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REPORT OF CONFERENCE ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Atlantic City, N. J.

February 27, 1918.

In response to the invitation of Commissioner Claxton of the U.S. Bureau of Education, under date of February 9, 1918, a conference on a national program of Health and Physical Education was held in the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, Atlantic City, at 4 P. M., February 27th, 1918. Commissioner Claxton presided. Dr. W. S. Small, Specialist in School Hygiene and Sanitation, of the Bureau of Education, was designated as Secretary. A list of those present is given at the end of this report.

Commissioner Claxton opened the meeting with a general statement of the purposes of the conference: "To consider ways and means for securing the establishment of health and right health-habits as a part of the education of all children and of such physical education as will give to boys and girls full and complete control of their bodies and result in a generation of men and women strong and healthy and in every way physically fit for the duties and tasks of life both in peace and in War. "

Dr. Small stated that the principle governing the issuance of invitations was that all national organizations that either directly or indirectly were actively interested in the promotion of health and physical education of the youth of the country should be represented; and further that a limited number of persons who as public officials or as individuals had shown conspicuous interest in the problem had been invited.

With respect to the program for the conference, Dr. Small stated that the proposals to be presented had been drawn up by Dr. Thomas D. Wood, Chairman of the Committee on Health Problems in Education of the National Council of Education.

Dr. Wood presented the following proposals as a basis for discussion and action:

- I. That a comprehensive thorough-going program of health education and physical education is absolutely needed for all boys and girls of elementary and secondary school age, both rural and urban, in every state in the Union.
- II. That legislation, similar in purpose and scope to the provisions and requirements in the laws recently enacted in California, New York State and New Jersey, is desirable in every state, to provide authorization and support for state wide programs in the health and physical education field.

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- III. That the United States Bureau of Education should be empowered by law, and provided with sufficient appropriations, to exert adequate influence and supervision in relation to a nation wide program of instruction in health and physical education.
- IV. That it seems most desirable that Congress should give recognition to this vital and neglected phase of education, with a bill and appropriation similar in purpose and scope to the Smith-Hughes law, to give sanction, leadership and support to a national program of health and physical education; and to encourage, standardize and, in part, finance the practical program of constructive work that should be undertaken in every state.
- V. That federal recognition, supervision and support are urgently needed, as the effective means, under the Constitution, to secure that universal training of boys and girls in health and physical fitness which are equally essential to efficiency of all citizens both in peace and in war.

Discussion of the several proposals was led by:

- Proposal I. Dr. D. A. Sargent of Harvard University.
- Proposal II. Dr. Thos. A. Storey, State Director of Physical Training for the State of New York.
- Proposal IV. Dr. W. S. Small, U. S. Bureau of Education.
- Proposal V. Dr. C. Ward Crampton, Director of Physical Training, Public Schools, New York City.
- Proposal III. Dr. W. B. Owen, Chairman, National Council of Education (Principal Chicago Normal School).

General discussion followed. The participants were:

Dr. Taliaferro Clark, U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. Henry Bracken, Executive Officer, Minnesota State Department of Health (representing the Council of Health and Education of the American Medical Association); Mr. McCulloch, Secretary, Southern Commercial Congress; Mr. John A. Voll, representing the American Federation of Labor; Dr. Josephine Baker, Director, Bureau of Child Hygiene, New York City; Miss Jessie Bancroft, President of the American Posture League; Mr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America; Mr. L. N. Hines, Superintendent of Schools, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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Dr. Crampton moved that proposals as presented by Dr. Wood be endorsed and that it be recommended to the Committee on Resolutions of the Department of Superintendence that these proposals be incorporated in their report to the department. Upon motion of Mr. West the first proposal was amended so as to read "for all boys and girls of elementary school age" instead of for all boys and girls in elementary and secondary schools. With this amendment Dr. Crampton's motion was carried.

Dr. Crampton further moved that the conference as constituted resolve itself into a continuing committee and that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a smaller committee to confer with him and prepare a definite program of action and report back to the general committee as progress is made. After some discussion as to the size of the "smaller" committee, the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PROGRAM
FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Thos. D. Wood, Columbia University, New York City.

Dr. C. Ward Crampton, Director Physical Education, Department
of Education, New York City.

Dr. Charles Mayo, President, American Medical Association,
C/o Surgeon General's Office, War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Taliaferro Clark, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Walter Camp, New Haven, Conn.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, Southern Secretary, National Child Labor Com-
mittee, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Woman's Committee, Council of National
Defense, 2 - West 86th Street, New York City.

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Mr. John A. Vall, American Federation of Labor, 1005 Colonial
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Mr. James E. West, Chief Scout Exacutive, Boy Scouts of America,
New York City.

Dr. W. B. Owen, Principal Chicago Normal School, Chicago,
Illinois.

Dr. W. S. Small, Specialist in School Hygiene, U. S. Bureau of
Education.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Atlantic City, Feb. 27, 1918.

