

AMERICAN IDEALS—THE AMERICAN SCENE

An Annotated Reading List

THE purpose of this study is twofold: (1) an approach to American literature in line with contemporary educational thought; and (2) a suggested exchange list for English students, of material which would help them better to understand the American scene. After considerable discussion the committee decided that it should consider as a basis for selection the following questions:

1. Does it portray a phase of the American scene?
2. Does it represent the thought of a large mass of people?
3. Is it literature?

No book could meet all three tests. We thought it should approach two of them. We sought material which attained to at least a fair level of expression, including the "good book of the hour" as well as that which may be the "book of all time."

Because we felt some kind of classification would be helpful we designated certain categories. We realize their inadequacy. It is difficult to discriminate between a book which gives a picture of America and one which depicts a certain aspect. Space does not permit cross references. We did not seek to paint a happy picture of America; we sought the best expression of its various phases, pleasant or unpleasant.

The list is not to be considered a course of study in American literature. A number of books listed are no doubt above the average level of secondary students. Others were included because they would prove helpful to teachers. Several of the standard classics found in courses of study have been omitted, not because the committee does not appreciate their value, but because it sought primarily to present material which would help both our own and English students to

a better understanding of the American scene and American trends.

Although a study of English literature has always played an important role in our course of study, we welcome a list of books from English educators, suggesting what in literature best expresses English thought today.

But America offers to England a more perplexing problem in understanding than does the latter to us. It is difficult for Englishmen, whose traditions and institutions have evolved slowly and steadily through more than a thousand years, to understand our country, which, in one hundred and fifty years, has developed through progressive periods of exploration and pioneering endeavor into a great world power.

We faced the questions: What literature will best convey to another people the conception of the composite nature of the American scene? What would point the way to the contribution which America with her heterogeneous background eventually will add to human experience? We found it necessary to consider the following constituent factors which, woven together, give us the tapestry of American thought:

1. Its democratic form of government
2. The pioneer movement across the continent
3. Its educational system
4. The rapid industrial development
5. The fabulous wealth drawn from its natural resources
6. Its character as the melting pot

The list is tentative. The committee hopes the criticisms it will draw will help them eventually to offer a more fruitful study.

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PICTURES OF AMERICAN LIFE

The American Procession

Agnes Rogers and F. L. Allen

Pictorial presentation of American life since 1860

As the Earth Turns G. H. Carroll

One year in the life of a typical American family deeply rooted in the soil of Maine

Blazed Trail Stewart E. White

A story of the lumber camps in Michigan

The Conqueror Gertrude Atherton

Historical novel based on the life of Alexander Hamilton, interesting because of analogy to present-day problems

The Crisis Winston Churchill

A study of the social problems arising out of the struggle between the North and the South

Gentlemen Unafraid . . Florence Willoughby

Alaska

The Grandissimes George Cable

A story of Creole pride in New Orleans in early nineteenth century

Java Head Joseph Hergesheimer

During clipper ship days in Salem the encounter of racial and social obstacles by an American merchant captain and his high-born Chinese wife

Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come

John Fox, Jr.

Social background of the simple folk of Tennessee during the Civil War period

s.s. Luck of Roaring Camp Bret Harte

Gold rush days in California

Oregon Trail Francis Parkman

Exploration of the Northwest

p. The Sante Fe Trail Vachel Lindsay

A panorama of moving America in the Southwest

Smoky Will James

A cowboy's account of the relationship—almost human—between himself and his horse

So Big Edna Ferber

The development of an unusually strong personality through meeting the challenge of adverse circumstances—the motive, a mother's love for her son.

