

The SOCIAL WORLD and WOMAN'S DOMAIN

Educational Qualifications for County School Superintendents.

A Letter of Query as to How Alabama Federation Women's Clubs Stand on Child Labor Legislation.

Social Affairs and Personal Items.

MRS. J. M. de COTTES.

Mrs. E. P. Morrisette writes the following interesting letter on a subject very close to the hearts of the women of Alabama, as it is one of the movements for reform in legislation which the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs took up as special work at the meeting in Montevallo nearly two years ago.

Mrs. Morrisette is chairman of the Educational Committee of the Federation, and it is a privilege to hear from her on this subject.

One of the "requests" that will be made by the women of the Federation of the Alabama Legislature, winter will be for educational reform for county school superintendents.

Mrs. Morrisette writes: For progress in our public school system we need efficient law as well as competent authorities. Influenced by the presentation of facts, arguments and persuasion, our legislatures have from year to year developed school laws. There remain some defects which contrast our law unfavorably with the law of other States, principal among which is the absence of educational and moral qualification for school superintendents.

Injustice and peril lie in inadequate superintendency, and if this can be brought to the attention of our next General Assembly it is respectful and respectable to believe that reform will follow.

In the South where we have the county system of local government, the school organization is a county system. Next to the State Superintendent in the power to hinder or help, are the County Superintendents. Under our present law any office seeker is eligible to the position, the duties are sometimes imposed by popular vote on a man as totally unfit as would be an ignorant in the office of President of the State Board of Health.

The National Educational Association Committee of twelve on rural schools, for 1897 in its initial introductory utterance says: "The rural schools are suffering from the want of official and intelligent supervision. In every State some standard of qualification, moral and intellectual, with some amount of actual experience, should be demanded by law from those who aspire to fill the office of superintendent or supervisor of schools."

A special sub-committee of three reported on supervision. These were Henry Babin of Iowa, John L. Dyer of Missouri and the General Committee of twelve, L. E.

ening influence of isolation in the ordinary country school. A superintendent should know how to make out a library catalogue and he and his school are fortunate if he is resourceful in ways and means of securing the library; he should be able to direct the professional reading of teachers in standard books, old and new, and in periodicals; he should possess the tact to bring the country homes in close touch with the schools, not only by a judicious use of the columns of the county paper, but by sutting the manual training of the children to the environment of each school and by instituting a correspondence, too, between the studies and environment; he should adorn the gospel of education in the rural homes he visits; he should visit the schools, not perfunctorily, but to find what teachers teach, what pupils know, what are the physical conditions, and he should keep a careful record of his observations to guide him in suggestions to those above him and those below him in authority.

It seems only common sense to require that a supervisor should be equal to the best teachers he supervises, only simple justice to exact that broad generous culture which comes from intimacy with the best literature and sympathy with the best men of his time.

We know how stringent are the rules of promotion in the army, how disgraceful is a coward or incompetent in the military force, and how disastrous in time of war it is to be outgeneraled. Do times of peace not call for eternal vigilance? We will be outgeneraled in every field where victory is the reward of character, industry and education, unless we improve our rural schools through a qualified superintendent.

Could anything less than genius advise teachers in emergencies like that of the teacher in Texas who, according to the New York Tribune, received one dreadful day the following note? Let me say I have a kinswoman who vouches for it that there are parents in Alabama and Georgia who paralyze teachers with just such notes:

"Sir—Will you in the future give my son easier some to do at nites? This is what he's brought home two or three nites back:

"If fore gallins of here will fill thirty to pint bottles, how many pints and half bottles will nine gallins of here fill?"

"Well, we tried and could make nothing of it at all, and my boy cried and sed he didn't dare go back in the mornin without doing it. So I had to go and buy a nine gallon keg of here, which I could ill afford to do, and then he went and borrowed a lot of wine and brandy bottles. We fill them, and my boy put the answer down. I don't know whether it is right or not, as we split some while doing it."

"P. S.—Please let the next some be in water, as I am not able to buy more here."

Now, must we not put our geniuses, or our nearest approaches to genius, in the department of rural superintendency to come to the help of teachers in such

ning of the donkey's tail and cutting of the birthday cake were the diversions of the later hours.

The prize, a box of candy, offered for the proper placing of the donkey's tail, was won by Master Terrie McPherson.



MISS EOLINE OCTAVIA RUSSELL, OF MOBILE.

Miss Russell is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Edward LaFayette Russell of Mobile. Her pliant beauty and intellectual gifts make her a brilliant figure in society. She has been extensively and is rarely accomplished.

Miss Russell was recently selected to write the inscription on the superb silver service which the State will present to the battleship "Alabama."

The silver of cake containing the dime was cut by Miss Mary Ashley; the one containing the thimble was cut by Master Eason Cook, and the one containing the ring was cut by Miss Hereslee Galatas. The guests were: Jesse Moore, Carolyn McPherson, Dora Savage, Elizabeth Mayce, Iry Jones, Helen Chaffee, Brooks Forehand, Mary McPherson, Louise Minnis, Nellie Brock, John Minnis, Joe McCombs, Stewart McCombs, Kate Durr, James Durr, Ida B. Gay, Louise Holt, Todie Shepard, Cleo McPherson, Wilton McPherson, Graves Little, Olivia Bogacki, Elma McPherson, Archibald McQueen, Helen Martin, Edith and Robert Hodgson, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Hereslee Galatas, Mattie Hargrove, Ruth Galatas, Williams, Carnal, Lucile O'Rear, Sallie Wood, Milton Wood, Lucile McPherson, William Wilkerson, Elizabeth Wilkerson, Mary Ashley, Mary Ellen Harrie, McGrega Snodgrass.

others could hardly be expected to keep it in force. It is charged that laws on this subject are not enforced except in two of the Northern States.

Referring to deductions drawn from the twelfth census report, given in an authoritative article of recent date, published in The New York Commercial, I find the following: "Only one child is employed to every ninety-six adults in this State (Minnesota). The average for the country is one child to thirty-three adults. Washington and Oregon are the only States where the percentage of child labor is less than in Minnesota. They have only one child employed to every five adults. Wisconsin has one child employed to twenty-four adults and Iowa one child to thirty adults. New York, Maine and other Eastern States have excellent child labor laws, which are rigidly enforced, but the Southern States bring down the year, and in almost every mill village and town, an eight or nine months' school is maintained. Whether we have compulsory education or not, the majority of cases of children taken out of the mills will be put in school, if for no other reason than to 'get rid of them,' as a general rule. In conclusion, let me say that, if Mrs. Orr has been misunderstood by 'careless readers,' we must excuse them, for we are blind men, just as the blind men are, to stand by the editors of some of our best papers. The Mobile Register, and even papers outside the State, have commented editorially upon the stand taken by the Federation in opposing its President, a recent issue of The Chicago Post says: 'The statement of Mrs. Orr and her willingness to accept an agreement from the mill men in lieu of a law on the subject, is a rather sorry commentary on the attitude of the Federation towards evil.' Have the clubs gone back upon their pledges, or does the President only voice her private sentiments? It would be of interest to many to know how the club women stand on this question."

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