- Dr. Taliaferro Clark, Surgeon, U. S. Bureau Public Health.
- Dr. Charles N. Wharton, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
(Rep. Mr. Walter Camp, Navy Dept. Com. on
Training Camp Activities.)
- Dr. Thomas D. Wood, 525 W. 120th St., New York City.
Chairman, Committee on Health Problems in
Education, National Council of Education.
- Dr. W. B. Owen, Chicago Normal School, Chicago, Illinois.
Chairman, National Council of Education.
- Dr. W. A. Burdick, 311 McCoy Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.
President, American Physical Education
Association.
- Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
Major R. A. M. C. Professor of Physical Educa-
tion. Society Director of Physical Education
in Colleges.
- Dr. George J. Fisher, 124 E. 28th St., New York City.
Director, Physical Work, International Y.M.C.A.
- Dr. Francis E. Fronczak, Health Com'r. of Buffalo. President of the
American School Hygiene Association.
- (Miss) Jessie H. Bancroft, 164 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
President, American Posture League, Madison Ave.,
New York City.
- Dr. H. M. Bracken, State Board of Health, Minnesota.
Council Health and Public Instruction,
American Medical Association.
- Philip Marvel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.
(Trustee) Representing the American Medical As-
sociation - In place of Dr. Alexander Craig,
Secretary of American Medical Association.
- (Miss) Emma Wilson, American Red Cross.
Supervising Nurse, Town and Country Nursing
Service.
- Mr. Arthur A. Hauck, Council National Defense. Social Hygiene Society.

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Lt. Walter Clarke, War Department.

Commission Camp Activities, American Social
Hygiene Association.

Mr. L. N. Hines, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Supt. Schools (Department Child Hygiene, N.C.A.)

Mr. W. A. Bailey, Kansas City, Kansas.

Chairman of Committee on Physical Training,
National Association of Secondary School Princi-
pals.

Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, 25 W. 45th St., New York City.

Medical Director, Life Extension Institute.

Mr. D. S. White, American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Dr. Emery Marvel, (Rep.) American Academy of Political and Social
Science.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, 628 Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Southern Secretary, National Child Labor Com-
mittee.

Mr. Edward N. Clopper, New York City.

Northern Secretary, National Child Labor Com-
mittee.

Mr. John A. Voll, Representing American Federation of Labor.

Mr. James E. West, Boy Scouts of America,

Chief Scout Executive.

Mr. Lorne W. Barclay, Boy Scouts of America, New York.

Director of Department of Education.

Dr. Hastings H. Hart, 130 E. 22nd St., New York City.

Director, Dept. of Child Helping, Russell Sage
Foundation.

Mr. J. E. McCulloch, Washington, D. C.

Secretary, Southern Sociological Congress.

Mr. J. H. Berkowitz, 105 E. 22nd St., New York City.

Field Agent, Bureau of Welfare of School
Children.

Dr. Thomas A. Storey, State Department of Education, Albany, New York.

Director, Physical Training, Bureau of the
Military Training Commission, State of New York.

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Dr. S. Josephine Baker, Bureau of Child Hygiene, Dept. Health,
New York City, Director, In charge of School
Medical Inspection in New York City.

C. Ward Crampton, M. D., New York City.
Director, Dept. Physical Education, N.Y.C.
Schools.

Mr. W. A. Stecher, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Director of Physical Education.

Mr. Henry S. Anderson, New Haven, Connecticut.
Head Instructor, Yale Gymnasium.

Mr. Lory Prentiss, Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, N. J.

Mr. A. A. Stagg, University of Chicago.

Dr. D. A. Sargeant, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Paul C. Phillips, M. D., Amherst College.

Mr. J. M. Gwinn, New Orleans, La.
Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. L. B. Alderman, 405 Court House, Portland, Oregon.
Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. F. B. Dresslar, Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Chas. H. Keyes, Skidmore School of Arts, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Dr. A. E. Winship, Journal of Education, 6 Beacon St., Boston.

Mr. Wm. C. Bruce, Editor, School Board Journal.

Mr. Howard T. Ruhl, Delaware College, Newark, Del.
Professor of Agricultural Education.

Mr. Paul J. Kruse, Cornell University.
Assistant Prof. Rural Education.

In addition the following persons, who were invited and had expressed themselves as in sympathy with the purposes of the conference, were counted as constructively present and have been added to the continuing committee:

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.

(Constructively Present)

- Miss Julia Latrhop, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.
Director, Children's Bureau.
- Dr. Jos. Raycroft, War Department, 19th & G Sts., Washington, D. C.
Chairman, Committee on Training Camp Activities.
- Mr. Walter Camp, New Haven, Conn. (c/o New Haven Clock Co.)
Commission on Training Camp Activities.
Navy Department.
- Mr. Joseph Lee, 1 Madison Ave., New York City.
President, Playgrounds Association of America.
- Mrs. Frederic Schoff, 3418 Baring St., Philadelphia, Pa.
President, National Congress of Mothers and
Parent Teachers Association.
- Dr. Frank Bachman, General Education Board, New York City.
- Dr. Wickliffe Rose, General Education Board, New York City.
- Dr. C. W. Hetherington, Sacramento, California.
State Supervisor of Physical Training.
- Dr. E. Conradi, President, State College for Women, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Dr. Fritz Talbot, 311 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Com. on Child Welfare of the General Medical
Board of National Council of Defense.
- Miss Ella Phillips Crandall, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.
National Organization for Public Health Nursing.