The Story of Skyscrapers . . Alfred Morgan

Through College on Nothing a Year

Christian Gauss

An interesting story of the struggle of a boy to put himself through college

The Virginian Owen Wister

A romantic picture of cowboy life

dr. Where but in America . . Oscar H. Wolff

Winning of the West . . Theodore Roosevelt

TREND TO RECREATE THE PAST

Age of Innocence Edith Wharton

A conflict in ideas between the old and the new in New York in the eighteen seventies

Death Comes for the Archbishop

Willa Cather

Story of a noble French priest among the Mexicans and Indians in pioneer Southwest

Digging in the Southwest

Ann Axtell Morris

The work of the archaeologist in the Southwest told as an interesting adventure

The Farm Louis Bromfield

Story of a way of living—characterized by two intensely American fundamentals, integrity and idealism—which has vanished except in a few families that have clung to that standard in spite of everything

The Great Meadow (Daniel Boone)

Elizabeth Madox Roberts

A beautifully related story of the Revolutionary period in Kentucky, giving the rigors of pioneer life and "showing a new order dawning out of chaos"

House of Mirth Edith Wharton

The failure of a young woman to make her social adjustment in New York in the nineties

In the Days of Poor Richard

Irving Bacheller

A human story of our struggle for independence and the part Benjamin Franklin played in it

p. John Brown's Body

Stephen Vincent Benet

An epic based on the Civil War

Show BoatEdna Ferber
Life on a floating theatre on the Ohio and the Mississippi

p. Song of Hugh Glass...John G. Neihardt
Early exploration days in the Mississippi Valley

So Red the RoseStark Young
Sympathetic treatment of the South during the Civil War

ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE

Agrarian: Pioneer Life

Able McLaughlins.....Margaret Wilson
Middle West

Covered Wagon.....Emerson Hough
Westward Movement—Transcontinental

CimarronEdna Ferber
Opening of the Cherokee Strip—Oklahoma

Giants of the EarthOle Rolvaag
Dakota

Vandermark's FollyHerbert Quick
Erie Canal—Iowa

A Lantern in Her Hand
Bess Streeter Aldrich

Nebraska

s.s. Main Traveled Roads
Hamlin Garland

Wisconsin—Iowa—South Dakota

Agrarian: Years of Development

dr. Beyond the Horizon..Eugene O'Neill
A study of two brothers who at a dramatic moment in their lives choose to follow careers for which they are not fitted

s.s. Farmer Eli's Vacation..Alice Brown
The habit of a lifetime unfits Farmer Eli for the enjoyment of longed-for dreams

dr. Ice BoundOwen Davis
A close-to-the-soil picture of the Jordan family in Maine

Poems of Robert Frost

New England life

s.s. Revolt of Mother

Mary Wilkins Freeman

A mother accepting patiently her own disappointment revolts when her daughter's happiness is at stake

Business

BabbittSinclair Lewis
The author's conception of a certain type of American business man

DodsworthSinclair Lewis
A more attractive conception of the American business man by the same author

The HarborErnest Poole
The struggle between capital and labor in New York

The PitFrank Norris
A corner in wheat in early twentieth century

The PlutocratBooth Tarkington
An American business man, close to caricature, with the conventional characteristics found in fiction

The Rise of Silas Lapham
William D. Howells

A spiritual triumph over disaster of a self-made American business man in Boston toward the end of the nineteenth century

The Show OffGeorge Kelley
A satire on the "go-getter"—an amusing story in self-delusion which culminates in a successful business venture for the "go-getter" and confounds his critics

Industry

p. Caliban in the Coal Mines
Louis Untermeyer

Chicago PoemsCarl Sandburg

p. The Man With the Hoe
Edwin Markham

Labor without hope

TurmoilBooth Tarkington
Effect upon a sensitive youth thrown into the noise and turmoil of industry

Professions

ArrowsmithSinclair Lewis
A young scientist's choice of a career in medical research in preference to one which offers material reward

Careers for Women...Catherine Filene
A vocational panorama showing opportunities open to women in a changing world

Watching the World Go By
Willis J. Abbot

Fifty years of journalism by a notable newspaper man

(Other books in this field are listed under particular categories: art, drama, music, autobiography, biography).

