# 'BACK O' YARDS'

Miss Mary McDowell Tells found how such matters were handled Kindergartners of Her Settlement Work in City

it here."

it is the truth."

votes are not to be used by any political

machine but as a weapon or method for

getting something done. "City govern-

ment," said Miss McDowell, "is not for

political parties—it is for the welfare of the homes, to bring cleanliness, pur-

ity and beauty into the lives of the peo-

ple. We haven't got it. We have beau-

ty in spots but we have far more ugli-

ness. It is patriotic to say that Chicago

is ugly, and is beautiful only in spots?

It is neither patriotic nor unpatriotic-

In conclusion Miss McDowell said that

she does not consider her work back

of the stock yards as finished-that it

cannot be finished until politics stops

playing with such things and science starts working on them. "In this coun-

try," said Miss McDowell, "we can nev-

er have a love of beauty until we have

a knowledge of ugliness. No neighbor-

hood liveth unto itself. The city as a

whole must care for the stock yards as

well as the Lake Shore drive."

URGES WOMEN'S DUTY

#### Must Use Ballot to Beautify Chicago

Miss Mary McDowell, Head Resident of Chicago University Settlement and Commissioner of Public Welfare of the City of Chicago, in speaking before the summer session of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college this week said, "the only thing I ever took thoroughly was the course in kindergarten work in this college under Miss Elizabeth Harrison. I have loved it very much and it has affected my attitude toward life, my method of doing things with people and children, because it is a philosophy that goes beyond little children and one who is to be a kindergartener must see the child never as a little child all alone but as a child who is part of the great social circle.

In speaking of her life back of the stock yards Miss McDowell said that she has lived in that district for twentyeight years because she wanted to get in touch with the laborers, the unskilled workers who get the lowest wages. According to Miss McDowell the little children there are not unlike those in other places—some are less spoiled, less bored, more simple—but they have all the possibilities of any child.

Right To Beauty

"We put the child of the poor in sordid ugliness where there is no beauty,' said Miss McDowell, "and are surprised at the unlovely result. Every child has a right to beauty. You must not believe in this just in your own schoolyou must spread the gospel."

Miss McDowell said that in showing slides of "Beautiful America" to the people of the stock yards she tells them very emphatically that they have a right to beauty, to grass and trees and flowers." Will that make them discontented?" she questioned. "Yes! I want them to be discontented with dirt and ugliness. What do we have schools and kindergartens for if not to stir up a noble discontent?" After one such lecture a little Polish boy, who lives in a wooden hut below the level of the sidewalk said, "it is true what you said. I no like it here. I go away. I like grass and flowers and trees and I like lambs that eats out of your hands like on the farm."

Miss McDowell told tersely of one experience in the district "back of the yards." "There were great clay holes filled with rubbish and garbage from all over the city. Mothers came to me about

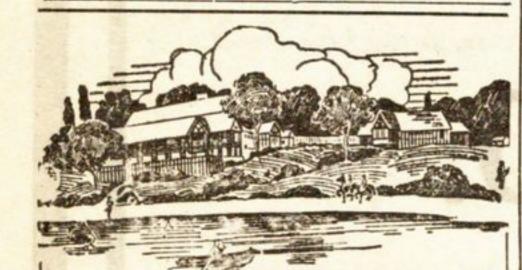
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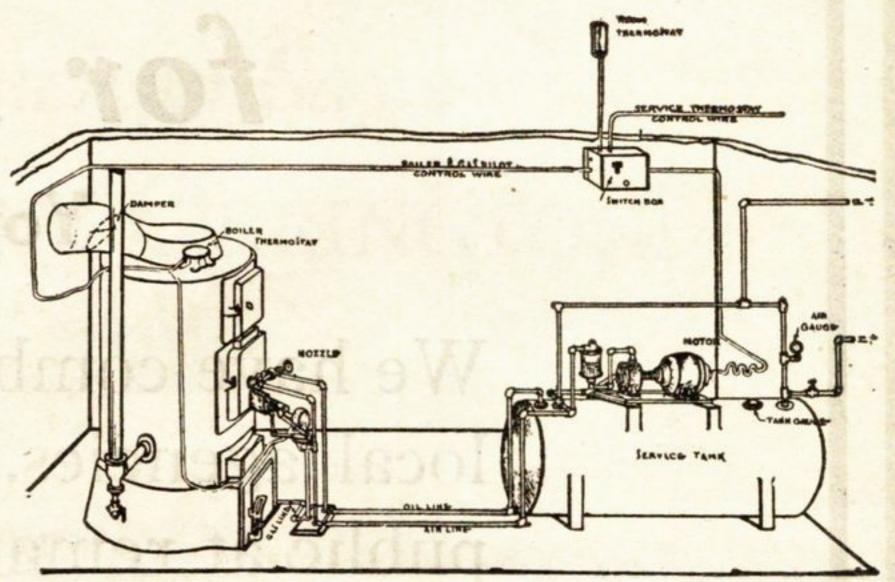
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