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NEWS ITEMS.

Proposed Children's Code of the State of New York.

Justice Joseph M. Deuel of the Court Of Special Sessions of the City of New York has drafted a code whose chief aims are establishment of children's courts throughout the whole State of New York, uniform procedure therein, and employment of scientific agencies for curative treatment.

The idea is commendable-to be so in the highest degree he should have included therein adequate recognition of the serious nature of the cases of delinquent girls and provision for a woman justice.

Miss Bartelme and the Juvenile Court.

Many inquiries have come to us regarding the exact nature of the position held by Miss Bartelme in the Chicago Juvenile Court. We are glad to print the following, which is furnished by Prof. B. Elizabeth Lane, of the faculty of the Illinois College of Law, and member of the Women Lawyers' Club:

Our Juvenile Court is not a part of the city administration of Chicago, but of the county. The statute places the jurisdiction of neglected, delinquent and dependent children in the county or the circuit courts. In counties with a population of 500,000 the judges of the circuit court may appoint one or two of their members to act as the judge of the Juvenile Court. Therefore, only a judge of the Circuit Court can be judge of the Juvenile Court in Cook county.

Miss Bartelme's position is in the nature of that of a referee. All matters pertaining to girls or young women coming before the Juvenile Court are referred to her for investigation, and she reports the same to the judges before trial. In my opinion the appointment was made under the section of the statute pertaining to probation officers, for this section is sufficiently broad to allow an appointment of this nature. While Miss Bartelme has not the official position of judge, still her appointment

investigate these matters is an acknowledgment of their part of such a necessity and,

to meet this need and Miss Bartelme or some equally capable woman will have an Court.

Plea for Woman Judge in New York.

On February 7th at the meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the City of New York a resolution will be offered by the Women Lawyers' Club and endorsed

by the Portia Club, in favor of the appointment of a woman as Associate Judge of the Children's Court in that city. A bill to this end is now being drafted for presentation to the Legislature of the State.

The College of Law of the University of California, located at Los Angeles, has had a large occasion of women students since California has become an equal suffrage State. There are now thirty women studying law and the subjects of Domestic Relations, Crimes and Torts, as to the women students, are taught by women attorneys.

With the endorsement of Dean Frank M. Porter and the aid of the Faculty the Phi Delta Delta Sorority has been established. The five original women charter members have secured a charter from the State and filed incorporation papers with the intention of making it a national affair -by establishing a bond of sisterhood among women law students all over the country.

The Washington College of Law has been invited to form the first chapter apart from the University of Southern California, and Dean Mussey and the Faculty have given their consent. The thirteen women members of the graduating class hope to organise their chapter within the next two weeks.

On Saturday, January 18, the Alumnae Association of the Woman's Law Class of New York University held its annual meeting at the Washington Square Building, New York City. After the regular election and business, Miss Pettus, the president, introduced the guests of honor, Mrs. Philip Carpenter, Miss Mary M. Brenneman, Miss Jeannette Fergus Baird, Mrs. Raye-Smith, Dean Ashley and Chief Justice Russell, each of whom addressed greetings or a specific message to the alumnae present. The speaker of the occasion was Prof. F. W. Aymar of New York University Law Faculty, who profoundly interested his hearers with his clear exposition of the subject "The Workman's Compensation."

Musical selections were also a feature and a social cup of tea ended the afternoon.

When the Countess Aberdeen, the President of the International Council of Women, and Miss Violet Asquith, the daughter of the Prime Minister of England, were in Washington recently they went to see the opening of the Supreme Courts of the United States and for the first time saw a woman seated inside the bar with the men, entitled to practice before the highest tribunal in this country. This woman attorney was Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, who is soon to argue before the Supreme Court the important case of Shelton et al. vs. King et al., involving the right to terminate a trust. This case Mrs. Mussey won in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and it was appealed by the defeated parties to the Supreme Court of the United States.

At the annual banquet of the Washing-

ton College of Law on February 1st the guest of honor will be Miss Julia C. Lathrop, the Chief of the Child Bureau, who will speak on the work of her bureau.

Mrs. Georgie McIntire-Weaver, having been refused admission to the bar of Georgia, is preparing for admission in West Virginia, that she may then return and be admitted in her own State by the "Law of Comity."

Miss Litta Belle Hibben, one of the seniors of the Law Department of Southern California, will, according to Dean Porter, undoubtedly receive the medal for excellency in scholarship during the entire three years' course. She is a member of the Phi Delta Delta Sorority.

Miss Alice Birdsall, who graduated with high honors from the Washington College of Law last May passed the Arizona bar examination second and with her partner (another woman lawyer) constitute the only women practicing in that State.

Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz, of whom the legal profession is justly proud, sends her greetings to the East. We are glad to have her as a subscriber to the Woman Lawyers' Journal.

Speakers' Day at the Portia Club on Thursday, December 5, at the Hotel Astor, New York, was enjoyed by the Club and many guests. The President, Miss Mary M. Brenneman, ably presided and introduced the speakers, Mr. Frederic R. Coudert and Mr. Robert Grier Cooke. Discussion on civic improvements followed.

Emma L. Fall, a graduate of the Boston University School of Law, has been appointed to a place upon the faculty of the Portia Law School of Boston. Boston begins to appreciate the woman lawyer. Miss Fall's father and mother are both practicing lawyers.

We regret exceedingly that we lack space to print the admirable editorial entitled "Against Women Lawyers," which appeared in the New York Globe for January 18th. It is a well-deserved caustic criticism of the refusal to admit women to the bar in England. The Bar Association there is justly declared to be controlled by "old fogies."

Miss M. W. Cottle has been so successful in her course of Domestic Relations to the students of the Washington College of Law that she has been engaged for next year.

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