Puritan Convention

Ethan FromeEdith Wharton
Story, told in the manner of stark Greek tragedy, of a triangle on a New England farm

dr. The Great Divide
William Vaughn Moody

- A conflict of ideals when East met West in the United States
The Scarlet Letter.. Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Amalgamation and Adjustment*
- American BeautyEdna Ferber
The decadence of a great American family and its renaissance through the union with Polish peasant stock
- Children of Loneliness
Anzia Yeziarska
Stories of a young Russian immigrant girl
- HumoresqueFannie Hurst
A musician's interpretation of the soul of America through his symphony
- Island WithinLudwig Lewisohn
A psychological, autobiographical tale of conflict between Jew and Gentile
- Laughing BoyOliver La Farge
The tragic experience of the Indian when brought in contact with the white man
- Little CitizensMyra Kelley
Children of immigrants in New York City
- My AntoniaWilla Cather
A Bohemian immigrant girl's surmounting of adverse circumstances and carrying her family with her
- My Mother and IE. G. Sterne
Problem in this country of young person of foreign-born parents
- O PioneersWilla Cather
Successful emergence of Swedish and Bohemian families in Nebraska into normal American life
- p. Scum o' the Earth
Robert Haven Schauffler
The contribution of the immigrant
- Young Man AxelbrodSinclair Lewis
The pursuit of his dream of America by a Scandinavian immigrant
- Home—Family—Children*
- The Bent Twig. .Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The permanent effect of early training upon character
- The ChildrenEdith Wharton
Victims of divorce of American parents against an extremely sophisticated continental background
- The Court of Boyville
William Allen White
- Friendship VillageZona Gale
Wisconsin
- Huckleberry FinnMark Twain
The adventures, real and imaginary, of a boy in the region along pioneer Mississippi
- Iowa InteriorsRuth Suckow
Character sketches
- Little Women Louise M. Alcott
Life in a modest home of culture in Concord
- PenrodBooth Tarkington
A typical American boy
- The Professor's House.....Willa Cather
Conflict of ideas and ideals in the household of a professor in a midwestern college town
- SeventeenBooth Tarkington
An interesting tale of adolescent life in the Middle West
- dr. The Silver Cord.....Sidney Howard
The unhappiness caused by a mother, selfishly devoted to her son
- SonnyRuth McEnery Stewart
An amusing story of self-direction in education
- Tom SawyerMark Twain
Huckleberry Finn's companion
- Understood Betsy
Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The portrayal of a young orphan in a simple New England background
- Within This Present
Margaret Ayer Barnes
A contemporary typical wealthy American family
- Years of Grace...Margaret Ayer Barnes
Changing American social customs—Chicago
- Class Distinction*
- Alice AdamsBooth Tarkington
A Certain Rich Man
William Allen White
- Magnificent Ambersons
Booth Tarkington
- e. Our Class Distinctions
Katharine Fullerton Gerould
No factors common to all communities: education, wealth, ancestry, etc.
- Backward People*
- Carolina Folk-Plays
Frederick H. Koch, Ed.
- The Glass Window.....Lucy Furman
Kentucky mountain people when present century progress in education and comforts of life penetrate the community
- In the Tennessee Mountains
Charles E. Craddock

