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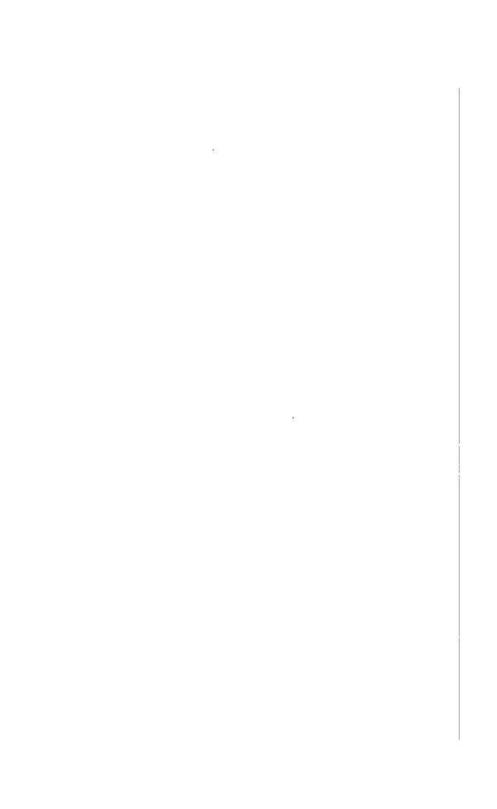
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In education, as in nearly every other field of human activity, the last generation has witnessed changes so great that it is difficult to grasp their full significance.

Many still living can remember the time when schools were few and scattered, without system or cohesion, supported largely by tuition-fees, attended irregularly for a few months or terms by pupils of all degrees of proficiency and deficiency, governed by the rod, and taught by persons usually without systematic preparation for teaching. To-day, all this is changed; and while increase in population and in wealth have been factors in the change, the real cause must be sought in an altered conception of the purpose and scope of education.

The old system, or lack of system, arose from the supposition that education was a purely intellectual process whose sole end was money-making; whence it followed that it was a purely private affair. The new system assumes that education is above all an ethical process, whose chief end is character; whence it follows that it is a matter of the most vital interest to the entire commonwealth. If the people are to govern the state, it is essential that they be educated, not only that they may have the intelligence requisite for dealing with the complicated public questions of to-day, but also and chiefly that they may have the patriotism and the devotion to high ideals which constitute the only safe foundation of national existence.

In the system of free public schools, which was created to carry out the new conception of education, the High School occupies a peculiar position, in that it is called upon to discharge a double function. On the one hand it must serve as a preparatory school, so that all children of native ability, be their parents poor or rich, may find an open pathway reaching from the