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**Vermont's New Educator.**

The matter of education in Vermont has received new interest and been endowed with new possibilities as the result of the report of the representatives of the Carnegie Foundation to the special educational commission appointed by His Excellency Allen M. Fletcher. Attach the word "education" today to any subject and it is given immediate attention in Vermont. The magnetism of that word "education" has influenced us in the selection of the heading of this article. A new educator for a new education ought to be so attractive it would catch the eye even in the darkest Vermont night.

Some very interesting things must be said in introducing this newest energy in our broad field of liberal education. He is not only a new figure in the educational field but a completely renovated product in himself. He is no new figure in the public life of the state and many will recall that in his earlier advances to "the people" he was strongly in opposition to Mason S. Stone and all he stood for in educational work. Especially bitter was he towards the public meetings Superintendent Stone had been holding for several years about the state for the discussion of strictly educational topics and the development of a public sentiment that would make further educational advancement possible. He called them "barn storming tours" and the men who accompanied Mr. Stone any disrespectful name that suggested itself to him. So bitter was he toward Mr. Stone that he secured the power to select an educational commission who should have the choice of a superintendent of education and took especial care to man that commission with the opponents of Mr. Stone. It looked very much as though the days of Superintendent Stone and his educational methods were numbered.

Suddenly there was a change. Hand bills were spread about some of the smaller towns of the state announcing an educational meeting to be addressed by Supt. Mason S. Stone and His Excellency, Allen M. Fletcher and such meetings have been held in many towns during the winter. These meetings are provided for by a permanent state appropriation and Supt. Stone had the money for them whether the governor approved of them or not. So the reappearance of the educational meetings even after the governor's commission has declared against them as having "outlived their usefulness" can easily be understood. But the appearance of the governor on the platform with Mr. Stone was a distinct surprise. The governor is reported to have told Mr. Stone he owed him an apology, but it has not been reported he has ever made one to him, and it would seem as though he owed the state an explanation.

Here are the educational ideas of the governor, as collected from reports of a large number of the educational meetings at which he has been the stellar attraction. First his wisdom in asking for a special educational commission and the discovery that the state appropriations for the higher educational institutions have jumped from \$40,000 to \$200,000 for each biennial period. Second that our court practices should be reformed to give "a shorter cut to justice." Third that he has done a great service to the people in causing an investigation of the telephone companies of the state. Fourth the importance of adopting the direct primary at the "next March meeting" and that there was not a "corporation lawyer" in favor of the primary. Fifth "it is not all it is cracked up to be" being governor of the state, and he closes with a vivid picture of a young country girl visiting the executive chamber and finding herself in the presence of "a real live governor."

It is not our purpose to take issue with the governor on any of the issues he has made. We agree with him on most of them. But we would

respectfully inquire if it appeals to the average reader as an honest act for a governor to attach himself to a series of meetings under the auspices of the educational department of the state for which a fixed appropriation is made to exploit his political accomplishments? Do you believe the money appropriated for these meetings has been expended as the legislature expected it to be? If you do you will welcome Vermont's newest educator, but if you do not the governor of Vermont should give an explanation of the necessity of transforming the educational work of the state into a personal political boom.

**Must Change Mexican Policy.**

The execution (probably murder) of William S. Benton, a British subject, at Juarez, Mexico, by Gen. Villa has brought the Mexican question very forcibly to mind again. It reveals the fact that Pres. Wilson's "watchful waiting" policy is bringing no improvement in conditions in Mexico and that present conditions cannot continue without serious danger of open hostilities between this country and Mexico. The American people are no more ready for intervention now than six months ago and we hope they never will demand such a sacrifice of American life. But the civilized world will not allow the uncivilized warfare and frightful destruction of property to continue indefinitely in Mexico. It will demand responsible government there and if it cannot be established within the country it will be by an outside force.

Intervention is by no means necessary at this time. The Wilson policy of openly ignoring the Huerta government and making insulting demands on it while aiding and abetting the rebellion against it has been completely discredited by developments in that country. The man who he has persistently said must go has proven himself the man that should not go in Mexico. He has retained the presidency for a full year under the most trying circumstances despite the opposition at home and the more powerful opposition by the United States. Nothing can be said in defence of his character and thus far no man has shown himself in Mexican affairs who can claim any advantage over him in this respect. He never has been so discourteous in his replies as Pres. Wilson has in his demands. His enemies have had every aid Pres. Wilson could give them and still he is at the head of the Mexican government.