LITERARY
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

- (Mary N. Murfree)
p. The Mountain Woman
Dubose Heyward
Quare Women Lucy Furman
Kentucky mountain folk
- The Negro*
Black Manhattan
James Weldon Johnson
A historical chronicle of the educational, economic, and social growth of the Negro
p. Litany of the Dark People
Countee Cullen
Negro Anthology
James Weldon Johnson
Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar
William Dean Howells: "Dunbar was the only man of our African blood and American civilization to feel Negro life aesthetically and express it lyrically."
Porgy Dubose Heyward
The emotional reactions to the various human experiences of the primitive southern Negro, living in Catfish Row, Charleston
WAR, PEACE, WORLD CO-OPERATION
p. The Arsenal at Springfield
H. W. Longfellow
p. Beat, Beat, Drums... Walt Whitman
The Brimming Cup
Dorothy Canfield Fisher
A noble woman's self-analysis which enables a wise choice between the enduring and changing things in life
p. Christ of the Andes.. Edwin Markham
p. The Flag of Peace
Charlotte Perkins Gilman
ss. The Horseman in the Sky
Ambrose Bierce
The destruction in war of peace-time moral and spiritual values
p. I Have a Rendezvous with Death
Alan Seeger
p. Inbrothered Edwin Markham
p. Mending Wall Robert Frost
Munition Makers Should be Curbed
William E. Borah
Speech in the Senate, March 5, 1934
p. On a Soldier Fallen in the Philippines
Wm. Vaughn Moody
One of Ours Willa Cather
- p. Patterns Amy Lowell
"Pattern called a war"
p. Peace Heroes William S. Wabnitz
Red Badge of Courage... Stephen Crane
Psychological study of a soldier in the Civil War, modern in conception
ss. The Return of a Private
Hamlin Garland
Satire and idyl of unknown soldier who returns from Civil War, weary and heart sore
The Road to Peace
Herman Bernstein, Editor
Interviews with famous Americans and Europeans
dr. Sun-Up Lula Vollmer
The repercussion of the World War among the mountain folk of North Carolina—tragedy of backwoods youth drawn into a war enacted in lands unknown to him and for causes which mean nothing to him
ss. Two Military Executions
Ambrose Bierce
e. Unknown Soldier Bruce Barton
p. We are our Fathers' Sons
Wm. Vaughn Moody
- AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Henry Adams
The Education of Henry Adams
Experiences of a son of the noted Adams family
Jane Addams
Twenty Years at Hull House
The development of a Chicago community center
Mary Antin The Promised Land
A Russian immigrant's interpretation of her America
Mary Austin Earth Horizons
The portrayal of the "intimate spiritual side of this American novelist and mystic, the friend of the Indians of the Southwest"
Edward Bok
Americanization of Edward Bok
The remarkable career of a Dutch boy who eventually becomes a force in American life
John Burroughs My Boyhood
With a conclusion by his son, Julian Burroughs
Richard Evelyn Byrd..... Skyward
A thrilling account of Byrd's life, including his Polar and trans-Atlantic flights
Henry Ford My Life Work
In collaboration with Samuel Crowther

Benjamin Franklin

Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin

A rich life projected against eighteenth century America in both its domestic and international relations

Hamlin Garland

A Son of the Middle Border

The development of a farm boy of the Middle West into an important literary figure

_____, . . . Roadside Meetings 1884-99

_____, Companions on the Trail 1900

A literary chronicle: His contemporaries in many fields of accomplishment

Will James. . . Lone Cowboy: My Life Story

Helen Keller. The Story of My Life

A remarkable woman surmounting her physical handicaps

James Weldon Johnson

Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man

A view of the "inner life of the Negro in America"

James Weldon Johnson. . . Along This Way

The account of the social and cultural adventures of one of the foremost American Negroes

Christopher D. Morley. Human Being

A story, partly autobiographical

John Muir

The Story of My Boyhood and Youth

The reminiscences of a noted naturalist

Julia Newberry. Julia Newberry's Diary

The social life of Chicago in the latter part of the nineteenth century and the author's contact with people of note

Michael Pupin

From Immigrant to Inventor

The rise of a Serbian peasant boy to the position of professor and internationally known scientist

Jacob Riis. Making of an American

The development of a Danish immigrant into a power for social betterment

Theodore Roosevelt

Ranch Life and Hunting Trail

The Dakota days

Anna Howard Shaw. . . Story of a Pioneer

Suffrage leader, minister, and physician

Lincoln Steffens

The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens

A challenging arraignment of the influences of corrupt practices in city and state governments

