

WALDORF CLEARING HOUSE

Winter - 1967-68

We should like to begin our first Clearing House bulletin of this year by thanking you for your letters of support and appreciation. We are encouraged by the recent response from the different Waldorf schools and have all intentions of carrying on our work this second year.

Now that we are launched in a new school year may we urge you to think about useful information for our bulletin. Perhaps a review of what we would like to include would be helpful:

- a. What each school is translating and planning to print or reprint.
- b. What publications it has available now for teachers of other schools (with cost listed).
- c. What publications or articles it most urgently needs.
- d. Titles of books and articles, generally available, that would be especially valuable to Waldorf school teachers (with indication of cost, publisher, and other pertinent information).
- e. Other (available teaching positions, possible teacher candidates, etc.)
- f. We would like to experiment with a new idea: items of current interest in each school. This might include central topics in faculty meetings, new ideas in communication with parents, interesting assembly programs, etc. Notes on such items could be very brief and yet be of interest to other schools.

Address your letters to Clearing House, Waldorf Institute for Liberal Education, Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y. 11530.

REMINDER OF A DECISION AT THE JUNE CONFERENCE - 1967

Each school agreed to name a corresponding secretary whose name was to be sent to Mrs. Kreitner as soon as possible after school opened. This school secretary is to be responsible for collecting and sending pertinent materials to the Clearing House.

To date we have heard from Highland Hall, the Steiner School, and Kimberton Farms School.

HIGHLAND HALL

- a. The Stockmeyer section on "Drawing, Modelling and Painting" is being translated at present.
- b. Publications available (unbound, please include postage):
Butterflies, Birds, Bats, Rudolf Steiner, lecture I (Dornach October 27, 1923) 30¢
Michael Legends \$2.25
Supplementary Course, Rudolf Steiner, (Stuttgart, June 1921) \$3.75
Rudolf Steiner on Music Teaching, Zieman 85¢
Stockmeyer Compilation Sections:
"Introduction" (includes "Evolution of the Waldorf Curriculum," "Aims and Obstacles," "Curriculum") \$3.25
"Aesthetic and History of Art" 70¢
"Languages" (includes: French and English, Latin and Greek) \$1.25
"Arithmetic and Mathematics" \$1.15
"Knowledge of Outer Objects in the Lower Grades" 30¢
"History" 85¢
"Geography" 85¢
"Natural Science" \$1.00
"Physics and Chemistry" \$1.00
"Gardening and First Aid" 35¢
"Technology" 70¢
"Music" 85¢
"Eurythmy and Gymnastics" \$1.25
"Handwork and Bookbinding" 50 ¢
"Handicrafts" 35¢
"Free Religious Instruction" \$1.15
- c. They would like to see translations of the following:
Titman's Grammar
Articles on Form Drawing and Pentatonic Music in Hellende Erziehung (a little paperback with articles by a variety of authors - probably published in Stuttgart).
Curative Education - excerpts from lectures between 1908 and 1924 (Stockmeyer ref. no. 42)
Course for Curative Education - Dornach, 1924
Pedagogical Value of Knowledge of Man and the Cultural Value of Pedagogy - 10 lectures in Arnhem (Holland), 1924 (Stockmeyer ref. no. 29)
- Bindel's Works on "Mathematics"
- d. They have found the following book helpful:
Begleitungen am Klavier für den Eurythmie - Unterricht von Margaret Kempter., Pub: Dr. Friedrich Kempter, Engelberg/Wurtemberg, West Germany.

THE RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

- b. Single copies of the following are available at the school and will be loaned upon request:

Susan Deisroth: Puppet plays: "Hansel and Gretel"; "Red Riding Hood"; "Die Sieben Geisslein" for third or fourth grade.

Rudolf Copple: Language plays

Jean Lay: Fourth grade play, "Fenris Wolf"

Grete Froehlich: Art history material

The following materials were mimeographed years ago, but now only a few copies are left. They will be loaned upon request. The Steiner School suggests that someone recut stencils for them:

Four Legs, Two Legs and No Legs, fables from India, retold by Isabel Wyatt.

Old Nordic Hero Tales, Old Danish Hero Tales, retold by Isabel Wyatt.

The Last Greek Home from Troy, Homer's Odyssey, retold by Isabel Wyatt.

Deutsches Lesebuch für Anfänger, Margaret Hohenberg.

The Jade Heart, fantasy in one-act in the Chinese manner by Carol Coates Cassidy.

An English Manual, compiled from lessons in the elementary school by Dorothy Harrer.

Recueil de Contes, Poemes et de Jeux Dramatique, by Margaret Hohenberg.

The Golden Footprints, Adonis Press, 1949 by Henry Barnes and others, hard cover, picture by Margaret Peckham \$3.00

Form Designing, translation of an article by Hans Niederhäuser \$1.50 (Hans Niederhäuser is a class teacher at the Zurich Waldorf School and uses form designing extensively in his teaching. Hence his article is a result of great pedagogical experience. Pointing first to Dr. Steiner's recommendations, he then relates Form Designing to other subjects: Botany, History, Eurythmy. After it is practiced in the early grades, he shows how Geometry gradually evolves out of it. He concludes by describing the effects the practicing of Form Designing will have on the growing human being as a whole, the etheric, the physical and even the moral."

