III
HELPS FOR THE TEACHING OF VIRGINIA HISTORY
SECOND INSTALMENT

Among the great gifts that Virginia has made to our nation and to the world are these three: (1) A series of notable steps in the development of self-government; (2) a spiritual and a material endowment of the Federal Union; (3) an unparalleled embodiment of high ideals in her sons and daughters.

The first is seen in process of growth from the founding of the House of Burgesses in 1619, through Bacon’s Rebellion in 1676, the Parsons’ Case in 1763, the opposition to the Stamp Act in 1765, the Virginia Declaration of Rights in 1776, and the long war of the Revolution. The second was definitely applied in the gift of the northwest empire to the federal government in 1784 and in the work of James Madison, “Father of the Constitution,” as well as in the path-finding service of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe as Presidents, and of John Marshall as Chief Justice. The third is known to all the English-speaking world through the high examples of Washington, Robert E. Lee, and Woodrow Wilson.

These great gifts of Virginia are revealed clearly and forcefully as we follow the epic story from one stage of action to another. She early opened a school of liberty; in due time she endowed and launched the Union; and at all times she has given her sons and daughters as exemplars. She acknowledges with full credit the splendid cooperation of her sisters, but the “Mother of States” was first—first in time, first in honor.

PART II. VIRGINIA AND THE REVOLUTION

Chapter XVII
PATRICK HENRY AND THE PARSONS

1. How long did the American Revolution go on?
2. At first what was it? Finally what was it?
3. What was the big result of the Revolution?
4. What was the Parsons’ Case?
5. Why did Patrick Henry argue against the pastors and the king?
6. What feeling was shown by Bacon’s Rebellion, the Tobacco Rebellion, and the Parsons’ Case?
7. Where did Henry go in 1765? What did he do there?
8. What did he do later in Richmond?
9. What office did he hold soon after the war started?
10. Where may one see his statue to-day?

Chapter XVIII
ANDREW LEWIS AND LORD DUNMORE

1. What do you remember about Fort Duquesne?
2. Locate Point Pleasant.
3. What effect had the battle of Point Pleasant upon the Indians?
4. Who commanded the whites at Point Pleasant?
5. What of Colonel Charles Lewis?
6. Tell of Dunmore at Norfolk.
7. Locate Gwyn’s Island.
8. What took place there?
10. Tell of the death of General Lewis.

Chapter XIX
WASHINGTON A SOLDIER AGAIN

1. What was Continental Congress?
2. To what position did it appoint Washington in 1775?
3. Where did he take command of the army?
4. In what part of the country were the main battles at first?
5. Where was the second stage of the war?
6. The third stage?
7. What occurred at Yorktown, Virginia, in October, 1781?
8. What French general had been defending Virginia?
9. Name three other generals mentioned in this chapter.
10. Which one of them made a famous statement about Washington?
Chapter XX

JEFFERSON AND HIS PEN

1. What is said about pens and swords?
2. Where was Thomas Jefferson born?
3. Where did he attend college?
4. What famous orator did he hear at Williamsburg?
5. Of what two legislative bodies was Jefferson a member?
6. Name three or four famous documents that Jefferson wrote or helped to write.
7. In what city did he write the Declaration of Independence?
8. What is the most famous thing that George Mason wrote?
9. What else did he write?
10. Name George Mason's home; Washington's; Jefferson's.

Chapter XXI

"THE HANNIBAL OF THE WEST"

1. What man is called the "Hannibal of the West"? Why?
2. Where was George Rogers Clark born?
3. Where was he at the beginning of the Revolutionary War?
4. What did he do at Williamsburg?
5. What forts did he and his men capture?
6. Name the states that have been formed out of the country that Clark and his men conquered.
7. What did Clark's brother William do?
8. In what cities are monuments to William Clark?
9. In what city is George Clark's grave?
10. What handicapped G. R. Clark in his later life?

Chapter XXII

CAMPBELL AND KING'S MOUNTAIN

1. Locate King's Mountain.
2. What occurred there on October 7, 1780?
3. What commander was killed there?
4. What general had sent him out?
5. What effect had this battle upon Cornwallis's plans?
6. Who commanded the Americans in this battle?
7. From what sections had Campbell's men been gathered?
8. Where was General Campbell's last military service rendered?
9. How has Virginia honored General Campbell?
10. Name some of the other American officers at King's Mountain.

Chapter XXIII

WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE

1. Tell the story of a big iron key that is now at Mt. Vernon.
2. Where was Lafayette in June, 1777? The next month?
3. In what battle did he soon take part?
4. What did he do in 1779?
5. Tell something of his career in Virginia in 1781.
6. Tell something of his visits to America in 1784 and 1824.
7. What was the name of the ship in which Lafayette returned to France in 1825?
8. Why was that name especially fitting?
9. What are the colors in the flag of France?
10. Why did many young men and women from the United States go to France recently?

