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EDUCATION AND MOVING PICTURES.

At the National Council of the Women's Convention held at Winnipeg last June, the following resolution was read, as it was feared an outbreak of crime among children owing to indiscriminate visits to moving picture shows was inevitable: "Whereas, moving picture shows can be made of

great educational value and beneficial interest to children, therefore be it resolved that the local councils be asked to interest moving picture theatres and film companies to provide suitable pictures, such as fairy tales, travel, industrial pictures and wholesome humorous sketches for the benefit and pleasure of the children, and that the whole question be considered by local councils."

As the subject is of interest wherever there are children and moving pictures, the editor thought it would be of interest to our readers to have the opinion of both educationists and the moving picture managers, on the subject, more especially in connection with the moving pictures and education. The following question was therefore addressed to a few interested parties.

"Do you consider that the present type of moving pictures, as shown at the average moving picture theatre, is detrimental, or of value to the boy or girl patrons, from an educational view point? If the former, what improvement would you suggest or if valuable, in what way?"

In reply the manager of one of the largest houses in St. John, stated that he could hardly call the question fair as in the first place the films were not chosen strictly from an educational view point, but for their wholesome amusement value.

When it was suggested to him that possibly a show might be given on Saturday mornings when pictures including industries, travel, fairy tales, and suitable comedies might be screened, he replied that before such a venture could be undertaken they would have to guarantee the expenses as he hardly thought that the box office receipts for one show would substantiate the tremendous cost entailed in bringing such special films for exhibition.

The following letter was received from Dr. H. S. Bridges, Superintendent of the City Schools, St. John:

"To the Editor,

"EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.

"DEAR SIR:

"I duly received your letter of August 7th, and will try to answer your queries as best I can.

"As to question No. 1, I may say that I do not