Defeated in his whole program to date Pres. Wilson should adopt another and recognize the Huerta government in Mexico the same as he recognized the new revolutionary government in Peru. Such a change in tactics may prevent a war with Mexico and Pres. Wilson if he desires to save the country from one of its most serious blunders will make it. The question now is not is Huerta big enough to control Mexico but is Pres. Wilson big enough to acknowledge his mistake and save his country from the terrible misfortune it is now facing.

**The Greater Vermont.**

The annual meeting and banquet of the Greater Vermont Association at Burlington last week was an unqualified success. We do not recall another meeting in the history of the state when four men of the ability of Theodore N. Vall, Charles A. Prouty, George Harvey and Howard Elliott discussed the interests and possibilities of Vermont. Mr. Elliott confined himself largely to a plea for justice for New England railroads but the others confined themselves to Vermont. Space will not allow comment on the individual recommendations but treated collectively they made it plain that Vermont need not expect to gain great prominence as a manufacturing state outside of those natural resources located within the state. Land is the greatest resource and a much higher development of the agricultural portions and the waste lands into timber producing territory would be possible and profitable. The natural scenery of the state would be a great asset if made more accessible. The state should not rest with merely secondary education but give the best in higher education. The greatest asset is citizenship and Vermonters should bend every effort to the development of prosperous, progressive and happy men and women.

This program furnishes enough work for all the best talent of the state and it is valuable because it

shows how effort can be the most advantageously applied here. Every one can apply themselves to this work with confidence of success and if they will do it we shall have a greater Vermont. Not merely greater in its material wealth but greater in its energy, in its influence, in its possibilities and in its standard of citizenship. In giving an impetus toward this immense work the meeting in Burlington is well worth all its cost.

The town of Windsor was settled 150 years ago and the people are discussing a proper celebration of the event. A very prominent feature of the occasion, it is hoped, will be the opening of the remodelled Old Constitution House. The Old Constitution House Association is confident it will soon have a deed of the building and will move it to a new location donated by Sherman Everts and in this way preserve to future generations this most historic relic of early Vermont. The association is trying to accomplish this work through the voluntary gifts of loyal Vermonters rather than through a state appropriation, thus making it a real testimonial of the people. We have no doubt the undertaking will be successful as the people of Windsor are very much alive to the public undertakings. One of the most convincing evidences of Windsor's public spirit is the establishment and maintenance of the "Windsor Club." Here a vacant machine shop has been remodelled into an attractive hostelry for the men of the town and is fitted with all the modern gymnastic and amusement equipment open to the use of each member of the club. People who have done such things as these can be depended upon for a proper observance of the 150th anniversary of their town.

The announcement by Congressman Frank Plumley that he shall not be a candidate for renomination causes an additional stir in political life. Mr. Plumley has wisely decided to retire, after six years of service, to private life. By this course he suffers no defeat by his constituents and it may reasonably be expected he will leave no discreditable act in his record. With the rumors of his decision to retire came the names of H. F. Graham of Craftsbury, John W. Gordon of Barre and Porter H. Dale of Island Pond as candidates for the republican nomination for congressman from the second district. In a few hours it was announced E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro would be the progressive candidate and the only progressive candidate for the place. However the field is still open for republican and democratic candidates and there may be still more news in the congressional contest.

That the south is in the saddle is evidenced by the introduction of a bill in congress by Congressman C. G. Edwards of Georgia asking for pensions for confederate veterans and confederate veterans' widows of \$30 per month. It is also agitating the adoption of a national flag with the confederate battle flag incorporated into it. It is not likely to succeed in either project but it has succeeded in capturing more federal appointments than the North and doubtless this emboldens it to ask for these other things.

**EAST HARDWICK**

About 70 people attended Gentlemen's night, by the Ladies Study Club, Friday evening. A fine program and refreshments are reported. The last number of the Rebekah Lecture Course comes Friday evening and the entertainers are the "Russells". Mrs. Emily Jackson and Master Harold Collins visited at Guy Allibe's Thursday of last week. Lyman Allen has been quite sick. Kenneth Stevens of Kittery, Me., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. David Farrand of Hardwick visited their daughter, Mrs. Curtice Hood over Sunday. Mr. Humphrey of Greensboro has moved into Truman Gould's tenement. Cornelius Cole has been sick.

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**GREATER VERMONT MEETING**

T. N. Vall Gave Good Slogans For Green Mountain State—The Other Speakers

At the annual meeting of the Greater Vermont association at Burlington last week Tuesday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction; vice-presidents, Timothy Bronson of East Hardwick, Redfield Proctor of Proctor; treasurer, C. H. Forbush of Springfield; directors, Fred H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls, G. H. Bickford of Hardwick, C. P. Cowles of Burlington, W. H. Crockett of Montpelier.

