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IN RE THE CONSTITUTION

Great interest has been manifested the past few months in the oratorical contests and essay writings concerning the Constitution of the United States and its meaning. The past few years have produced a feeling that the future of our government, according to the intent and meaning of its framers, which has been demonstrated to be the greatest form of government in the world in protection of the rights of the people, will depend upon an understanding of and a sympathy with the principles upon which the Constitution stands, and that the most fertile ground for the sowing of the seed is in the younger mind of the student and school child. Wonderful work has been done in this direction and the work of this Association has been amazingly beneficial if it is known and understood that the essays finally submitted and passed upon are but a small portion of the essays written. Hundreds of school children throughout every part of the State initiated an intensive study of the Constitution and prepared papers dealing with the subject. If the future is to be controlled by the coming generation, which it surely will be, the thought occurs that there is an individual responsibility upon the lawyer to take a personal interest in forming and developing the mind of such children or students as he may come in contact with. A great good will be and has been accomplished by the orations and essays but the interest developed must be kept alive and if every lawyer realizing his personal responsibility would in his daily work and life take occasion in his own personal contacts to explain and give an understanding of the real meaning of the Constitution, the great work already started will be increased a hundred fold. It is our duty as individuals as well as in the aggregate.—PRESIDENT LAWRENCE.