



HAVE ANNUAL DINNER

The Central New York Branch of The Alfred Alumni Association Had Annual Dinner in Syracuse, December 29

In connection with the Principals' Conference and other educational conferences in the holiday week, the largest number of Alfred alumni gathered for the annual dinner that has ever attended any of these meetings. Thirty-one covers were laid and a most enjoyable dinner and social evening was had in the dining room and parlors of the new First Baptist Church of Syracuse. The success of the meeting was largely due to the preliminary work of the president and secretary of the association, Dr. Winfred L. Potter and Mr. S. B. Everts, both of Syracuse. As far as possible invitations were sent to the alumni and former students in the vicinity of Syracuse and to those who are teachers and might be in attendance at the educational conferences.

After the dinner brief addresses were made by the president, Dr. Potter, by Prin. Burr D. Straight of Port Leyden, N. Y., Prin. William M. Dunn of LeRoy, N. Y., and President Davis. College songs and cheers were enjoyed under the leadership of Mr. S. B. Everts and Mr. Ralph A. Crumb of Binghamton.

The association re-organized, enlarging its name and scope, and is hereafter to be known as The Central New York Alfred Alumni Branch of Alfred University. Dr. Potter was re-elected president and Mr. Everts secretary. With the active administration already begun, it is believed that an annual meeting of at least fifty members may be regularly secured at the time of

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MID YEAR EXAMINATIONS

JANUARY 20—26

Wednesday, January 20

8:00—10:00
M. W. F. 8 o'clock classes.
11:00—1:00
M. T. W. Th. F. 4 o'clock classes.
3:00—5:00
M. W. T. 12 o'clock classes.

Thursday, January 21

8:00—10:00
T. Th. 8 o'clock classes.
11:00—1:00
T. Th. 3 o'clock classes.
3:00—5:00
M. W. F. 9 o'clock classes.

Friday, January 22

8:00—10:00
T. Th. 9 o'clock classes.
11:00—1:00
M. W. F. 3 o'clock classes.
3:00—5:00
M. F. 10 o'clock classes.

Monday, January 25

8:00—10:00
T. Th. 2 o'clock classes.
11:00—1:00
T. Th. 10 o'clock classes.
3:00—5:00
T. Th. 12 o'clock classes.

Tuesday, January 26

8:00—10:00
M. W. F. 11 o'clock classes.
11:00—1:00
T. Th. 11 o'clock classes.
3:00—5:00 classes
M. W. F. 2 o'clock classes.

SHORT COURSE AT AG SCHOOL OPENS

The regular winter short course in agriculture has been lengthened from four weeks to periods of six weeks or twelve weeks. The course began with the re-opening of the Ag School after Christmas vacation. There are at present twelve students enrolled in the course, this number being about half as many as were enrolled last year. It is hoped that a larger number will enroll for the second six weeks of the course.

Two new men have enrolled as regular course students.

SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS UNDER WAY

Preparations are already being made for the second session of Alfred University Summer School. This year the term will cover a period of six weeks from July 5th to August 13th. New courses and other features which come with the gradual growth of such work will be available. The faculty will be practically the same as last year with the addition of an instructor for the academic English courses.

The summer school of 1914 proved very satisfactory and proved that it is meeting a very real demand. It offers unequalled opportunities for teachers who wish some special work, and for students who have conditions to make up or are desirous of finishing their work in less than the usual four years. The summer school is a credit to Alfred and every student should do everything possible to ensure its success and longevity.

NEW YORK ALUMNI TO HOLD BANQUET

The date for the annual banquet of the Alfred Alumni of New York and vicinity has been set for February 11. The banquet is to be held at the Hotel McAlpin. A large attendance is confidently expected by the committee, this section of the Alumni organization being the largest of any in the country. Everyone interested in Alfred who can do so should plan to attend. The program has not yet been made public.

"JAKE" STICKLE MARRIED

Howard J. Stickle and Nellie Ackerman, both of Centerville, were united in marriage by Rev. G. W. Cooper at his residence on Dec. 29th, 1914.

The Fiat editors extend greetings and the best wishes of the Ag student body.

