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"NO SUBJECT CAN BE LEARNED FROM A SINGLE BOOK."

Woodrow Wilson

## TO THE TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY

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THE Manual now offered for use in Secondary Schools is the outgrowth of several years' study of the problem of teaching History in a large New England High School. The earlier method, by the use of a single text-book, uniform for the entire class, was beset with difficulties, brought little enthusiasm to the class-room, shut in the pupil's view to the narrow limits of a single author, and left surprisingly little room for the free use of authorities or the interchange of class-room opinions.

Discussion was debarred, for there was nothing to discuss. The opinions of the one author in use being accepted as the opinion of the class, no incentive remained to wider investigation or the assimilation of variant views. The Library Method, now so generally adopted by the best schools, is the outcome of a study of these difficulties, and this Manual is but one of several attempts to render lighter the work of the teacher of American history, and that of the pupil more varied and interesting.

Care has been taken, in making the choice of topics, to select only those whose bearing upon the history of the country has been important and permanent; the trivial and evanescent have been discarded. Chronological arrangement has, in the main, been preserved, but where sequence of cause and effect, or the close relation of subjects somewhat widely separated in point of time, has seemed to demand it, chronology has been disregarded.

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Experience has seemed to emphasize the following suggestions :

Let the pupil be encouraged, or, better, required to consult more than one authority on the topics which constitute a day's lesson. Guard carefully against the tendency of the careless to use but a single authority, and that the briefest and most elementary the library affords.

However desirable that the entire list of books appended to this Manual be accessible, it should not be considered necessary before the adoption of the Library Method. There is always a library within a library, and, while the general field is large, it is possible to make a judicious and limited selection, the cost of which shall be within the means of any town; the interested teacher will not long lack for ways of enlarging the scope of the history library. The kindly interest of a private purse, or the possibilities of a school exhibition, or the school-lecture course, will easily supply what the scantiness of the town appropriation forbids. A minimum list for a class of thirty pupils might include, perhaps, the following :

One copy each of

- Blaine's Twenty Years of Congress.
- Bryant & Gay's History of U.S.
- Draper's Civil War.
- Hildreth's History of U.S.
- Greeley's American Conflict.
- Lalor's Cyclopædia of Politics.
- McMaster's History of the People.
- Stanwood's Presidential Elections
- Rhodes' History of the U.S.
- Taussig's Tariff History.
- Wilson's Rise and Fall.
- Mrs. Richardson's Story of our Country.
- The four volumes of C. C. Coffin.

Add to these three copies each of the Epochs of American History Series (the two later volumes of Hart and Wilson).

- Fiske's History of the U.S.
- Higginson's Young Folks' History.
- Johnston's History of U.S.
- Montgomery's History of U.S.
- Schouler's History of the U.S.
- Thomas' History of U.S.

A total of seventy-three volumes ; and the class would be tolerably well equipped for good work. Nor should the teacher omit from his list the abundant material which might be classed under "*original sources*," such as the Lowell and Old South Series of our great State papers. The Declaration, Articles of Confederation, Constitution, the Ordinance of 1787, the Inaugurals, and Farewell Address of Washington, and many others, all of which are now so cheaply and readily accessible as to remove all objection on the score of expense.

The value of memorizing the topics under the groupings of the Manual seems to be proved. Two such groupings are made in the present work, one by Presidential Administrations, the other, and the larger, by Historical Periods.

For example, the second, or period of "Federalist Supremacy," includes the two administrations of Washington and the one of John Adams. To memorize the topics under such a group is deemed an important feature of the Library Method.

The outline map in the hands of each pupil should steadily accompany the progress of the class, growing with its growth. When new territory is added to the original area, or a new State admitted to the Union, or an important event occurs, let the map indicate this with date, and initials of the President under whom the event occurred. The series of outline maps issued by D. C. Heath & Co. of Boston are admirably adapted for this purpose.

Lastly, there is abundant room for the play of the occasional class discussion, or the more formal essay upon topics in which special interest has been evinced as the study has progressed. The interest and alertness of the teacher will not fail to improve upon, and enlarge these few suggestions out of a past experience.

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