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### SALARIES OF TEACHERS

This great country of ours is so big, so complex that grave conditions like the high cost of living, strikes, social unrest, and scarcity of school teachers have strayed far away from their causes and stand out merely as results, as a parcel of isolated and deplorable facts. In our mind's eye we can see men working in mines, factories, courts, hospitals, offices, remote like ants in a crevice struggling for their crumbs of bread. They are only picturesque to some of us, and nothing more, so remote are their struggles from our experience and sympathy. Viewed from a distance they are an amiable brotherhood of human ants working together for the common weal, but a "close up" reveals them as intensely individualistic hunters, each fighting ferociously to sustain his little spark of life under a vicious system. True, they may have visions and dreams. They may have a love of art, of humanity, of service. They may have souls that long for the "durable satisfactions of life," but they can not develop a talent, they can not serve mankind; they are the slaves of a material regime, which has few exemptions.

One of these exemptions has always been the teacher, wherever he may be found, from grammar school to college professor. Not that he has ever been paid a salary commensurate with his services, yet there was a time when the man or woman of rare intellectual endowments, the man or woman with a fine discriminating sense of real values in life, could turn his back on the vulgar allotments of money getting, and become, with competence assured, a teacher for the young. Such philosophers and thinkers are the natural and logical leaders of the young. Such hearts and brains are the natural repository of high ideals, of intelligent purpose in living, of an Americanism worthy of our noblest traditions, of service to God and humanity.

But what happens? The salaries of the teachers and professors, always pitifully poor, have now reached such a low ebb in comparison with the cost of living, that the teaching profession threatens to become prohibitive to every highly intelligent and gifted person. We pay a colored cook sixty-five dollars a month and she has her room, board, and laundry. She can not write her name. She has no idea whatever what her age may be. She does her work indifferently well. On the other hand, we seek to employ a specially trained, experienced, educated woman to teach or to direct the play activities of our children for eighty-five dollars a month. She may have spent years in her training for such a position; certainly she has spent hundreds of dollars. In the case of the high school teacher where a college degree is a pre-requisite, thousands of dollars have been spent in preparation; in the case of the professor, many thousands and as much as ten years of his life.

In the advertising columns of a New York newspaper there recently appeared two advertisements, one for a barber to receive thirty dollars a week; the other for a teacher of history, mathematics, and psychology for \$65 a month, which is identically the same salary as that of the colored cook who cannot write her own name. Does not such a system of evaluation for services put a premium on ignorance?

In Pennsylvania, the second richest state in the Union, the average monthly pay of women teachers is \$51. Twelve million or about three fifths of the pay of all men teachers in the state is \$71 a month. The average monthly school children of this country are attending rural schools. Millions of them are being taught by immature, untrained teachers of 17, 18, and 19 years of age. These weak immature teachers, stay in the profession but a little while, most of them regarding teaching as merely a stepping stone to something "worth while."

The Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, N. Y., appointed a special committee to look into the subject of teachers' salaries. This committee found the situation so serious that they have issued an appeal to all Rotary clubs throughout the country to use their influence to create sentiment for a better public school system, their primary object being—not to boost teachers' salaries—but to attract high class men and women into the teaching profession by offering them a living wage, to make it possible for those to live, who by education, temperament, and inclination, prefer the spiritual to the material values of life. To secure such teachers for the young is the only hope we have of better things and better days to come. It is the only hope we have for higher ideals and more discriminating values.

Man is gregarious. He can not live unto himself, nor should we delude ourselves into thinking that we can bring up our own particular children to value spiritual things, to learn the meaning of service, to follow the Golden Rule, and live for "the durable satisfactions of life." It is unfair to throw such a child into the jaws of the present competitive system. No, America must bring up another generation in her public schools before we can hope for better things. And who is going to train those children?

Highland Park friends of E. A. Welch are sorry to learn of his death Saturday at his home in Lake Forest. The funeral services were held on Tuesday.