M. Froehlich)

- c. Teachers urgently need the following materials:

Science Manuals for elementary school: physics in the 6th, 7th, 8th grades; chemistry in the 7th and 8th grades. (Should contain lesson plans and lab techniques in physics; guidance would be especially needed in the teaching of optics, including color.)

For the high school, something on evolution of plants; in physiology, the endocrine system.

Material for geometric drawing in the elementary school, especially Arabesque designs in color.

d. Books that are useful in preparing a subject:

Math

Arithmetical Excursions, Bower, Dover Press

Mathematic Fun, Games, Puzzles, Frohlichstein, Dover Press

From Zero to Infinity, Reid, Crowell Press (for upper elementary grades; all in paperback)

Science

Man and Animal, Popplebaum

The New Zoology, Popplebaum

(for high school use)

The World of Matter and the Education of Man, Julius

The Golden Book of Chemistry Experiments, Brent (Partially helpful; some inaccuracies)

Physics, Baravalle

Science in Everyday Things, William Yergara (for elementary school use)

Crafts

Complete Book of Handcrafts, Zechlin, Branford, Boston, (out of print but can be found second-hand)

Lettering

Pen Lettering, Ann Camp, Dryad Press, England (can be used as a manual for high school students; \$1.30, if ordered from England)

Fourth Grade

Nordisch-Germanische Mythologie, Uehli (not translated)

Norse Mythology, R.B. Anderson

Epic of Kings, Aimmerman (Persian hero tales)

Geography in 8th Grade

Principles of Human Geography, John Wiley

Nature Talks to New Zealanders, Whetcombe and Tombs, Wellington Press, 1962.

High School Reading

The Seed and the Sower, van der Post

And There Was Light, Lusseyran

Story of an African Farm, Olive Schreiner

Folk and Fairy Tales, Tolstoy (paperback)

THE RUDOLF STEINER PRESS

The Rudolf Steiner Press has recently put out two new books which will be of interest to you all:

Fundamentals of Therapy, Rudolf Steiner and Ita Wegman (third edition, revised)

Discussions With Teachers, Rudolf Steiner (education lecture series given for teachers of the Stuttgart Waldorf School, 1919)

Both are available through Anthroposophic Press and the St. George Book Service, or can be ordered directly from London.

THE KIMBERTON FARMS SCHOOL

Miss Dora Kimmich has composed an extensive bibliography of German books that are of interest for teachers. These books have been written by fellow Waldorf teachers or by other authors, exploring the teachings of Dr. Steiner. The Clearing House will loan this bibliography upon request.

WALDORF SCHOOL

a. Printing Plans:

We hope to print Introduction to Chemistry by Kolisko later this year.

b. Publications available:

Attached to this bulletin we are offering you a bouquet - a graceful bouquet of grasses. It is a sample page of Grohman's The Living World of Plants (translated by Virginia Field Birdsall)*which has just been mimeographed by the Waldorf Institute. It has 102 pages and is richly illustrated. Our art teacher, Linda Lombardi, made the illustrations, recreating Grohman's original sketches. The cost is \$3.75, including postage (even postage abroad!). For orders of 15 or more copies the price will be \$3.25 each. The prices mentioned do not include a binder. It seemed simpler to let you provide a binder of your own choice.

The Practical Course is available at \$3.75 per copy.

*A reader for 5th or 6th grades.

d. Books and articles of value:

Great Sanskrit Plays, translated by P. Lal (New Directions Paperback, published by James Laughlin, Norfolk, Conn., \$2.75). Of value to history teachers in high school and 5th grade. Suitable for high school or 8th grade performances. (The 10th grade of the Waldorf School in The Hague, Netherlands, has a most successful performance of a play from this collection.)

I Loved a Girl by Walter Trobisch. (Harper paperback, \$1.25) A touching account of a modern African love story. Excellent for high school students struggling with the problem of sex.

The Failure of Technology by Friedrich Georg Juenger (Gateway Paperback \$1.25). Brilliant analysis of the forces inherent in technological "progress". Has been used as a basis for discussions in our senior class.

"Independence for Education": an article by John Gardner in the N.A.I.S. Bulletin this fall. Mr. Gardner's proposal is answered by an independent school educator and by a public school educator.

f. Issues of current interest in our school:

November 8th, Dr. Franz Winkler gave a lecture to parents and high school students on the misguided search for happiness, as symbolized today by a growing obsession with sex. Points raised in this lecture have been further developed in high school forums. Integration and intermarriage have also been discussed in the high school forum, and concurrently, in faculty meetings.

Parent representatives of the Financial Advisory Council have visited all class meetings of parents to discuss annual giving to the school.

A high school Service Club performs jobs for the school on weekends. They are paid \$1.25 an hour. Removal of a huge dead linden tree was one of the first projects.

We have just finished our first series of Adult Education Courses for parents: Sculpture, History, Chemistry.

Because of the cost of supplies and postage, we have come to the conclusion that we must charge a fee for copies of our bulletin. We have set the cost of a year's subscription (2 issues) at 50¢. We should like each school to notify us (this can be the job of your respective Clearing House secretaries) of how many subscriptions you would like as soon as possible. Please send your check (payable to the Waldorf Institute for Liberal Education) with your reply. If you receive more copies of this issue than you wish to subscribe to you may keep them free of charge. Because of the difficulty of currency exchange, we will send a few copies to the English-speaking schools in other countries without cost providing they write and request to be put on our mailing list.

Warmest wishes for a successful school year!

Gerhard Bedding
Janice Kreitner