Edward Alfred Steiner

From Alien to Citizen

An Austrian immigrant's story

Mark Twain. Life on the Mississippi

Steamboat days as told by a river pilot

Booker T. Washington. . . Up from Slavery

A son of a slave becomes a notable educator and the founder of Tuskegee Institute

Lillian Wald. Windows on Henry Street

A New York City community center

Kate Douglas Wiggin

My Garden of Memory

An autobiography of a well-known author deals with her life objectively. Her list of friends includes the most gifted and interesting men and women of her time

BIOGRAPHY

The Adams Family. . James Truslow Adams

The story of the most distinguished family in the United States portrayed against a background almost covering the life of the republic

Clara Barton William E. Barton

Martha Berry Tracy Byers

A well-written account of an indomitable woman of the aristocratic South, developing her idea of spreading enlightenment to the poor children of the mountains of Southern Appalachia, Georgia

p. A Book of Americans

Rosemary and Stephen Benet

In comic-serious verse, sketches of the varied personalities in American history, including Columbus, Washington, Jesse James, P. T. Barnum, and Woodrow Wilson

Andrew Carnegie Burton J. Hendrick

A noted American of Scottish birth, who, considering it disgraceful "to die a rich man," devoted his wealth to promote human progress

Classic Americans. Henry Canby

Irving to Whitman

Grover Cleveland: A Study in Courage

Allan Nevins

Pugnacious courage and determination to fight for the ideals he held to be right

Edison, the Man and his Work

George Sands Bryan

Edison, his Life and Inventions

Frank Lewis Dyer

Boys' Life of Edison

Wm. Henry Meadowcraft

A Modern Olympian

Mary Childs Nerney (1934)

Charles Wm. Eliot, Puritan Liberal

Henry H. Saunderson

A great leader in education

- Ralph Waldo Emerson..Van Wyck Brooks
 Mark Van Doren: "One of the most charming books yet written in America"
- Benjamin Franklin..Sydney George Fisher
- Isabelle McClintock Garland
 Hamlin Garland
 (Mother of Hamlin Garland) A daughter of the Middle Border
- Wm. Crawford Gorgas, His Life and Work
 Marie Gorgas and Burton Hendrick
 A noted physician
- Nathaniel Hawthorne
 A Rebellious Puritan...Lloyd R. Morris
 Romantic Rebel..Hildegarde Hawthorne
 Story-biography by his granddaughter
- John Hay, Life and Letters..W. R. Thayer
 Study of an outstanding American diplomat—a scholar and statesman who won the admiration of both Americans and Europeans (Far Eastern relations)
- Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes..Silas Bent
 A liberal in his interpretation of the law
- Robert E. Lee, the Southerner
 Thomas Nelson Page
- Lee, the American....Gamaliel Bradford
- Abraham Lincoln, a New Portrait
 Emanuel Hertz
- Life of LincolnG. R. Charnwood
- Master of MenAlonzo Rothschild
 Aims to spotlight the one element in Lincoln's personality which grows in significance—his mastery over different types of men
- The Prairie Years.....Carl Sandburg
 Lincoln's development among the plain people of the Middle West
- With Malice Toward None
 Honore Willsie Morrow
- Lonely Americans....Rollo Walter Brown
 "It isolates one anywhere to think beyond a certain point"—Lincoln, Eliot, Emily Dickinson, etc.
- Microbe HuntersPaul de Kruif
 A series of short biographies of scientists in their crusade against disease
- Modern Great Americans
 Frederick Houk Law
- Alice Freeman Palmer
 George Herbert Palmer
 The noble struggle of an American woman to open opportunities for women in the field of education
- W. H. Page, Life and Letters
 Burton J. Hendrick
 Notable statesman, ambassador to England during the World War
- Carleton H. Parker
 Cornelia Stratton Parker
 An American Idyl
- Joseph Pulitzer, His Life and Letters
 D. C. Seitz
 A portrayal of one of America's outstanding liberators of journalism, one who stood for liberty, progress, and the welfare of mankind
- Portraits of Women....Gamaliel Bradford
- Theodore Roosevelt, The Ideals of
 Edward H. Cotton
 G. R. Charnwood
 Hermann Hagedorn
- Charles Proteus Steinmetz
 John Winthrop Hammond
 A genius in the field of electricity
- Mark Twain, Mark Twain's America
 Bernard DeVoto
- Mark TwainAlbert B. Paine
- Whitman and Burroughs....Clara Barrus
 Their comradeship
- George Washington
 William Roscoe Thayer
- Woodrow Wilson....Ray Stannard Baker,
 William E. Dodd
- INTERPRETATION OF AMERICA
- Adams, James Truslow...Epic of America
 The author: "An attempt to discover for himself and others, how the ordinary American has become what he is today in outlook, character, and opinion"
-, ..The Tempo of Modern Life
 A series of essays dealing with various aspects of the contemporary scene
-,March of Democracy
 The author: "There is no one key,...economics, religion, politics...to an understanding on the whole...I have tried to hold the balance even"
- Allen, FrederickOnly Yesterday
 An informal history of America in the 1920's
- Beard, Charles A.
 The Rise of American Civilization
 A most penetrating analysis of American thought and institutions by the pioneer in the question, "Where are we headed?"
-, The Myth of Rugged American Individualism

