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TELL OF WORK IN TRAINING VOICES OF HONOLULU'S SCHOOL CHILDREN

Have you ever stopped on the outside of one of the public schools of Honolulu, and listened to a chorus of childish voices, each blending into perfect harmony, raised in singing some old familiar song which brings back memories of the days when you were struggling with a primer and striving to master the intricacies of the rudiments of arithmetic? Perhaps you have, but it is probable that you never stopped and asked yourself the question as to just what methods have been undertaken, or who is responsible for this perfect musical training possessed by the youngsters in the grades.



Mrs. Anna B. Tucker, who has retired after sixteen years' service as instructor of music in Honolulu's schools.

It is safe to say that probably in no other place is a greater interest taken in singing than by the children of the public schools of Honolulu. The Hawaiians—part-Hawaiians and children in school here today—are natural-born musicians, and the orientals and children of other nationalities are gradually beginning to acquire the talent.

Today there is not a teacher in the public schools of Honolulu, or of the Territory, who is not capable of taking charge of a class in singing or music. With the recent resignation of Mrs. Anna B. Tucker, who for the past sixteen years has been the supervisor of music in the public schools of this city, the department of public instruction loses one of its most valued instructors, for it is through her personal efforts that a remarkable high standard of instruction in music and singing has been gained by the territorial educational institutions of Honolulu.

Mrs. Tucker, who is a graduate of one of the largest art and music schools in London, came to Honolulu in 1893, and during the first year of her residence in this city was in charge of the music department of Oahu College. Her excellent work in that institution attracted the attention of the territorial school officials, and the next year she was offered the position of supervisor of music in the public schools of Honolulu, which she accepted. At this time the Territorial Normal and Training School was in its infancy, the present building having not been constructed, and besides her duties with the grammar grade pupils, Mrs. Tucker undertook the training of the department's teachers in order that they might become proficient to give instructions in music to the pupils in their respective schools. In 1907, Mrs. Tucker resigned the position thinking that she would not teach any longer, but partly on account of ill health. She left the islands for a year, and upon her return was again offered the position, and she accepted. In her new position, her work centered largely on the Normal School, where she once more commenced training the teachers of the territory.

"I accepted the position largely through Principal Wood's attitude toward music," says Mrs. Tucker. "He felt the same way toward it as I did then and do now—that it is as necessary to have a teacher in music as it is for any other study. I have always placed it on the same plane with any other subject."
The instruction in music in the Territorial Normal and Training School has been exceedingly thorough. The work which has been assigned has had to be done, and no excuses were taken for failures. No student could graduate from the Normal School without being able to teach the fundamentals of music.

"The object of music in the public schools," says Mrs. Tucker, "aside from any notation, is first of all the preservation and use of the singing voice. This is not understood in some of the public schools on the mainland, and I have seen the voices of hundreds of children ruined because of the lack of this important training. Then, the first and most important thing is that the quality of voice shall be correct; second the mastery of the language, which gives the child the power to get the thought from the representation, and the ability to read and write the language of music. The third requirement is a love of good music, and the ability to sing in good taste and in pleasing quality of tone."

"The training of the teachers who were in attendance at the Normal school was perhaps the most difficult part of my work," continued Mrs. Tucker, "but I found them all eager to learn in order that they might have no trouble with classes of their own. I taught them with both systems, tonic sol fa and staff. For instance, we would take a single piece of music to begin with, and after a course of time, any member of the class would be able to take that piece of music, pitch it to the right key and sing it through, beating his own time, not only in one single part but in all the parts from alto to basso. In fact, during examinations I would give a pupil a piece of music that perhaps he or she had never seen before, and require a like course without the piano. When a student has become thus proficient, I uphold that he has learned the language of music."
"It has been interesting to teach the Hawaiian children for they have a perfect ear for music and never sing out of the key as the children of other nationalities are so apt to do. When I first began teaching music in the grammar grade in Honolulu, many of the children came from poor homes, but I soon came to learn that it was in those homes where music reigned almost supreme. I have educated the fathers of many of the children who attend the public schools today, and they are able to take any piece of music and sing any part through. I believe that it is necessary that a child should have a certain amount of musical education, and

that is what we have worked for in the public schools of Honolulu, and the territory, and I believe that, as a result, Hawaii has an extremely large number of musical citizens—that is, people who are able to read music and to sing."

