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After all, do we not need to strengthen teaching at its moral source, to instill into the youthful mind self-control, ambition, the desire to excel legitimately, to acquire and to conquer obstacles? When we do that, we shall not perhaps find altogether a substitute for vocational training.

W HILE all prophecies as to the outcome of the present European conflict are necessarily based upon guesswork, enough is positively known to prove that Germany has been unfortunate, to use the mildest term, since the outbreak of hostilities.

Virginia's Workers Recently released by the Department of Commerce of the Bureau of the Census offer further proof of Virginia's steady growth away from its antebellum status as a land of elegant and inelegant leisure, as compared with the Northern and Western States.

From agents to waiters, on the classified list of occupations, the number of men and boys engaged in gainful occupations was 626,868; and from boarding-house keepers to trained nurses, on the gentler list, the members of the deadlier sex numbered 168,700.

THE last words of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson had reference to the husband with whom she had lived and struggled and fought and whom she had cheered and inspired until he emerged from obscurity to the proud position of the President of the United States.

PERSONS prominent in the fight in favor of State-wide prohibition are claiming that Southwest Virginia will give a tremendous majority against local option.

ON the heels of the seeming failure of the peace conference between representatives of Provisional President Carranza, of Mexico, and Constitutional Chief Carranza, comes the announcement that these two leaders of Mexico have reached an agreement for the peaceful occupation of the capital by the Constitutionalists.

THE larger problem still remains. Villa is still to be reckoned with, and with President Wilson resting under the shadow of family bereavement and engrossed in European affairs, the work will prove most difficult.

THE Federal Bureau of Education has made a tolerably striking indictment of our public school system. Analyzing the careers of New York youths graduated from the common schools of that city, it finds that most of them drift from job to job, and that their remuneration never is assured or steady or on an ascending scale.

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WAYSIDE CHATS WITH OLD VIRGINIA EDITORS

"The wheat crop and the corn crop are so enormous that it has become a serious matter as to what to do with it," the Newport News Times-Herald relates, and adds: "We are overwhelmed with plenty."

"Mexico is still in the ring," is a reminder given by the Newport News Daily Press. The bull ring, of course.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot seems rather skeptical of the eagerness of Lieutenant Porte to make that alrship flight or of his haste to get on the less hazardous game of war.

The Chase City Progress gives some good advice regarding the best means of increasing the importance of Chase City as a tobacco market. It also points out advantages offered by the town, remarking truthfully that "improved road conditions are in Chase City's favor."

The Northern Neck News regrets that Mr. Bryan has announced himself for equal suffrage. So do all opponents of votes for women.

The Washington correspondent of the Virginia Republican announces that "unfailing signs reach Washington almost daily that the tide of sentiment over the country is undergoing such a political change that the next House of Representatives will present a Republican majority."

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and Landmark, drifting into sea remarks, says: "The theory recently advanced by Admiral Sir Percy Scott to the effect that the submarine and the aeroplane have, between them, rendered the battleship obsolete, if not obsolete, is to be given the most practical kind of test very much sooner than was, perhaps, anticipated by the proponent of the theory."

Reading the war news probably inspired this exhortation from Editor Showalter, of the Staunton Daily News: "Fellows, we've got a city that's worth boasting, and then some. So let's fall in and fill up the ranks and never lay down the arms of our enthusiasm or sheath the sword of our booster spirit until Staunton has been successfully trained to attack and destroy aeroplanes."

Forty Alexandrians were among those present in Europe on pleasure tours when the tocsin of war was sounded. The ancient and honorable Alexandria Gazette comments upon the unpleasant circumstance: "The marooning in the case of about two-score Alexandrians by the sudden rise of a dismal war cloud is occasioning great uneasiness to the relatives of those who have had the pleasure of their excursion marred, as well as to the friends and acquaintances."

Editor Copeland in the Newport News Times-Herald remarks: "The Mexicans will now have an opportunity to settle their own affairs without outside meddling." Many other bright minds, however, have long had the fixed impression that it is internal meddling that prevents the Mexicans from settling their own affairs.

Virginia's Population. Statistics as to the population of Virginia and North Carolina, as shown by the last census.

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mand a controlling right where war is concerned. Our relation to war is far more intimate, persons are indissoluble than this. Men have made implements to destroy one another. We have made the men—in all ages we have produced the primal munition of war.

Thinking, progressive women, who are forming the vanguard of a better civilization, are being asked what about war—if they will take part in the character of a man, they will be the bearers of men's bodies, who supply its most valuable munition, who, not amid the clamor and smoke of battle, but singly and alone, face death that the battlefield has more than equalled.

Nothing new from Petersburg yesterday or last night, except the report of another explosion within the enemy's lines. This time it took place on the City Point Road, and is supposed to have been an accidental and premature explosion of some of the Grant's mine materials.

WHAT WAS NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO From the Richmond Dispatch August 12, 1864.

There was great secrecy of war news all day yesterday. War talk on the streets was confined almost entirely to a discussion of the disgraceful surrender of Fort Gaines, on Mobile Bay.

As the War Department understands it, the object of the invasion of Pennsylvania was to obtain \$100,000 in gold in retaliation for the property destroyed by the Federal raiders Hunter and the Valley and along other lines of his march.

An official dispatch yesterday says General McCausland and Bradley Johnson met with slight reverses at Moorefield, in the extreme western part of Virginia, last Sunday. They rallied their forces, however, and at last accounts were holding their own.

Colonel William E. Peters, of the Twenty-first Virginia Cavalry, was captured by the enemy in the Maryland campaign, and is now a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware.

General William B. Bates, of Tennessee, was slightly wounded in front of Atlanta, but it is understood that he will soon be in the saddle again. In the meantime, his brigade is in command of Adjutant E. C. Woodson, of the Twenty-fifth Arkansas Regiment.

There is no more of Hunter, the raider. He has been superseded by General Phil Sheridan, commander of the Army of the Upper Potomac. Hunter retires somewhat in disgrace, having been reprimanded by President Lincoln.

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OUT OF THE MELTING POT

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From the Los Angeles Express.

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Romantic Tale by Louis Joseph Vance

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