- A short study of the excesses in industry and business to which present day rugged individualism has led
- _____, America Faces the Future
Leaders in education, politics, labor, and economics attempt to answer the question: "How to go forward along lines already made clear by the lamp of experience and engineering rationality"
- Beard, Mary
America Through Women's Eyes
- Beer, Thomas Mauve Decade
Many facets of American life toward the end of the nineteenth century, treated satirically
- Boon, M. J. The American Adventure
An interesting study of significant factors responsible for the American achievement
- Bowers, Claude G. Tragic Era
The tragic story of the South in the twelve years following the death of Lincoln and a close-up of the fighting factions
- Butler, Nicholas Murray.. Looking Forward
- e. Canby, Henry S.
Traveling Intelligently in America
_____, The Age of Confidence
- Chase, Stuart A New Deal
An attempt to show the way to a new social order by an economy planned by technicians and scientists
- Frank, Glenn Thunder and Dawn
The outlook for Western Civilization with special reference to the United States
- Frankfurter, Felix
The Public and Its Government
A supplement to Schuyler C. Wallace's *Our Governmental Machine*
- e. Gideonese, Harry D.
World Depression-World Recovery
World recovery possible through understanding of the true meaning of economic world interdependence
- Hatfield and Roberts
The Spirit of America in Literature
- Hazard, Lucy Lockwood
In Search of America
An anthology of prose and poetry depicting both American and foreign views of Americans
- Krapp, George Philip
The English Language in America
A scholar shows that in its interesting change "the English language in America has shared to as great an extent as the American people have shared in the development of the civilization of the modern world.
- Lincoln, Abraham
Selections: "Gettysburg"
"Cooper Union Speech"
"Mrs. Bixby's Letter"
- Lippmann, Walter Interpretations
The United States in World Affairs
Interpretation of current events by an outstanding American student of public affairs
- Mencken, Henry American Language
An elaborate and independent discussion of the relation between British and American English
- Mumford, Lewis The Arts
An appraisal of modern civilization, viewing optimistically the effects and potentialities of science
- Overstreet, H. A.
We Move in New Directions
- Parrington, Vernon Louis
Main Currents in American Literature
- Roosevelt, Franklin D.
Inaugural Address March 4, 1933
- Roosevelt, Theodore. True Americanism
American Ideals
Strenuous Life
- Sherman, Stuart P. The Main Stream
Essays ranging from Lincoln to Ring Lardner
- Sullivan, Mark Our Times
A journalist's presentation of the important events of the twentieth century
- Thomas, Norman America's Way Out
An outstanding American Socialist offers his solution of America's economic problem
- p. Untermeyer, Louis Prayer
- Van Doren, Carl
The Contemporary American Novel
- Wallace, Henry A. America Must Choose
_____, New Frontiers
A member of the Cabinet points to new paths in a changing world
- Wallace, Schuyler C.
Our Governmental Machine
Popular in appeal—"sound" in doctrine
- White, Wm. Allen
Commencement Address at the University of Kansas, June, 1934
- p. Whitman, Walt
Selections: "I Hear America Singing"
"Manahatta"
"Pioneers! O Pioneers!"