AG SENIOR SLEIGHRIDE AND BANQUET

Tuesday, January 5, being the opening day of the second semester at the Ag School, quite a number of happy-go-lucky personages, formerly known as Juniors, assumed more serious and learned expressions and arose to the rank of dignified Seniors.

The older and more learned ones of the said Senior class, thought it best to show the aforesaid new members what a "real, social, good time" was like; so our honorable president immediately called a class meeting. To further show the young ones that we could do things in a hurry, and partly fearing inclement weather if we delayed, we decided to have a sleighride and banquet at Andover, that very night (and next morning) if arrangements could be made. Well, arrangements were made of course, and about fifty went. The sleighing was excellent and the trip down through the gorge road was uneventful except that the last of the three loads had several narrow escapes from upsetting.

What kind of time did we have while at Andover? Well, just ask anyone who was fortunate enough to be there.

It was thought best to come back through Alfred Station. This we did and arrived at the post office in the "wee small" hours of the morning, a tired but happy bunch.

GERMAN CLUB

The regular meeting of the German Club was held last Wednesday evening when Bess Bacon '15, and Aaron MacCoon '15, entertained at the latter's home on North Main street. Arlotta Bass, '15, presented an excellent paper on "The German Laborers." German games followed the reading of the paper. Refreshments were served.

N. Y. S. A.

H. Dennis and W. Willey spent the week-end with their respective parents.

"Say Champlin, Physics is too interesting a subject to go to sleep in class."

"No! Spinner, it was not the change which the boys left on the porter's tray."

Prof. Pontius and Prof. Remson were guests of the R. I. U. Club Sunday the 10th.

Harry Blackmore has been confined to his room for the past week with the mumps.

A large number of students have been enjoying the coasting on chapel hill for the past few days.

We are glad to see two of our former students "Bugs" VanHouten and "Buck" Newson back in school again.

Mr. John A. Ennis of the Department of Agriculture at Albany is spending a short time at the Ag School, promoting the interests in the Co-operative Cow-testing Association. Many students have enrolled in this class. Practical methods of testing the milk production are being carried on at the State barn. Mr. Ennis will be with the class for three weeks.

N. Y. S. A. CHAPEL

At the first regular chapel period following the Christmas vacation Dean Main delivered a short address to the Agricultural students. His subject was "Religion, Reason and Righteousness." He gave what he believed was the best definition of religion and explained how reason and righteousness necessarily have to be employed in connection with religion.

The address was greatly appreciated and Dean Main will always be welcome at N. Y. S. A.

Thursday morning at chapel time Prof. Crandall delivered the chapel address. He gave a short outlined report of the convention of the American Society of Agri-

cultural Engineers held at Chicago during Christmas week.

Many prominent engineers were present as well as prominent farmers who are making their farms pay. The speeches given during the different sessions of the convention all related to the improvement being brought about in agricultural engineering and the importance of this phase of agriculture.

Prof. Crandall reported the convention to be a most enthusiastic one and spoke to some extent upon some of the more important phases of agricultural engineering and of the improvements in farm machinery now being tried out.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

There was an unusually interesting program rendered at the Country Life Club, Thursday evening, Jan. 7. It was the first meeting of the year and was very well attended, over 100 being present. Mr. Howard and Mr. Booth were in charge of the evening's entertainment and they managed to keep every one interested.

As each person came in they were presented with a slip of paper bearing the name of some college. The usual order of program was given after which all adjourned to room 22 where numerous games were played. The main program was as follows:

Reading	Mr. Sanford
Songs	Mr. Williams
Selection	Mr. Loomis
Gleanings	Mr. Preische
Musical Selections	

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The program was excellent, the readings of Sanford and Loomis being very interesting. Mr. Williams responded twice to encores. The gleanings were very interesting, Mr. Preische giving some of Mr. Burbank's views on more efficient agriculture. Kruse and Beebe's selections were enjoyed by all. A quartet composed of Messrs. Beebe, Kruse, Williams

and Ayars, gave two popular selections.

