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ONE THING WE DARE NOT FAIL TO DO.

SAYS President Wilson in "The New Freedom:" "America is great in proportion as she can make sure of having great men in the next generation."

So it might be said of the South, that she is strong and wise today just in proportion as she is making sure that the next generation will be strong and wise—just in proportion as she is training and instructing her children to do good work, to think soundly, and to lead upright and useful lives.

The older men and women of today—all who have reached middle age—knew a South with the wounds and sorrows of conflict on her face, with the desolation of defeat all about her, and with the burden of poverty and ignorance upon her shoulders. Yet this South, with undaunted spirit, set about the repairing of her broken fortunes and the building of a new and a finer civilization. The fruits of her labors we of the younger generation have enjoyed. It was our privilege to begin life's work in a land of hopeful endeavor and of almost unbounded opportunities.

Back there in the dark days, amid the ashes and the ruins of defeat, our fathers wrought well. We are never tired of boasting of their courage and their achievements, and we do well to be proud of them. It is for us to say, not by words but by deeds, whether the next generation will have equal reason to be proud of us.

Unless we see to it that this next generation of Southern men and women, the boys and girls of the South today, are given an equal chance in life with the next generation of men and women in any other section, we shall not deserve such praise as we give our fathers.

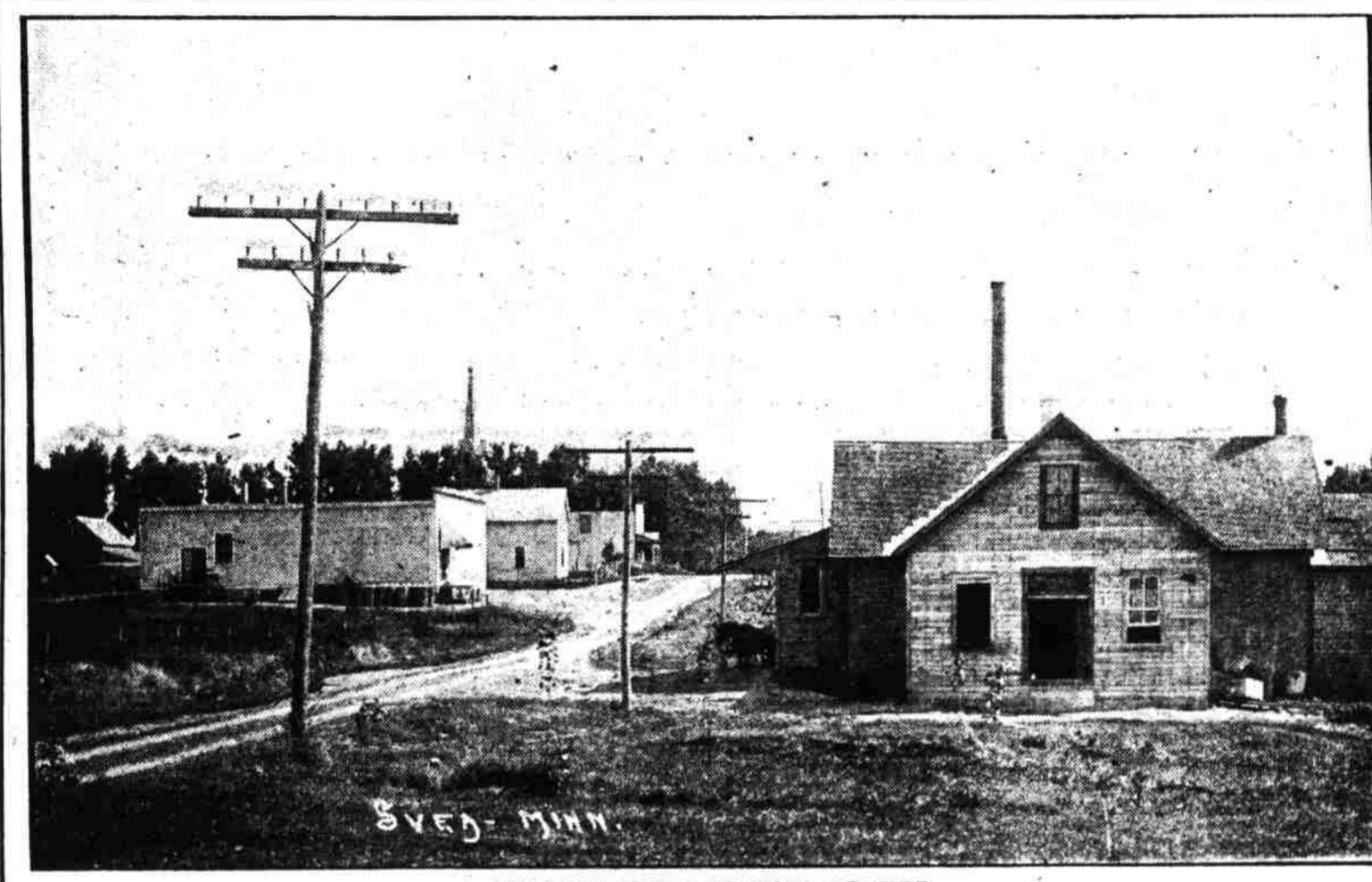
There is some reason for the South of today having more illiteracy and poorer schools than other more fortunate sections; but there is no excuse for us if we permit this state of things to continue. What is yet to be done—and it is much, more indeed than most of us dream—is much less than what has been accomplished, when we come to compare the South that rebuilt her fortunes from the wreckage of war and Reconstruction with the South of today.

To give every child in all this Southland the opportunity to secure a good education—an education that will not only teach him to read and write, but to think for himself, to care for his health, to love his country, and to do some useful work—and then to make sure that this opportunity is not taken away from him by anyone; this is the great task imposed by the spirit of civilization upon us. It is a task, too,

which we dare not fail to perform. No excuse for failure can be worthy of real men. If we would say that we are too poor, we need only remember how rich we are compared with the men and women whose toil and sacrifice made the wealth of today possible. If we would say that we have other things to attend to, we need but remember that there is no other thing as important as this, that nothing else we can do can atone for neglect of our children. We must remember, too, that we fail to do our duty by the children unless we give them an equal chance with all other children, and that if we leave them in mill and street and field when they ought to be in school, we are cheating them of their birthright.

We desire for the South of tomorrow that she be prosperous, that she be aspiring and progressive, that she hold her ancient place in the councils of the Nation. If her children are left ignorant, it is inevitable that she be poor; if they are not inspired to hope and dream, it is inevitable that she be dull and sordid-minded; if they are not trained to think wisely and act bravely, it is inevitable that wiser men from elsewhere rule over her.

The South of today is great just as she offers the opportunity of greatness to her children. If they are not given as good education as the children of other States, they are largely deprived of this opportunity. We dare not thus deprive them; we dare not fail to do all in our power to give them a fair chance in life.



A GENERAL VIEW OF SVEA CENTER.
The Village Consists of the Co-operative Store, Creamery, Telephone Company, Bank and Church, and the Homes of the Managers of these Enterprises.—See Page 11 for More Information About This Remarkable Village.

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