That night a banquet was served at the hotel Vermont to more than 400 people from all parts of the state. Max L. Powell, president of the Burlington Merchants' association, presided.

**T. N. Vall's Beliefs**

In the course of his speech, T. N. Vall attacked reciprocity, saying that Vermont's agricultural products now command profitable prices and have opened up opportunities for Vermonters at home, while it has lessened them abroad. "If this is not to be destroyed by the fallacy of reciprocity, by the opening up of our markets to another and a foreign West with its virgin soil and its cheap production, and allow its products and the products of its border land of cheap labor to compete with our products, there is a permanent future to the agricultural interests of Vermont."

"Home products for home consumption" and "spend our money for the products of the labor that consumes our products" should be the slogan of Vermont, he continued. "That policy was the source of our wealth and prosperity in the past and will be the source of the prosperity of the future, so soon as we have the ears of the deaf are opened by the cries of distress that are bound to follow any other policy."

Mr. Vall declared that Vermont never will be a manufacturing state in a broad sense, although special industries will thrive. This is because the state is not rich in raw materials or with the market for the finished product, in order to compete with other states. "Moreover, while Vermont has much water power, it has no more than it will need for itself, he said. Therefore, thought Mr. Vall, Vermont will have to depend upon her agriculture, her quarries, her forests and her chances as a recreation ground for the whole country."

**Tide Turning for Farmer, Says Prouty**

Charles A. Prouty thought things were turning in favor of the farmer. He said that Vermont no longer fears competition with the West. "The cost of furniture in the farm house was three per cent greater in 1913 than in 1900 and the cost of farm implements four per cent greater but the cost of farm products is 39 per cent greater. It is evident that in the next 25 years the people of this country must change entirely their manner of living and the economic trend is all towards the farmer. It is in favor of the Vermont farmer, particularly, owing to the situation of the state. To the Greater Vermont association Mr. Prouty said that the thing to do to advance the farmer is to get at him and teach him and that means to give him the things of life he has not heretofore enjoyed. It means a dining room for him, a furnace in the cellar, electric lights, amusements and recreation."

**Harvey Defends Higher Education.**

Col. George Harvey's address was in large part a defense of higher education in Vermont, and he said he was not in sympathy with the apparent inclination of the Carnegie Foundation investigators to do away with higher education in the state. He hinted that a consolidation of the institutions might be advisable, adding as follows:

"One fact is certain: If you are going to do big things for Vermont, you have got to do them in a big way. Pettiness of spirit, neighborhood jealousies, and even material advantages to some degree must give way to broader comprehension and true co-operation or you will get nowhere, and the movement which you have inaugurated will presently begin to wonder what, if so soon done for, it was begun for. But I have no message to deliver or suggestion to make along lines familiar to you and unknown in any practical sense to me. In any case, the recent advancement both here and at Middlebury seems to indicate very truly a reawakening not only in appreciation of the part of the people but of a sense of duty on the part of the state. Because it is a duty, a real duty, of this proud little commonwealth to give to her sons and daughters, her very best, and then, if occasion require, as we

it may not so insistently as in the past, give even the sons and daughters to other communities which have greater need of their brain and brawn."

Howard Elliott expressed his opinion that the rise in the price of lands which had come with the filling of the West must surely mean an increased prosperity for Vermont. He took up in detail the farming development which he thought should come in Vermont. Then he launched into the railroad side of the situation.

In closing, the speaker said that unless the people of New England act together to help this railroad situation the result would be to regard all the things for which the Greater Vermont association stands. "We must put this railroad house in order and do better work for New England."

**EAST BURKE.**

Many Water Systems Frozen—Meeting of Pomona Grange.

L. A. Darling's thawing machine has been in good demand the past few days, the water at Carl Fraser's, H. D. Webster's, B. F. Humphrey's, B. F. Warner's, J. C. Lucia's and Nelson Perry's and Fred Davis's being frozen. The water at George Hubbard's barn has been frozen for more than a week, and with as large a stock of cattle as he has it takes about half a day to water them.

About 40 attended Willoughby Valley Pomona last Wednesday, at Algonquin hall. A beautiful dinner was served, and a very interesting meeting was held in the afternoon.

The Thursday evening prayer meeting this week will be held at the home of Mrs. Isaiah Mathews. William H. Jeffrey went to Manchester, N. H., Friday.