Several narrow escapes from serious injuries have recently occurred at the corner of St. Johns and Central avenues. Careless drivers are warned by the police to exercise more caution in this busy section of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sampson are the happy parents of a son, born Saturday, September 29th.

Mrs. F. N. Baylies of New York, formerly of this city, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Fred A. Preston, of Central avenue.

Mrs. J. P. Steffen has returned home after a five months' visit in Ontario, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mayer of 1023 N. Green Bay road have moved into their new home at 187 Broadway.

Mrs. Murphy of Wauconda spent a few days this week visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Anna Muench is spending this week in Chicago as the guest of Mrs. C. H. Doyle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Crosby are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Sunday morning.

Miss Marian Hicks is on the sick list this week.

The Worth While Circle was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. L. Adams.

The Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion will meet tomorrow night at the Army and Navy center. All members are urged to be present in order that various matters pertaining to the Post may be discussed with our representative who is to attend the state convention.

H. M. Prior leaves this week for Lake Koshkonong, near Ft. Atkinson, Wis., where he will spend a short time fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brand returned Monday from a short honeymoon trip to Davenport, Ia. They have taken their home in Second street.

S. G. Garnett has returned to his home in La Crosse, Wis., after a two days' visit with his son, James Garnett, 417 Oakwood avenue.

James H. Duffy spent yesterday (Wednesday) morning in Waukegan on a business trip.

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Burgess and son, Robert of Somanauk, Ill., spent the first part of the week visiting at the home of Mrs. Peter Hintz, No. Second St.

Mrs. Dwight Grant has returned to her home in Muskego, Mich., after a short visit with Mrs. J. E. McCaffrey, 578 Homewood avenue.

Mrs. William Rettig has accepted a position as saleslady in the Larson book store on Central avenue, and started on her new duties yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Preston are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Sunday at the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago.

Mrs. Anna Kirby and granddaughter, Lois Larson, returned Thursday from an extended visit with relatives in Toronto, Sarnia, Canada and Detroit, Mich.

The Rev. and Mrs. Earle H. Merriam and family of Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. William George of Aurora were the guests of Mrs. J. L. Holbrook of Ravine drive the past week.

Mrs. Ross J. Beatty and daughter have returned from Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. Noble Crandall has returned from a short trip to Massachusetts.

Rev. J. H. Keagle, pastor of the First United Evangelical church, left for Pittsburgh, Pa., to attend a meeting of the Board of Missions of his church, as a delegate from the Illinois conference. He may go on to Harrisburg, where the publishing house of his denomination is located and to Washington, D. C., to help Congress settle the question of the League of Nations. His pulpit will be supplied next Sunday morning by Lieut. Chas. Lichte, a minister of the West Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church.

Mrs. W. P. Moffet and daughter, Lulah, are leaving today for their new home in El Paso, Tex., where Capt. Moffet has just been assigned to duty with the 7th Cavalry. Miss Anna, who is still with the home service department of the American Red Cross in Chicago, will make her home temporarily with Mrs. Fred Schumacher.

The Supreme council of the Royal Arcanum have prepared engraved certificates for their members who were in service and will present them at their next meeting Monday, October 13. A full attendance of members is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith left on Tuesday for a two weeks trip through Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawther have returned from Bridgeport, Conn., where they spent the past two weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pratt returned Sunday evening from an extended automobile tour of the eastern states. They left this city Sept. 1, and during the following five weeks covered 2,437 miles, visiting many points of interest.

W. P. Pressinger and family, who have been occupying the Clark house in East Central avenue, have gone to New York to reside.

The Dr. Stephen Werth home in Beach street has been sold through the H. K. Coale and Son agency to Joseph P. McEvoy of the E. F. Voland company of Chicago.

"Alcohol Bill" Healy was arrested Saturday afternoon on Green Bay Rd. by local officers on a charge of being drunk.

Miss A. Dirks of Chicago visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Schuman of South Green Bay road.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand, 369 Central avenue have returned from Ransom Lake, Wis., where they have been visiting with relatives for the past few days.

