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If, in Virginia, we have the proverbial, but ungrammatical "best foot," it is time we were putting it forward.

The following is a list of twenty leading educational institutions having collections of two thousand or more books.

Another article will be on the subject of subscription and society libraries in Virginia. An article in preparation deals with the several library waves that have passed over Lynch-

burg in its history as village, town and city. As it is the desire of the writer to be strictly accurate in the local history, she invites suggestions and any information from any one who may contribute.

Number of Books in Libraries.

University of Virginia	60,000
Roanoke College, Salem	24,000
Union Theological Seminary, Richmond	23,000
Richmond College, Richmond	15,000
Hampden-Sidney	14,000
Hampton Institute, colored	13,000
V. M. I., Lexington	12,000
U. S. Artillery School, Fort Monroe	12,000
Randolph-Macon, Ashland	11,000
William and Mary, Williamsburg	10,000
Emory and Henry, Emory	8,000
University School, Richmond	6,000
V. P. I., Blacksburg	4,150
Southern Female College, Petersburg	4,000
State Normal, Farmville	3,380
Woman's College, Lynchburg	3,295
Bellevue High School, Bellevue	2,800
Mary Baldwin, Staunton	2,500
Miller School, Crozet	2,680
Hollins Institute, Hollins	2,000

SOCIETY LIBRARIES.

NUMEROUS COLLECTIONS OF FROM 2,000 to 10,000 VOLUMES.

Subscription Libraries as an Influence in Public Library Movements—Interesting Establishments in Richmond and Orange.

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Virginia Historical Library	10,000
National Soldiers' Home, Newport News	9,650
Valentine Museum, Richmond	3,300
Grand Lodge of Virginia, A. F. & A. M., Richmond	3,000
Fort Monroe Post Library	2,325
Southern Library Society, Richmond	2,000

The above list consist mainly of reference books and are not for circulation. They are restricted in their use, even for purposes of reference, mainly to those who belong to these societies.

Two of the most interesting subscription libraries in the State are the Rosemary, of Richmond, and the Orange Public Library, at Orange. The annual fees are small, but it has been demonstrated that any fee, however small, marks the difference between the meagre constituency for a library and its general use by the public. The best use these subscription libraries seem to serve is to educate the community up to the support of a free library.

A number of years ago, just after the death of his young and lovely wife, Anne Bruce Page, Thomas Nelson Page, the author, resolved to found in Richmond a memorial in the form of a library and reading room for boys. In 1860, Mr. Page, with the cooperation of several gentlemen, removed the reading room to the corner of Main and Second street, and elected Mrs. Olive Page custodian. A trained librarian was engaged to catalogue the library according to the Dewey system. The affairs of the library were in the hands of a governing board of both men and women.

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