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## INTRODUCTION

**T**HE Hudelson English Composition Scale will appear as the Virginia Supplement to the Hillegas Scale in Part II of the Report of the Survey of the Virginia Public Schools, which is now in press. It is here printed separately and in advance, because of the repeated requests that have been made for it. It is believed that this scale represents a distinct improvement over the scales now available. Mr. Hudelson has worked out unusually helpful directions for the use of the scale in scoring compositions and also directions for the training of scorers through practice on compositions of known values. It is a pleasure to commend this scale to teachers of composition and to others who desire a usable measuring instrument in this field.

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ENGLISH COMPOSITION SCALE

## I

## PURPOSE AND USE

ONE of the convictions growing out of educational surveys is the need of a more reliable means of evaluating composition ability than the individual judgments employed by teachers. Efforts at acquainting English teachers with the judicial use of existing measuring devices forces the conclusion that a scale is needed for the rank and file of teachers of composition in which the steps are uniform throughout. Admirable as the other scales are, the uneven steps between the various samples render the use of such instruments confusing to teachers untrained in the employment of these devices. The present scale has been devised to obviate this confusion.

## HOW THE HUDELSON SCALE WAS DEVISED

The Hudelson Scale is composed of compositions written by first-year high school pupils of Virginia during the State Educational Survey, in May, 1919. Since these compositions were scored on the Nassau County Supplement,<sup>1</sup> which in turn was based upon the Hillegas Scale,<sup>2</sup> the methods employed in establishing the steps of the original scale apply to the steps in the present scale.

Approximately one thousand Virginia compositions were scored on the Nassau County Scale by one experienced

<sup>1</sup> Trabue, M. R., *Nassau County Supplement to the Hillegas Scale*. Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, New York City.

<sup>2</sup> Hillegas, M. B., *A Scale for the Measurement of Quality in English Composition*. Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, New York City.