The mushroom season is at its height, and many of the delicious fungi have been picked up near Highland Park. The woods along the lake near Fort Sheridan abound in mushrooms.

Routine business was transacted at the regular meeting of the city council held Friday evening in the city hall.

Rawson Earle Bowden has returned to his home in West Central avenue from the Mexican border, where he served in the army for about sixteen months. He is living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Bowden, and has resumed his duties with the Union Trust bank of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Erickson have moved to Highland Park from their former home in Chicago, and are taking their residence in West Central avenue. Mr. Erickson has accepted a position in the Larson brothers garage.

Miss Marian Leach of Glencoe avenue is attending Howard seminary at West Bridge Water, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Boynton, Mrs. Margaret Snow and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Vail left yesterday on a week's hunting trip in Austra, Wis.

The C. F. Leffingwell family have moved to Chicago and the Turcott family are living in their residence on Onwentsia avenue.

Mrs. F. C. Norenberg of S. Second street returned yesterday from Johnstown, Pa., where she spent the past week.

Mr. Harry Stuppel has accepted a position in the Harder Hardware store.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Allport, who spent the summer in this city, have returned to their apartment in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sedgwick and daughters, the Misses Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth, will leave next week for Palm Beach, Fla., where they will spend the winter. Miss Margaret Sedgwick will attend school at Miami.

Mrs. W. C. Roth of N. Second St. who underwent an operation at the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, last week, is getting along nicely.

Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will hold its regular meeting this evening in Masonic hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville St. Peter and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. St. Peter are attending the convention of the National Laundrymen's association, being held in New York City this week.

Mrs. Gerard Van Schaick who spent the past summer in North Carolina, is expected home this week.

Dr. J. B. Francis of Troy, Ohio, was the Sunday guest at the home of Mrs. J. L. Miller.

Henry K. Coale and Son have sold the Alfred E. Olesen house in Moraine road to William H. Clifton, whose home was formerly in New York City.

Messrs. John O'Keefe, and Wm. Witten will return tomorrow from Decatur, Ill., where they spent the past few days attending the Elks' convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bucher are the happy parents of a baby boy, born yesterday afternoon at the Highland Park hospital.

### OBITUARY

#### Nelson Mowers

Nelson Mowers was born in Rome, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1843. In 1849 at the age of four years he came with his parents to Highland Park. He became one of the early pioneer citizens of this section and resided here during the last 69 years of his life.

While Mr. Mowers was not a member of the church and for the past several years had not taken an active interest in church affairs, he believed in the church and for a number of years cooperated in the promotion of her interests.

During this time there was a room set apart for the use of the student ministers supplying the charge and the Mowers home was a minister's haven. What this meant to these men, endeavoring to introduce the principles of Christian living in the face of the open and at times the more pernicious hostility of indifference, is known only to them. We know from our own college experiences that the homes stand out in memory as ever green oases in the deserts and rocks of religious scepticism and indifference.

Mr. Mowers was a great lover of children and naturally endeared himself to them. No child ever ran away from fear at his approach but on the contrary looked upon him as a real friend.

On January 28, 1872, Mr. Mowers was married to Frances Yates. To this union were born six children, three of whom, Irene Isabel, Wilbur Howard and Ruth Frances, with their mother, survive.

Mr. Mowers has been in failing health for the past two years. Last January and February he was very seriously sick but with the coming of the summer he revived and spent the summer in comparative comfort. On Wednesday, Sept. 24, he was again confined to his bed, and during the days just preceding his passing, was an intense sufferer. He died at 3:45 in the morning of Thursday, Oct. 2, at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 24 days.

—Contributed.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their sympathy and kindness shown during our recent bereavement. MRS. NELSON MOWERS and family.

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With prosecutions for murder hanging over them, some of those Omaha lynchings must feel they made a mistake in not going to prayer meeting that night.

Congress is making an effort to reduce expenses, but it is not reported so far that the appropriation for mailing their speeches to constituents will be cut down.

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