

### Study Group Meets

The second Child Study conference arranged by the educational committee of the Woman's club, was held February 17, at the club, when Frederick Clerk, principal of New Trier High school, addressed the group on "The Intellectual Needs of Adolescence." Mrs. S. George Levy, chairman of the education committee, opened the meeting by recalling the main theme of Miss Dummer's talk of the week before.

Mr. Clerk began his talk by saying he did not wish to present this subject to his audience but wanted to discuss it with them. He stated that it was a subject which eludes people just as it seemed clear. Tests which are made for 1,400 pupils may fail for the one individual in whom we are most interested. During adolescence there is a highly irregular physical growth and a correspondingly irregular mental growth.

Most intellectual developments correspond to physical developments at that period, he said. The situation demands more than anything, a steadiness of environment and a need of understanding on the part of the parent and school.

The chief trouble for adults is the inability to think as adolescents. The school has the advantage over the parent in being able to see the child objectively, and the parent has the advantage of dealing with but one child instead of many.

The characteristics of adolescence in the normal health child are as follows, according to Mr. Clerk: dissipation of interests—absentmindedness; lack of desire and of power to concentrate; dependence on the ability of others; emotional thinking; sensitiveness to interruptions and interference; lack of objective as he has established it; strong appeal of amusement and accelerated force; lack of capacity to decide matters relative, easy conscience; appeal of loud color and noise; difficulty in being impersonal; remote relationship with and to community.

Solution of these problems which are normal and to be expected lies in the formation of habits which will estab-

lish correction of wrong or intensification of right habits. A solution of a few are as follows: to correct the dissipation of interests—absentmindedness, it is necessary to establish habit of careful and respectful attention, probably through an emotional appeal; the habit of concentration should be insisted upon from babyhood; the habit of responsibility—give the children work to do and wear yourself out making them do it—develop a dependence on self; habit of 100 years accuracy—give them suggestions, not too much lecturing, give them the satisfaction of a job well done; habit of logical thought; habit of persistence; habit of setting worth-while goals; habit of industry; habit of evaluation; habit of fairness; habit of appreciation of fine things; co-operation and civic responsibility. The meeting ended with questions and answers, followed by tea.

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