p. Engle, Paul America Remembers
American Song

A lyrical presentation of America's heritage and destiny

Rugg, Harold

History of American Civilization
American Government and Culture

THE ART OF LIVING

p. Austin, Mary The Eagle's Song
Cabot, Richard Clark What Men Live By

The author gives his prescription for healthful mental and physical living

e. Canby, Henry Seidel

Poetry for the Unpoetical

e. Crothers, Samuel Humanly Speaking
The author: Essays "betray the influence of some of the mass movements of the day"

_____, Among Friends
Friends, books, learning

Douglas, Lloyd Forgive us our Trespasses
A well-told story of the regenerating influence of forgiveness upon an embittered youth

_____, Magnificent Obsession
Psychological study of the powers of an ideal, applied to every-day living

e. Erskine, John

Moral Obligation to be Intelligent

e. Fosdick, H. E.

The Hope of the World

As I See Religion

Twelve Tests of Character

e. Fullerton, Katherine Gerould

New Simplicity

Plain living and high thinking—our need

e. Grayson, David

Adventures in Contentment

Adventures in Friendship

Herrick, Robert The Master of the Inn

Keller, Helen Three Days to See

Lewis, Sinclair Work of Art

Realistic study of a typical small business man who considers the business of hotel keeping a fine art

Martin, Edward S.

A Father to his Freshman Son

Page, Kirby, ed.

Recent Gains in American Civilization

By students and critics in their respective fields: Charles Beard, Stuart Chase, Charles S. Johnson, Oswald Garrison Villard, H. E. Fosdick, John Dewey and others

e. Repplier, Agnes Women Enthroned

Sherman, Stuart The Genius of America

p. Untermeyer, Louis Landscapes

Van Dyke, Henry The Mansion

A study of a man of wealth who finds happiness through unselfish service

e. White, William A. Mary White

A character sketch of a young American girl of the Middle West

e. Wilson, Woodrow

When a Man Comes to Himself

The period in the life of a youth when he begins to develop a sense of values

NATURE

Essay

Car Window Botany Lida F. Baldwin

Arcturus Adventure, Edge of the

Jungle, Jungle Night, Jungle Peace

William Beebe

Wake Robin John Burroughs

Everybody's Garden

Walter Prichard Eaton

A House in the Country John Erskine

The Story of the Thousand

Year Pine Enos Mills

Our National Parks John Muir

Surf Fishing Christopher Morley

Face of the Fields, Watchers

in the Woods Dallas Lore Sharp

The Comradeship of Trees

Margaret Sherwood

Who Owns the Mountains?

