

staff and equipment. But many of these reductions are not true economies at all; with many of them it will prove to have been a "penny wise and pound foolish" policy. Rather should we spend more money, providing, of course, we get full value for outlay—the only economy in education that is worth while. The children in our schools are not responsible for the war; we are fighting to preserve them from such horrors in the future, and they are still entitled to the best we can give them. Money wisely spent upon education will bring abundant returns. Those upon whom we spend it are citizens, even though of tender years. In a short time they will be directing the affairs of the nation. We must see to it that when they grow up they will be more thoroughly educated, more truly enlightened, than we were before them. Only in this way can democracy be made safe in the world.

**The N.E.A.
has a Flitting.**

What an upset a change of quarters makes! In private life the removal from one house to another has been the theme of an essay from many a professional humourist's pen. But what shall we say to the following extract in which Mr. Crabtree, the new secretary of the National Educational Association of the United States, voices his woe? He says the N.E.A. wants sympathy and one can quite believe him.

The N.E.A. headquarters are now in Washington. The headquarters were hard to move. It required six weeks for the railroad company to move three car-loads of goods from Ann Arbor to Washington. When the goods arrived the Government was using nearly every able-bodied man, who works, at Fort Meade. The transfer companies doubled their prices for unloading cars and even then forced us to pay \$25.00 demurrage before unloading our cars.

The Government had also employed all stenographers and many others in the new Food and War Departments. The minimum qualification was to be able to read and write. The Government has purchased all typewriting machines. For weeks it was impossible for the N.E.A. to get office help. We now have good help and promise to catch up with the work sometime.

The printers can't get help, hence the delay in getting out the journal, the N.E.A. Bulletin, and other printed matter. The Government needs all bulletin envelopes in Washington and all incoming shipments. Our supply from Baltimore came to-day. We are now ready for the next cause for delay. One janitor was too religious, and the next is now off duty on a drunk, preparing for the drouth which begins November 1.

We have been burning paper and old boxes. Last week we got a jag of coal, but it is about gone now. There is consolation in the fact that Mr. Garfield has only a half ton ahead. It required three weeks for the gas company to turn on the gas.

The purpose of this article is to arouse sympathy and to prepare for the following: Kindly forgive us for all these delays and for other shortcomings.
