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THE VOTER AND THE "ROOTER."

Busy Business Man, if you can [illegible] to spend two hours for five [illegible] watching the base-[illegible] can you honestly say [illegible] time to register and to [illegible] of all the morals drawn from [illegible] text this question in the [illegible] Virginian-Pilot hits the hard-[illegible] hard because there is no [illegible] It is quite plain that what [illegible] of his time depends [illegible] wants to do. Any man [illegible] two hours off—if he wants [illegible]

[illegible] should any business man, [illegible] sound sense and ambition, [illegible] his civic duties when he roars [illegible] the winning or losing [illegible] contest between two paid [illegible] teams of other cities? The [illegible] is easy again. He is a better [illegible] than he is a citizen. We agree [illegible] conclusion in the Virginian-[illegible] editorial. "He is a mighty poor [illegible] of citizen to whom the character [illegible] municipal government under [illegible] he lives does not mean more [illegible] what that wins the world's base-[illegible] championship."

The fact is that when a man says he [illegible] to vote, he is talking [illegible] He is posing or acting a plain [illegible] There may be rare days [illegible] the pressure on business or pro-[illegible] is so heavy that to spare an hour for voting would be costly. [illegible] it would pay in the long run [illegible] them to lose a temporary fee or [illegible] for the economy of a better [illegible] The heaviest drain on [illegible] we know of is poor [illegible] government. Yet the time needed to [illegible] reduce this permanent "overhead [illegible]" can be spent cheering for the [illegible] or the Athletics.

[illegible] be true that workingmen, who [illegible] employed at heavy toil for ten [illegible] a day under strict surveillance, [illegible] it difficult to get the time to register and vote. The boss may make [illegible] for them, though we believe [illegible] employers are such harsh task-[illegible] that business men can-[illegible] time is not true.

[illegible] excuse is that business [illegible] assumption enough to see [illegible] should register and vote for [illegible] They neglect pub-[illegible] because they are naturally [illegible] not selfish enough to [illegible] run to the best advantage. [illegible]

[illegible] the registration workers [illegible] Young Men's Committee will [illegible] scorchard lesson in [illegible]

THE LAST NEW LAND.

[illegible] that the unoccupied [illegible] lying north of St. [illegible] a concession of the [illegible] have been worked and [illegible] of the Earthly [illegible] announced by S. [illegible] Never before [illegible] at home on [illegible] a given west [illegible] the days [illegible] what [illegible] life as experienced [illegible] of the old [illegible]

[illegible] that biplanes are [illegible] as monoplanes. If you don't be-[illegible] it, fly it and see.

The Newport News Press, noting our reference to the Virginian from the Northern Neck who boasts that he has sixty first cousins, says "we will wager he is a candidate for office." None of the kin live in Virginia, however.

PATRONS' DAY, OCTOBER 31.

The closer the people get to the schools, the better the results achieved by our educational system. That is the reason for Patrons' Day on Friday, October 31. That is why the Co-operative Education Association is striving to have a meeting of some sort in every school in the State at that time.

The word patron suggests the interest that citizens should feel in the schools. The patronage of a store is made up of those who buy from it regularly. The patrons of our Virginia schools are those who buy education for their children from these institutions. The word also has a wider significance in that it indicates that the people of the community must care for the school. They must work for it and protect it, and see that it is enabled to realize its full usefulness.

That this business of education should interest the people of Virginia is amply demonstrated by the figures of its extent. The stockholders in an enterprise owning property to the value of $9,281,875 ought to meet at least once a year to consider what use is being made of the property and how it can be maintained and improved. The people who spend five and a half million dollars on schools each year should be eager to see that the money is well spent. Last of all, when the parents of Virginia intrust 880,000 children to the grammar schools and some 16,000 more to the high schools, these parents owe it to their sons and daughters to see the actual workings of the schools at least once a year.

The danger in a democracy is that we all wait and let the "government" do things. We are in the habit of footing the bills and growling a little about how poorly the children are taught. When we have done that we feel that the rest is the work of the duly chosen authorities. As a matter of fact, the stockholders in any other enterprise one-tenth as important to the welfare of the State as are the schools would busy themselves with finding out exactly what was being done, and whether they were getting dividends.

The Times-Dispatch suggests that the mothers and fathers of Virginia school children go to the schools on October 31 and look around. Form a school and civic league to help the teacher. Get in touch with the biggest and most important institution in the whole Commonwealth. It needs you, your suggestions and criticism.

THE COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The most interesting feature of the report of University Day at Chapel Hill, in Sunday's The Times-Dispatch, was the statement of Acting President Edward K. Graham, of the University of North Carolina, as to its student literary societies.

Declaring that the interest of the students in debating, a voluntary activity, proves their seriousness of purpose, Dr. Graham says that the two literary societies of the University of North Carolina have initiated this year about 150 new men. They have a joint membership of about 400. "I doubt if there is an institution in the country where debating societies so vigorous and successful are maintained year after year by voluntary membership and under entirely independent student control. The record of success that they have steadily maintained through fifteen years of inter-collegiate debating is higher testimony than I can pay to the nature of the work of the societies. They have won twenty-five out of thirty-five inter-collegiate debates with colleges of the highest rank. They have won eleven of the last twelve. The highest college honor in the eyes of the typical university student is to represent the college in an intercollegiate debate.

"In the college literary society every [illegible] recognize the important place in [illegible] life that it does at Chapel [illegible] the educated youth of the coun-[illegible] be made better fitted for [illegible] duties of citizenship that they are [illegible]

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford College, in an interesting [illegible] contributed to the Sewanee Review several years ago [illegible] the decadence of the old [illegible] society and declared that [illegible] had long passed. On [illegible] majority of colleges [illegible] the judgment of [illegible] it is hoped that the [illegible] of this institution [illegible] will grow where [illegible] the decline of the literary society [illegible] the decadence of the old [illegible] Hampden-Sydney, Washington and Lee, Randolph-Macon, Davidson, Wofford, Furman, Clemson, Trinity, Wake Forest, Mercer, Emory and Henry, Roanoke, Richmond, Washington and Lee, Randolph-Macon, Hampden-Sydney, Emory and Henry, Bridgewater, Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon Woman's, Sweet Briar, Hollins, Mary Baldwin, Stuart Hall, Virginia Intermont, Marion, Averett, Chowan, Meredith, Shorter, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Mercer, Emory, Oglethorpe, Georgia Normal, Tennessee, Sewanee, Vanderbilt, Cumberland, Maryville, Hiwassee, Carson and Newman, Tusculum, Milligan, Bethel, Cumberland Presbyterian, Lincoln Memorial, Knoxville, Tennessee Wesleyan, Hiwassee, Maryville