Mrs. Tucker herself is an excellent singer and possesses a most pleasing voice. Not only has she taught music in Honolulu for the past sixteen years, but she has composed and had published more than eighty songs for children, many of which are folk songs of Hawaii. In speaking of her work with these songs, she said that when she began teaching the cosmopolitan groups of children in the local schools, she found it absolutely necessary to have a set of songs depicting something with which the children were familiar. Therefore she set to work and soon had a number of little short pieces about the mango tree, the taro, etc., which took kindly. Words which the children liked, too, she was careful to put in the songs. "The poor children," she says, "liked the word 'plenty' and 'enough,' and these, with others, were incorporated in the songs. It was mainly through this collection of songs which she wrote that she laid the foundation of the excellent musical system now in vogue in the schools of Honolulu. Her songs were later published by a London firm and are on sale in Hawaii and in the States today."

Mrs. Tucker has given up her work in music for good this time, she says, and she is soon to leave for the coast, where she will spend a year or so traveling. She plans to return to Hawaii, though, where she will be in a position to watch the developments of her sixteen years of work with the children of Honolulu.

The eighty-third birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria was celebrated throughout the monarchy. A statue of the emperor was unveiled at the military academy at Moedling, near Vienna.

Norwegians of Chicago are aroused because officers of the Field museum have permitted the Viking ship, a relic of the world's fair, to go to ruin, and have started a movement to restore the vessel.

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HONOLULU SCIENTIST MAKES SOME IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES

Dr. James F. Illingworth, in Fiji, Ascertains Arch-Enemy of the House-Flly

Dr. James F. Illingworth of the College of Hawaii will return in a few days from his important entomological work in Fiji, where he went to introduce the tachinid fly as a means of combating the caneborer. Not only has he succeeded, according to reports from the Fiji papers, but he has made some interesting discoveries along other allied lines.

Discoveries that may have an extremely important bearing on the growing campaign against the common house-fly are credited to Dr. Illingworth as the result of some observations in Fiji. The Fiji Times gives the following particulars:
The little brown ant has at last come into its own. He has long been looked upon as a curse, but is proving to be a blessing in disguise. The remarkable freedom from house-flies in Fiji, at this season, is now understood. The great majority of them, are destroyed by the ant while in the egg or larva stage. The discovery is of remarkable interest and importance to all tropical countries.

The scarcity of house-flies during the present dry spell has been a matter of common remark in Fiji. The open manure pits that are to be found on every side, would appear to offer ideal places for flies to breed, and still very few flies are to be found even about the stables. Dr. J. F. Illingworth, professor of entomology in the College of Hawaii, who is visiting in the islands in the interests of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, recently began investigations at Nadi to ascertain what was holding the flies in check, and if some parasite could be bred, when its great value to mankind would at once be recognized. Early investigations showed that there was a remarkable scarcity of maggot, even in the unprotected manure pits. Ants, being everywhere in abundance, were not taken into account at first. Soon, however, their great numbers over the fresh manure

led to closer observations and the discovery that they were carrying the eggs and newly-hatched larvae of the houseflies. The egg or young maggot was held by one end and elevated above the head of the ant while it was making its way over the uneven surface of the manure. It will be easy to understand why this discovery was not made before when we recognize that the egg of the fly is only about 1-35 of an inch in length, and the newly hatched maggot only slightly larger.

Further observations revealed the fact that ants destroy larger maggots of the house-fly in great numbers; in some cases even when they have reached full size. The rapid heating of the manure, or the myriads of mites, which are to be found in the manure, irritate the maggots so that they come to the surface from time to time. If they appear among the ants, which are swarming over the surface, they are at once pounced upon, and after a rough-and-tumble the superior numbers of the ants win the day and the maggot is dragged off to their nest.

In one experiment, five full-grown maggots were dropped down among the ants at one time; within twenty minutes the maggots were conquered and in ten minutes more were being drawn into the nests of ants.
The wonderful reproductive ability of the house-fly, even in cold countries, where they are killed off by the winter, suggests the unthinkable hordes that would plague us in a warm country like Fiji, if they were not held in check.

Dr. L. O. Howard, in his volume on the house-fly, estimates that one female fly that escapes the winter, laying 120 eggs in April, would result in 5,998,720,000,000 adult flies by September 10, if conditions were perfect for reproduction. The number is unthinkable, much less can we imagine what the increase would be in a tropical country where breeding goes on all the year round.
The indications are that the little brown ants are the principal factor in the destruction of the great majority of house-flies in warm countries.

