
Grows in Interest and Many
Messages of Inspiring Char-
acter Are Presented Closing
Sessions Today.**

Yesterday proved a profitable day for the members of the Montana parent-teacher association, beginning at about the third annual state convention. The program gave them the opportunity of hearing some of the most able speakers in the state to get their personal mes- sages, and to talk it home in their own words to inspire the members with their thoughts and ideas for their work.

The delegate rather each year to dis- cuss the work, its problems and for the co-operation that makes success. The today morning session was devoted in part each a discussion, while the latter for a while before concluded the forenoon program. During the afternoon (Dean P. McElmer) and Professor James has add- ed to the inspirations already received, while last night Rev. (T. J.) Bennett and Miss Mae Trumper finished the closing for the day with their addresses. The delegate said: "I wish I could give you books and tell my story of all the things we see and will do this some back for tomorrow and for the new inspirations that I will get. Just being with the delegation of women makes me feel that the parent-teacher association is one of the most important organizations in America."

Mr. J. J. Bennett's talk on "Immigra- tion" was most inspiring when he said that for the state parent-teacher work- ing together at the uplifting of the high school last night.

Mr. Bennett spoke of the immigrant coming to this country full of enthu- siasm for the life before him, coming with the desire that in all respects for liberty, life and the pursuit of happiness. He told of those who they came up from the immigrant ships in New York, with fat and eager to learn the new country, its ways and to find what is in store for them.

When the delegates were here all hopes we let them go into the slums of New York, said Mr. Bennett. "They come to us as children to be taught our ways and we let them live that way. Education is what we need for the im- migrant, that they may learn the value of American citizenship. Why can't we become missionaries and teach civ- ility?" Here Mr. Bennett made the pertinent suggestion of his talk when he urged the members of the parent- teacher association to take up this work of educating the immigrant and to be- come the immigrant making into the ways of the country, that they may real- ize the value of American citizenship and in turn educate her children to be good American citizens.

The lecture was most graciously re- ceived and every member of the large attendance felt keenly the message that he gave them.

The high school chorists sang two num- bers and both were greatly appreciated; the patriotic numbers were received most enthusiastically.

A novel feature of the evening was the talk given by the children. There were 11 little girls seated in three sections of dark red chairs with their feet on a blue Virginia Mar- ble platform. The girls were dressed in



Photo by Benn.

Mrs. J. T. Bywater.

Mrs. Bywater is one of the members of the efficient commit- tee of the Great Falls parent-teacher association, assisting in en- tertaining the delegates at the state meeting, in session here.

pleased addition to the non-reading hours of the evening.

What the association and co-operation to do for the parent and teacher, was the keynote of an address by Miss Mae Trumper, state superintendent of schools.

Miss Trumper made an urgent appeal for the clubs to extend their work into the rural schools. She said that most of the school children in rural districts are not an average as some in the cities. There is usually a girl child teaching who does not know the rural needs con- sequently she can not give the co-opera- tion that is necessary to make an educa- tion a success. Miss Trumper said that organizations like the parent-teacher societies in rural districts, where rural schools are in operation, are one of the most common ways of the people being interested. It is in the home of home our work of the parent- teacher societies being brought into the meetings.

"Co-operation of parents and teachers will always lead to results," said Miss Trumper. "I think you all recognize that

fact a few weeks and the parent and teacher have everything straightened out."

In speaking of conditions in the rural world, Miss Trumper said that there were more than 1500 children of school age in Montana who could not read and write and in many cases the schools are out of the way, the towns are short and the teachers inexperienced. She spoke of some districts being rich and the adjoining one lacking funds to carry on more than four or six months of school a year; how a bill introduced that would make a unit of these dis- tricts and give schooling to all was intro- duced. "There is a new education in general," she said. Miss Trumper said where the parent-teacher associa- tion acts as of vital importance.

Another suggestion was for a new course of study. Mr. Has had said of this earlier in the day and Miss Trumper said: "I will have one suggestion of that the parent-teacher body and the people who send students are interested and active without cause." Mrs. Bywater said that as sure as it was changed

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