Prof. DuBois was elected manager of the Country Life Fair to be held in the near future. Miss Cheeseman was critic for the evening and after her report she welcomed the short course students in a few well chosen words.

The remainder of the evening was spent in an indoor track meet under the direction of Howard and Booth. There were numerous events which created considerable rivalry between the different colleges represented. Leland Dennis carried off first honors in the broad grin. Prof. Pontius said he felt a little nervous when he came to measuring the unusual space, but he managed to do so after placing the measure on one side and then walking around to find the other end.

Michigan carried off first honors of the evening, winning most of the first places. Before going home, everyone went to the third floor where ice cream and wafers were served. A large number of of the new students were present and became acquainted with each other and with the older students. The whole evening was a grand success and will be remembered by all.

The Sleepy Egyptian.

Egyptians can lie down and go to sleep anywhere. They look around until they find a particularly busy place in the street where there is a patch of shade, wrap a dusty cloth around their faces, curl up and peacefully glide off into a dreamless sleep. In walking along the street one has to be careful of every splotch of shadow that he comes to for fear of stepping on a native's face. Even when you do step on this usually sensitive part of the anatomy they merely sit up, yawn thankfully that you are a medium sized man and lazily turn over on the other side. As soon as an Egyptian finds out that a person is an American his first breathless question is, "Will there be many Americans coming over this winter?" High and low, merchants and donkey boys, they ask the same question, for half of Egypt lives on the tourists, and the greatest number of these are from the United States. - Homer Croy in Leslie's.

An Easier Method.

Not Handsome but Wealthy Bride (asking the question for the hundredth time or thereabouts) Are you sure perfectly sure, dear Albert that you married me for myself alone and not for my money? Dear Albert who is getting somewhat weary of answering the same old chestnut: Of course I am! If it had been only your money I wanted I would have tried burglary or some easier way of getting it.

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY

Special Forestry Issue of Syracuse University Daily

A special forestry issue of the daily paper of Syracuse University has just been published. This issue describes in a very graphic way the development of The New York State College of Forestry as a State Institution. The new State Forestry Building which is now under process of construction and which it is expected will be occupied before the next college year, is fully described. This will be the only State Forestry Building in the United States erected primarily for educational work. In the basement of this building will be housed the Eastern Forest Products Laboratory, a new Laboratory recently announced by the College which should be of very great value to all industries in the State using wood in any form. The College of Forestry has grown from some 30 men in the fall of 1911 to over 250 in the fall of 1914. The present student body represents 46 counties of the State and some 11 states outside of New York.

The State Department of Education has asked The State College of Forestry at Syracuse for statement of the two most important events in the life of the College during the past year. The statement prepared by the College shows that the most important event in the life of the Institution was the breaking of ground on the

Campus of Syracuse University for the State Forestry Building, which is to be the home of The College of Forestry. When its new home is completed in the fall of 1915 it will be the best equipped Forestry Building in the United States. The growth of the College in number of students has been almost unprecedented in the development of educational institutions in this country. From some 30 boys in the fall of 1911, the College has grown to a registration of 252 boys in the fall of 1914. This tremendous growth of student body, as well as the development of the work of the College through the State, is the chief reason for appropriation by the Legislature of a quarter of a million dollars for a State Forestry Building.

Y. W. C. A.

The Sunday evening prayer meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was in charge of Mable Michler, who led in the discussion of the topic, "Influences" in which several girls took part.

According to the suggestion made by Miss Flenniken to keep the girls interested in missionary and other Y. W. C. A. work, Mildred Saunders gave a short talk on "Summer Conferences" at the close of the hour.

Each week there will be given some brief report concerning the work of the Y. W. C. A.

Mean Answer.

"Fred, dear, why are some women called Amazons?"

"Well, my dear, you remember our geographies told us that the Amazon has the largest mouth?"

But she went out and slammed the door before he could say any more.