TWO WOMEN SWIM GOLDEN GATE WATCHED BY ADMIRING CROWDS

[By Latest Mail]
SAN FRANCISCO.—Defying the dangerous currents of ebb tide, Mrs. Myrtle Wright and Miss Dollie Meyer yesterday afternoon, in sight of hundreds of spectators, swam the Golden Gate from Fort Point to Lime Point, on the opposite shore in Marin county. It was the first time in history that woman had successfully navigated the treacherous currents with the tide at ebb.

Mrs. Wright, the older of the two women, apparently had no difficulty in negotiating the distance traveled, but Miss Meyer, who is only 20 years old and a steady battle with the tide and waves. She reached the shore almost exhausted.
The swimming event was held under the auspices of the California Swimming and Life Saving Club, of which both women are members. Miss Nellie Smith, who holds the record for swimming the Gate, refused to participate in yesterday's swim because Mrs. Wright and Miss Meyer are amateurs.
Mrs. Wright completed the strenuous ordeal in 1 hour and 31 seconds, but her companion was not so fortunate, and was in the water a trifle more than 1 hour and 35 minutes. Mrs. Wright made the swim almost in a direct line, while Miss Meyer was forced to vary her course, on account of her brief experience with open water swimming. It is estimated that she swam about one and a half miles in traveling between the points. Mrs. Wright covered it in about one and one-eighth miles.

Both Start Together.
The start was made simultaneously at 12:24:54 from the rocks below the breakwater at Fort Point. The bay was rough, but when the tide began to come in more steadily, the women found the going more easy until the center of the strait was reached, and the more difficult currents encountered. Neither swimmer was, however, in danger at any time.

Though Mrs. Wright is an experienced swimmer and well known for her cleverness in the water her friends and fellow club members expressed fear when the start was made. Confidence in her success, Mrs. Wright predicted making the swim in an hour. It took her half a minute longer than she predicted.
The friends of Miss Meyer urged the young woman not to make the dangerous attempt, but she could not be dissuaded. Much fear was felt for her on account of her unfamiliarity with open water swimming. In the middle of the long swim Miss Meyer faltered and seemed about to give up, but then apparently regained her strength, and urged on by encouragement from friends who surrounded the pair in boats and launches, she never faltered during the remainder of the hard swim.

Mrs. Wright used the "tantalizer" stroke, consisting of a powerful double-over-arm stroke. She also relied upon the scissor stroke. Miss Meyer alternately utilized a single and double over-arm stroke.
About 800 persons were present at Fort Point when the start was made. A large number of small boats and launches continually picked the path for the swimmers, and on arriving at the Marin county shore a large crowd and the blare of many whistles greeted the two mermaids.

It is said that Walter Pomeroy is the only person besides Miss Meyer and Mrs. Wright who successfully swam the Golden Gate during ebb tide. The other swimmers, including the holder of the record for time, started just at the beginning of flood tide, when the water has a buoyant tendency and it is easy for the swimmer to keep afloat. Miss Smith, who swam the channel recently, also did so during flood tide.

Pomeroy did the long swim during ebb tide, making the total distance of one and an eighth miles in fifty-nine minutes, or one and one-half minutes better time than that of Mrs. Wright yesterday. The record for speed in swimming the channel is forty-two minutes.
Will Compete for Record.
Mrs. Wright has been popular in local aquatic circles for a number of years and was one of the principal swimmers in the race at Oakland last Fourth of July. She has also taken part in a number of other events and is known as one of the cleverest amateur woman swimmers on the Pacific Coast.

Her companion in yesterday's race, Miss Meyer, is practically unknown as a swimmer, but she has shown skill in other athletic events. Her previous long-distance swim was at Berkeley and was only a quarter of a mile. On account of her remarkable endurance she was given an ovation by her friends yesterday when she completed her task. Miss Meyer says she expects to increase her experience and if she finds her speed increased, she will compete against Miss Smith for the women's speed record in crossing the Golden Gate.

Yesterday's swimming event was held under the supervision of Captain E. Clark of the Fort Point U. S. Life Station, but the two women were under the personal supervision of Captain Harry Karn of the California Swimming and Life-Saving Club. Karn swam the first hundred yards as the women's escort.
Kim Lee Sup, the Korean arrested by the U. S. marshal Thursday received his preliminary hearing before the U. S. commissioner yesterday and was ordered held to the district court September 8.

Funeral services over the remains of Thomas Elliott, who died at six o'clock yesterday morning at the insane asylum, were held at half-past ten o'clock this morning from the undertaking parlors of H. H. Williams, interment in the Nuanu cemetery.

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