Henry Van Dyke

On Making Camp

Stewart Edward White

Poetry

To a Phœbe-Bird Witter Bynner

The Joys of the Road,

Green Fire Bliss Carman

Song of Summer Paul Laurence Dunbar

Birches Robert Frost

April Theodosia Garrison

Day's End Herman Hagedorn

Trees Joyce Kilmer

Song of the Chattahoochee

Sidney Lanier

A Tulip Garden Amy Lowell

God's World, Afternoon on

a Hill Edna St. Vincent Millay

- The Pine at the Timber-Line
Harriet Monroe
- Fog, Evening Waterfall... Carl Sandburg
- Many, Many Moons; Slow Smoke;
Wings Against the Moon... Lew Saret
- Blue Squills, Full Moon,
Leaves Sara Teasdale
- God of the Open Air,
Indian Summer Henry Van Dyke
- Give Me the Splendid Silent Sun
Walt Whitman
- Sea Call Margaret Widdemer
- MYTH, LEGEND, FOLK LORE
- American Negro Spirituals
James Weldon Johnson
- American Song Bag Carl Sandburg
- Cowboy Songs and other Frontier Ballads
John Avery Lomax
- Devil's Ditties Jean Thomas
- Stories of the Kentucky mountain people with
the songs appropriate to the scene and the
occasion
- Green Pastures Marc Connelly
- A modern mystery play, quite in the manner
of the mystery of the Middle Ages, portray-
ing the story of the Bible as conceived in
southern Negro folk-lore
- Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Washington Irving
- Among the Dutch along the Hudson
Old Man Adam and his Chillun
Roark Bradford
- Basis of Green Pastures
- Paul Bunyan James Stevens
- Stories of the lumberjacks of the Northwest
- Pueblo Folk Stories... Charles F. Lummis
- Stories of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico
and Arizona
- Rip Van Winkle Washington Irving
- Dutch legend of Catskills
- Uncle Remus, His Songs and Sayings
Joel Chandler Harris
- Legends of the old plantation in Negro dia-
lect—Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, Mr. Bear, etc.
- ARTS
- ART, ARCHITECTURE
- Appreciation of Art Eugen Neuhaus
- *Art Appreciation
M. R. Collins and Q. L. Riley
- Art and Nature Appreciation
George H. Opdyke
- *Art in Every Day Life... H. & V. Goldstein
- *Art through the Ages... Helen Gardner
- Autobiography (Architecture)
Frank L. Wright
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 dr. drama p. poetry
 e. essay s.s. short story

WANTED: A FEDERAL POLICY FOR EDUCATION

DURING the past year approximately \$200,000,000 of federal funds were expended for the financial support of education. This money literally prevented the collapse of thousands of schools and colleges. It meant the difference between some educational opportunity and little or no opportunity for millions of children and youths. It provided subsistence for thousands of unemployed and destitute teachers. It financed classes for adults and other activities which are of large significance to future educational progress. These are some of the items on the credit side of the ledger. For this indispensable help in a time of great need, the teaching profession and the public in general owe a debt to Secretary Ickes, Administrator Hopkins, Commission-

er Zook, and to other federal officers, both administrative and legislative.

It is to be regretted that this editorial cannot end here. It cannot because certain concomitants of the relief provided the schools are unfortunate, to state it mildly. The public welfare, as it is tied up with education, demands that the federal administration and the teaching profession identify and remove the liabilities in the situation.

Most of these liabilities originate from the fact that there has been no federal program for the emergency help of education. There has been merely a general relief program. The emergency assistance provided education has been incidental to the larger program. The administrative set-up and the policies governing relief to the unemployed have been used in providing educational assistance. Practices, doubtless necessary in dealing with an emergency proposition, the relief of millions of unemployed, have been carried over and applied in assisting well organized, going concerns—the schools and colleges of the nation.

A series of evils has resulted. Relief administrators, unacquainted with school needs and procedures, have dictated educational policy with unfortunate effects. For example, in some hard pressed school districts, it has been necessary for regular and well qualified teachers to be replaced by indigent and poorly qualified teachers in order that schools might be kept open.

Particularly unfortunate, from the viewpoint of a professional group, are the methods it has been necessary to use to secure relief funds for education. Responsible administrative officials let it be known that education would receive aid only when conditions became desperate and pressure was applied. A virtual invitation was extended to the profession to bring pressure from back home and through Congress as a condition for receiving relief for education. Such pressure got results. It was used frequently during the past year in the interest

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