C. E. Fretto was home from his work in St. Johnsbury, Sunday. Mrs. Miles Bailey is still very sick. Frank McDonald went to Concord Sunday to get his wife who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cutting, since Friday. They returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Counter were in Lyndonville, Sunday to see her cousin, Mrs. Ella Finney who went to St. Johnsbury, for an operation, Monday.

A. C. Farmer celebrated his 83rd birthday last Sunday, by coming to church in the morning. Mrs. Brockway has been confined to the house for several days with the prevailing distemper.

Mrs. J. C. Lucia is better and out around again.

Mrs. Luna Powers from East Haven is keeping house for Will Cole.

Mrs. Mattie Welch and Mrs. J. C. Lucia were in Lyndonville, Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Newton from Lyndon Center spent the week end with her sister, Miss Ethel Newton, at J. C. Lucia's.

Mrs. A. C. Wyman and son, Alton came home from Canada Center, N. H., Friday, where they have been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Eggleston and Mrs. Clarence Morse the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stafford returned Saturday night from Rumney, N. H., where they have been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Miss Ethel Newton of the grammar room, and Miss Floy Gibson of the primary will finish their school Friday p. m. They have been hired for the spring term.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will meet this Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Isaiah Mathews. Herbert Jenkins from Springfield, Mass., called on relatives and old friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have finished work at Mt. View Farm.

Mrs. Wilber Proctor and Mrs. Eber Winset were in Lyndonville on business Friday.

About 30 couples attended the dance Friday night.

Walter Counter carried the Rev. Mr. Hall to Island Pond Monday. He has been holding meetings every night for a week at the Congregational church.

**EAST ST. JOHNSBURY.**

C. F. Palmer will give an illustrated lecture in the church Thursday evening under the auspices of V. I. S. Refreshments will be served directly after the lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moulton of Orleans are here called by the illness of their mother, Mrs. Lois Moulton. Mrs. Moulton is better.

Harry Sweet has finished work as Station Agent in the village and Mr. Stilling of Portland has taken his place.

George Carr's young son drove up to the village Friday night and in turning round was thrown out. The horse ran a short distance, slightly breaking the sleigh. In trying to stop the horse on the bridge, McCoy Ford sustained a broken rib.

Proper Printing pulls Profits.

**THE W. C. T. U. MEETING.**

The Foreign Vote and Prohibition Under Consideration.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their February meeting with Mrs. Henry Egabrooks, Tuesday afternoon, February 24. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. S. D. Atwood presided and conducted the devotional exercises. As this meeting was in memory of Miss Frances E. Willard, the Crusade hymn "Give to the winds thy fears" was sung, Mrs. Herman Swanson of Waterville, P. Q. playing the accompaniment on the piano. Mrs. Clara Packard read selections from the life of Miss Willard, and quotations were read in response to roll call.

Mrs. Elliott read an article from the Union Signal entitled "Prohibition and the foreign vote." This was in four parts, public schools to help Americanize the immigrant, study how to approach the foreigner, foreign papers willing to use prohibition material, and foreigners of all classes should be enlisted. These were very firm arguments and were listened to with much interest.

Other short articles were read, "The cry from across the water," these being entitled, "Winning the foreign vote," "Canada wants prohibition in 1920" and "Toronto women to vote this year." A letter was read from our honorary life member, Mrs. Cordelia Caswell. This letter contained a check for work and was sent with best wishes for the union, the work, and the members. Mrs. Caswell is spending the winter with her son in Concord, N. H. After singing again, the meeting adjourned after the repetition of the benediction in unison. The

carnations were sent to those who were sick.

**KIRBY.**

There was no service at the church Sunday on account of the storm. Mrs. Livermore from Boston is visiting her father, Denmore Wright, who is in very poor health, caused by a fall.

The Ladies' Aid at Dan Davis', last Thursday was well attended, there being about 80 to dinner. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haastie from Lyndon, visited at W. P. Russell's over Sunday.

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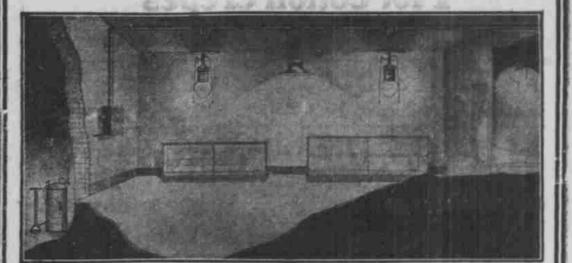
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