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WELCOME
MR. REED

*Class Room Teachers' Association
Federation of Teachers
Teachers' League
Principals' Forum
Schoolmasters' Club*

Nicollet Hotel

November Seventh

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-nine

M E N U

CREAM OF FRESH MUSHROOMS

CHEESE STRAWS

CELERY RADISHES OLIVES

HALF SPRING CHICKEN

POTATOES AU GRATIN

TINY IMPORTED PEAS

SHERBET

WALDORF SALAD

NICOLLET SPECIAL ICE CREAM

CAKE

COFFEE

P R O G R A M

Toastmaster: Miss Mary C. Harris

GREETINGS to Mr. Reed:

The City - - - - Mayor W. F. Kunze

The School Board - - - Mrs. H. D. Kilgore

Violin Solo - - - - Mrs. Edgar Zelle

Accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Libby

The Public Library - - Miss Gratia Countryman

The Administrative Staff - - Miss Elizabeth Hall

The Teaching Group - - - Miss Florence Fish

Music - - - Minneapolis Municipal Quartette

Messrs. Griebenow, Davis, Krieger, Revere.

Accompanied by Mrs. Griebenow.

RESPONSE - - - - Mr. Carroll R. Reed

BRYANT JUNIOR PRINTSHOP

11-7-29
Dinner for Mr. Reed

I am glad that I am permitted to be here to extend the greetings of the Public Library to the man who has come to be our educational leader. No city can have too many leaders of the right kind, and all good citizens welcome the leader who will help us to raise our mental and spiritual levels.

While we welcome you to our city, which has been so beautiful in its autumn garments and which will be still more beautiful in its spring resurrection, we want to tell you, not boastfully, but with sincere conviction, -that we have the finest city in the world, not only for its beauty but for the temper of its people. You will hear this from all of the enthusiastic inhabitants. Of course we know that you may find a few faults. An old Scotch woman went to visit her daughter who had married a wealthy man. She came back with fine boasting. It was such a fine house her daughter had, such fine furniture, and such a love of a garden. "Of course she cannot abide the mon, but there must aye be something."

As Probable there may be something that you cannot resist

But we hope that the friendly co-operation which you will find will convert you also into an ardent Minneapolitan. You can see for yourself that the Mayor will never stage a tragic-comedy and undertake a crusade against King George ^{have} as some mayors we know of.

"The greatest enterprise in the world," says Emerson, "both in splendor and extent, is the upbuilding of a man." It is to that enterprise that we are all committed. It is a colossal experiment, this American educational program, and the big thing is not what it costs, but what it accomplishes. It sometimes staggers one to realize the extent of illiteracy, of crime, the lack of culture, the low standards, after these years of earnest effort.

I am not competent to judge educational methods, and they change too often of late for me to keep up with, but I know that Emerson is right,-- the greatest enterprise before us is the upbuilding of a man, by whatever method or by all methods, and it will take us all,-- teachers, librarians, parents and religious

leaders, working with a vision before us, to accomplish it.

How to make a life, not how to make a living, or how to make a life through the living, is the important thing. We have always needed to develop leaders, and leadership calls for character as well as intelligence. The creation of character, the sensitiveness to spiritual values, the vision of the eternal worth of things is the greatest thing that education can accomplish. You in your school contacts, I with the magic influence of books, are teaching integrity, obedience to law, clean living, high ideals and the courage to live up to them. These, as well as alert thinking, enter into the upbuilding of a man.

It has seemed to me as I judge it from the books which people are reading that there is a new seriousness everywhere. The sweep of the Adult Education movement has found people ready to respond. Women who used to read only the lightest fiction now interest themselves in foreign relations; clubs, whose program was a

superficial study of some pleasant topic, now seriously wrestle with civic, national, or world subjects. A large body of older people, as we touch them in the Library, and watch them in our crowded reading rooms, are spending their leisure time in self-development. Tho there is more crime, there is also a keener sensitiveness to higher things.

There would be a new dawn soon, if character building were made our chief project, and "seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven" were our slogan.

Mr. Reed, the Public Library pledges you our sincerest support in every good word and work you undertake, for we have a common enterprise,- the greatest enterprise in the world,- the upbuilding of a man.

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