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 per cent in 1922 to an estimated 10 per cent for this year. Correspondingly, the birth rate has gone up an estimated 18 per cent in the same period. Magnificent work has been done by the public-health and educational programs, yet the average life of the Mexican is from forty-five to fifty years, and the 10 per cent infant mortality and 40 per cent illiteracy rates, according to Mexican government figures, show the tremendous work yet to be done.

It was lack of education that held the Mexican woman back before and it is only with education that she now feels she can cope with some of these tragic problems.

Enough of the traditional opposition to education for women remained so that when a college for women was proposed to the Ministry of Education two years ago it was rejected on the old theme that "woman's place is in the home." But the women would not be shoved back into the old era, for they had a new ideal for which to fight: that women's education should prepare them to co-operate but never to compete with men.

The women carried their crusade to a group of bankers, and in March, 1943, the Universidad Femenina, the first women's college in Mexico, opened its doors. Its success was instantaneous, for it has enrolled over 1000 students in its first year and assembled a faculty of some of the most distinguished educators in Mexico. Moreover, it has now some government support and is incorporated in the National University of Mexico, the oldest university on the North American continent.

Today the daughters of unprepared women of the old regime are equipping themselves to act as allies to their men. In the sunny new building facing Chapultepec Park they are studying to be librarians, teachers, journalists, social-service workers, nurses, chemists, pharmacists and laboratory assistants. Others are at work on some of the five languages offered to prepare them for the diplomatic service. Many concentrate on the decoration of the home or theater, on dancing and ballet.

As they work they pay grateful homage to Señora Adela Formosa de Obregon Santacilia, Director of the Universidad Femenina. Dynamic, eager, pert and brunet, Señora Formosa de Obregon Santacilia has won her place in Mexican women's hearts because she insisted on sharing with them the fruits of her own victorious struggle. Though formal education was denied her by a conservative father, she has traveled and studied with her brilliant husband, president of the Society of Mexican Architects, and made a name for herself as one of the most cultivated women in Mexico. She is an energetic supporter of music and the ballet, has written plays, and has been for seven years president of the Association for the Prevention of Blindness in Mexico. Yet the accomplishment of which she is proudest is her successful struggle to establish the Universidad Femenina. It is within this framework of co-operation between an educated husband and his wife that the Mexican women of today see their destiny fulfilled.

"Dobrecitas—the poor little things," Mexican women say when they hear of the strenuous life led by U. S. women. "That is no way to hold a man! Divorce is almost unknown in Mexico. Alicia Millán, 19, wants to marry 'a good man' more than a handsome one, hopes to have six children.

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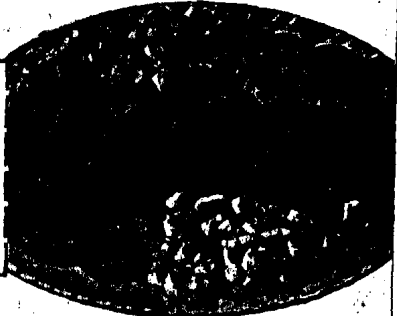
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