

EDUCATION

Because of the special phases of its activities and the appeal that its work makes to women and the public generally, the Bureau has tried to cooperate with, and secure the interest of all individuals and groups in the Commonwealth interested in improving the conditions under which women and children are employed in industry. The publications of the Bureau are sent regularly to a special mailing list that is comprehensive and general in its representation. Representatives of the Bureau speak to groups of women throughout the Commonwealth on the activities of the Bureau and various phases of industrial relations. The public has been educated to come direct to the Bureau with complaints in the matter of violation of the Woman's or Child Labor Laws and for all material on any phase of the subject that the Bureau has surveyed. If women and children are to be protected in industry, it is essential that the public understand the laws at present on the statute books and the need for revision and amendment as it develops and appears. Such information the Bureau at all times seeks to disseminate.

A number of important conferences have been held under the direction of the Bureau at which problems pertaining to industry have been considered and discussed from the point of view of a specialist or highly trained worker. Such a conference was the Conference on Women in Industry held in December, 1925. Another was the joint conference by the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Labor and Industry held in April, 1926, to discuss phases of the Child Labor Law for which these Departments are jointly responsible. In June of 1927, a third conference on Industrial Nursing was held and in March of 1928, under the leadership of the Bureau, the industrial secretaries of the Y. W. C. A's of the Commonwealth came together for an informal discussion of industrial problems.

The Bureau faces the future conscious of its responsibilities. Woman has become an increasingly important factor in our industrial life. Our machine age presents ever changing problems which render more important the need for safeguarding women and children in industry and guarding the conditions under which they work. In the solution of these problems, this Bureau must continue to assume intelligent leadership.