

### MOST GRADE TEACHERS IN STATE QUALIFIED

#### Cook County Has Only 1.69 Per Cent Who Failed in Tests, Says Washburne

This month nearly 44,000 teachers in Illinois are beginning their work with about 1,400,000 children in 12,000 school districts, writes Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of Winnetka schools. The quality of work done is extremely important to these children and to the future of the state itself and will depend largely upon the education, professional training, and previous experience of the teachers.

Most of the teachers are qualified and will do good work; but a few have had no education beyond the eighth grade, and many of them have never gone beyond the high school and have had no professional training.

The public is beginning to understand that professional training is important for teachers as well as for lawyers and physicians. But some people who would not think of employing a mere high school graduate to defend property rights in court or to perform a delicate surgical operation on a child's skull, still employ inexperienced young people with little education and no special training to try to perform that most delicate and important operation of developing what is in the skull into mind character and soul.

The new school fund apportionment law divides teachers into classes according to training. Class A contains those who are graduates of two-year courses at the State Normal Schools, or their equivalent; Class B contains those with thirty-six weeks, or one year, of training; Class C, those with eighteen weeks of training; and those

without training are said to be unclassified.

According to the official reports in 1925, there were great inequalities in the distribution of Class A teachers. Of 1,103 rural teachers reported from 10 well-distributed counties, only 8.88 per cent were in Class A. But in this same superior class were 15.29 per cent of the grade teachers in small village schools; 59.69 per cent in cities of 5,000 to 10,000 population; 78.42 per cent of the 5,463 elementary teachers in the fifty-two cities of over 10,000 population (excluding Chicago); and 96 per cent of the 9,010 full-time elementary teachers in Chicago.

Lake county had 71.36 per cent of its grade teachers in Class A; but Johnson county had only 2.22 per cent in this class. Cook county had only 1.69 per cent that were unable to classify; but Bond county had 68.85 per cent with insufficient training to classify.

#### RETURN FROM ABROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody Magoun (Margaret Boyden) have returned from their wedding trip abroad, and are establishing their home in Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. William C. Boyden and her daughter, Elizabeth, 725 Pine street, are leaving shortly for the East where Miss Boyden will resume her study at Smith college, and Mrs. Boyden will visit Mr. and Mrs. Magoun in their Cambridge home.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

The lesson sermon at First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday morning, September 12, will be "Substance."

Services will be held in the Masonic temple at 708 Elm street, at 11 o'clock, Sunday school at 9:35 o'clock and the testimonial meeting is held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Christian Science reading room at 526 Linden street, is open daily from 12 until 6 p. m.

#### HOLD CHURCH EXPO.

Members of St. John's Lutheran church are interested in a Lutheran exposition being held at the Sherman hotel in Chicago. This exposition depicts every phase of the work of this denomination.

Miss Ruth Rudolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rudolph, 889 Cherry street, has left for the University of Illinois, where she will continue her studies this coming year. Miss Rudolph is a member of Kappa Sigma Tau sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schlacks and family, 808 Center street, have returned from their cottage at Palisade Park, Mich., where they had been for the greater part of the summer.

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