Prudence and Shaving

The classic case of a king who knew better than to let anybody else shave him is that of Dionysius the Elder, tyrant of Syracuse, who appears to have been unable to shave himself, for he is said to have resorted to the uncomfortable device of singeing off his beard with hot walnut shells. We may suspect that Napoleon's was another case of the kind. Rogers asked Talleyrand whether Napoleon shaved himself. "Yes," replied Talleyrand; "one born to be a king has some one to shave him, but they who acquire kingdoms shave themselves." That way of putting it pleasantly emphasizes the practical superiority of the parvenu to the helpless spoiled child of heredity, but prudence probably entered into the matter also, if Talleyrand's statement was correct.—London Standard.

An Impression of Gorky.

"Once when I was singing in Nijni early in the morning," said Chaliapine, Russia's greatest singer, "I looked out and saw Gorky standing at a window in the same hotel, and gazing silently over the city. The sun was shining on the towers of the churches, over the silver river and turning the roofs red. 'You are up early,' I said. 'Yes,' he answered, 'Come in my rooms for a moment.' When I reached his window I saw that he had tears in his eyes, and I did not understand. 'Look,' he said to me, 'how beautiful it is. Just the world and not a human being anywhere. The humanity which has made its gods and its laws, built its houses and its churches, all asleep and helpless as children, powerless to change or adjust all this that it has made.'

"He spoke very softly and very sweetly, and, for the moment, he seemed to me the most perfect human being in the world. Truly one of Russia's flowers of genius."—Craftsman.

A Matter of Distances.

Why did Homer call the Dardanelles "broad" or "boundless," although at the point where Leander and Byron swam it the breadth is barely a mile? Byron's comment is very neat: "The wrangling about the epithet, 'the broad Hellespont,' or the 'boundless Hellespont,' whether it means one or the other, or what it means at all, has been beyond all possibility of detail. I have even heard it disputed on the spot and, not foreseeing a speedy conclusion to the controversy, amused myself with swimming across it in the meantime and probably may again before the point is settled. * * * Probably Homer had the same notion of distance that a coquette has of time, and when he talks of boundless means half a mile, as the latter, by a like figure, when she says eternal attachment, simply specifies three weeks."—London Spectator.

He Was Acquainted.

The visitor to the links at Hayseed-on-the-Mud had had the oldest caddy in the district allotted to him as his beast of burden.

"Well," said the visitor, "as you have been living in the neighborhood so many years I suppose you know all the ins and outs of this place?"

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and this is a source of training that is unique and not obtainable elsewhere in college work.

The Juniors and Sophomores, from whose numbers next year's board must be chosen, are not showing any particular interest or tendency to contribute. Unless some effort is made on their part, there will be no means of gauging the qualifications of board aspirants. The result will be that the personnel of next year's board will be both inexperienced and in some cases perhaps inefficient. The Freshmen have not shown the least inclination to "go out" for the college pager. As yet we have not received an article from any member of the class of 1918. Remember that in your Senior year your class will be the one from which must be chosen the leader of this paper. It will not be to the credit of your class to produce a paper inferior to the publication of the class preceding yours.

Send in your contributions and thus decrease our amount of clipped material. "Go out" for the paper so as to make it a better paper, to benefit the school and your class and to reap individual benefit as well.

Mid-years are coming on apace and it behooves us, each and every one, to take stock of the state of our studies. If we spend our time dreading exams, we shall, in the very act of so doing, render more highly probable the failure we fear. Let's get busy then and make this year memorable as one in which no "bust-outs" occurred.

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PRES. DAVIS ADDRESSES UNIVERSITY FACULTY

At the regular meeting of the University Faculty held last Tuesday evening in the Carnegie Library, President Davis gave his address on "The Education and Hygiene of Sex," first delivered before the assembly at the summer session.

Describing the prevalence of immorality among certain classes of school children, Pres. Davis showed the need for sex education as a preventive measure. In discussing methods of imparting this information he pointed out that there are two practical agencies, the home and the school, outlining the ideas of various theorists as worked out with their own children. He especially emphasized the duty of the parents, upon whom should lie the greatest responsibility. Other fields, he said, are limited, but that of the parents is boundless; there is no restriction placed upon parentage, and those who assume its duties must be made competent to fulfill them in every way.

