

the first object of government." It is the duty of every person in a democracy to seek earnestly for the truth and the ultimate reality of things. Today, the majority of our people are not concerned with the grave problems that confront them. Their minds are kept so confused by false propaganda, that they could not understand these problems even if they tried. They have come to the place when they throw up their hands in disgust and say, "Let's just make a 'livin'." When this is the case we no longer have a democracy, but a government controlled by greedy, ignorant, politicians. These are the grave dangers of the educational system in our democracy. And conditions will get progressively worse until our theory and system of education are revis-

ed. Democracy cannot exist when the people are uneducated.

In closing, I would like to quote from Robert Charles Winthrop. This quotation needs no further comment. Although this is from an oration given around 1881, it is still applicable to our day.

"Slavery is but half abolished, emancipation is but half completed, while millions of free men with votes in their hands are left without education. Justice to them, the welfare of the states in which they live, the safety of the whole republic, the dignity of the elective franchise; — all alike demand that the still remaining bonds of ignorance shall be unloosed and broken and the minds as well as the bodies of the emancipated go free."

There Are Men

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There are men who can see beauty
In dandelion leaves
Frost-tipped—
Who understand the meaning
Of worms in the earth
That burrow deep.
And the thing they are searching for
In the damp, moist particles
Beneath white roots.

Granted, there are these men.
But how can they pretend
To understand
The me.
Which is neither worms, nor leaves, nor
earth,
Yet is all these things, but placed
Differently
By time.