PART III. VIRGINIA AND THE STRONGER UNION

Chapter XXIV

"THE MOTHER OF STATES"

1. Mention three nicknames of Virginia.
2. How did she get the first one?—See Chapter VIII.
3. Tell why she may properly be called the Mother of States.
4. How did she get the other title?—See chapters XXVI and XLVIII.
5. What state is the oldest daughter of Virginia?
6. Which is the youngest?
7. Name five states north of the Ohio River made from territory that once belonged to Virginia.
8. Name five eminent sons of Virginia mentioned in this chapter.
9. Mention something important that each one did.

10. What northern state seems closely akin to Virginia?

Chapter XXV

WASHINGTON AND MADISON IN INDEPENDENCE HALL

1. What is Independence Hall? Where is it?
2. How many constitutions has the United States had?
3. Why was the older one not satisfactory?
4. What state proposed a convention at Annapolis in 1786?
5. What grew out of the Annapolis convention?
6. Who presided over the Philadelphia convention?
7. Name the oldest delegate present.
8. Who was perhaps the most brilliant delegate?
9. Who earned the name, "Father of the Constitution"?
10. What was published fifty years after 1787?

Chapter XXVI

FOUR VIRGINIA PRESIDENTS

1. In what city was Washington inaugurated President in 1789?
2. Who was the first President inaugurated in Washington City?
3. Name the four early Virginia Presidents.
4. How many years did each one serve as President?
5. What do our warships do as they pass Mt. Vernon?
6. What territory was acquired while Jefferson was President?
7. Who explored it?
8. What territory was acquired while Monroe was President?
9. What was the most notable thing Monroe did?
10. Which two Presidents were born in Westmoreland County?

Chapter XXVII

JOHN MARSHALL, THE GREAT CHIEF JUSTICE

1. What famous man died in Philadelphia in 1835?
2. What about the crack in the Liberty Bell?
3. Where was John Marshall born?
4. What company did he join to enter the Revolution?
5. Where did he attend college later?
6. Where did he locate to practice law?
7. Tell something about an old brick house and a big high school.
8. What position did Marshall hold for thirty-four years?
9. What effect did his decisions have on the federal laws?
10. What can you say of Marshall’s personal manners?

Part IV. The Period of Growth and Great Differences

Chapter XXVIII

THE GATEWAYS IN THE MOUNTAINS

1. What new state was made in 1792 in 1802?
2. Locate and name the three natural gateways from Virginia to the West.
3. Which of these leads directly into Kentucky?
4. Through which did General Braddock pass in 1755?
5. Through which did General Lewis lead his troops in 1774?
6. Through which did Daniel Boone pass to and fro?
7. Who was the first Virginian to go through Cumberland Gap?
8. What famous book gets its title from a trail near Cumberland Gap?
9. What was the “Warrior’s Path”?
10. Who was Tecumseh?

Chapter XXIX

RUMSEY AND MCCORMICK

1. Why is a steamboat better than a rowboat?
2. Who made a steamboat in 1807? Where?
3. Who made one twenty years earlier? Where?
4. Locate Shepherdstown on a map. In what state is it now?
5. Where did Rumsey die? Why was he there?
6. Who invented the reaper?
7. Where did he live at first? Where did he live later?
8. How many of you have seen a McCormick reaper?
9. In what foreign countries did McCormick’s reapers win prizes?
10. How did the McCormicks use some of their money?

Chapter XXX

“The Mill Boy of the Slashes”
1. Why was Henry Clay called the “Mill Boy of the Slashes”?
2. Why was he called the “Great Peace-Maker”?
3. Where did he get a job at the age of fourteen?
4. Where did he settle when he was twenty-one?
5. Tell something interesting about Lexington, Kentucky.
7. What other Lexington is famous in American History?
8. Mention some inventions that were made during Clay’s lifetime.
9. Over what three things were great differences growing up?
10. What did Clay try to do regarding these differences?

Chapter XXXI

The University of Virginia
1. In what different ways was Jefferson a builder?
2. What did he regard as the real foundation of our government?
3. Name some of the great schools of Virginia.
4. In what year was the University of Virginia opened to students?
5. Name some of the early students.
6. Name some of the later ones, now famous.
7. Name some of the great men who helped Mr. Jefferson establish the university.
8. What is the honor system?
9. Who wrote Mr. Jefferson’s epitaph?
10. What things did he wish remembered?

Chapter XXXII

Turnpikes and Stage Coaches
1. Tell why wagon roads are needed in addition to canals, steamboats, and railroads.
2. What was a corduroy road?
3. What is a macadamized road?
4. What was a turnpike?
5. How did the stage-drivers let people know they were coming?
6. Where did passengers sometimes ride when the inside of the coach was full?
7. What was done with the stage horses while the coach halted at the taverns?
8. How many horses usually drew a stage coach?
9. At what famous place in Virginia was a stage coach kept until recent years?
10. Do you know of any old road on which stages used to run?

Chapter XXXIII

Ante-Bellum Days
1. What do we mean by ante-bellum days?
2. What can you say of the roads that were not turnpikes?
3. What were the people of eastern Virginia called?
4. What were the people west of the Blue Ridge nicknamed?
5. Why were there more different kinds of churches west of the Ridge?
6. Where did one man say he learned to write?
7. What were drovers?
8. What was wagoning?
9. What can you say of ante-bellum hospitality?
10. Tell something about the musters.

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