Turning now to the school method, he outlined several high school courses designed to cover this problem, laying especial emphasis upon the desirability of a course in advanced biology for seniors. In the past, Pres. Davis said, a false sense of modesty had prevented this problem from receiving the attention its vital importance merits, but under the influence of modern enlightenment the old "prudishness" is giving way to a more rational view.

A general discussion followed Pres. Davis' address.

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CAMPUS

Prof. C. C. Greenwood spent Saturday in Hornell.

M. E. Mix and Lowell Randolph '16, were in Andover, Sunday.

Eva Williams '16, spent the week-end at her home in Wells-ville.

Philinda Woodcock ex-'17, of Wells-ville was a visitor in Alfred last week.

Olive Thomas '16, was the week-end guest of Prof. and Mrs. Walter Green at Independence.

Pres. Davis will attend the College Presidents' Associations' annual meeting at Chicago, Jan. 14-16.

Prof. J. D. Bennehoff of the Natural Science Department attended the meeting of the American Association for the Promotion of Science, in Philadelphia during vacation.

Bess Bacon '15, has been confined to her rooms during the past week, suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Prof. Linton B. Crandall attended a Convention of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago, Ill., during vacation.

Myrtle Meritt '13 and Edna Burdick '14, who have been spending some time in Alfred, returned Sunday to their school duties in Arcade.

C. L. Davis of the Fuller-Davis Corporation of Belmont, was in town last Wednesday, and closed the contract for printing the 1916 Kanakadea.

Jessamine C. Fenner ex-'16, who is attending college at Mt. Holyoke, was in town last Monday and Tuesday, visiting friends at the Brick.

Andrew Krusen '14, who is with The Sun Brick Company of Toronto this year, spent a few days last week visiting school friends here.

Prof. J. N. Norwood attended the meeting of the Political Science Association and the American Historical Association in Chicago, Ill., during vacation.

Heroic Mustache.

Probably no dog has ever rendered such signal military service or been so honorably recognized as the celebrated poodle Mustache, who shared the victorious fortunes of the French army through most of the wars of the consulate and of the French empire. He won special honors at Marengo and was decorated on the battlefield of Austerlitz by Marshal Lannes as a reward for having rescued his regimental standard from an Austrian soldier when in the act of snatching it from the grasp of the standard bearer as he fell mortally wounded. The plucky poodle drove off the assailant, and then, seizing the tattered colors in his teeth, dragged them triumphantly till he reached his own company.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS BY DR. P. E. TITSWORTH

Following is the address on "The Value of a Man" delivered by Dr. P. E. Titsworth of the department of Modern Languages before the College Assembly on Jan. 6. This is by common consent adjudged one of the best addresses ever given before the students of Alfred University:

"Every one on board had noticed him, and, in spite of his strange demeanor, knew that he was a millionaire. Sometimes he paced the deck at a double quick with the nervous step betokening the relentless scourging of his own thoughts, or again he passed with the lagging, wearied movement of a broken man, or yet again he sat slumped down in his steamer chair with his eyes closed or listlessly gazing into space. The despair of a father out of work who walks the nightly streets in anguish, or the dogged indifference of the human derelect stranded on a park bench, alternately marked the bearing of this modern Croesus. The picture of the strong man in his weakness aroused general sympathy, but particularly was it a challenge to the professional spirit of a reporter who happened to be slightly acquainted with him. Here was most certainly a story worth knowing.

"Tell me, sir," the newspaper man made bold to ask him once in the course of a conversation, "why need you be unhappy? Think of your prospering business, your secure investments, your position of honor among men who remove mountains, your fine stable of racing horses, your summer homes—"

"Stop!" cried the older man arousing himself to sudden energy. "What's the use of them all if your son's a fool? He has played away my money: I can forgive him that. But he's drunk away his mind and rotted down his body: I can never forgive him that. What's the use of success or wealth, if your son's a fool?"

The tale is a common one: the gaining of a city, of a mess of potage, of a world of sparkle and froth and hilarious good fellowship and the loss of a soul. The story is so old and thread-bare and platitudinal that for him who narrates it we shrug our shoulders or tap our foreheads. The wanton disablement or complete destruction of human dynamos designed to generate unique energy, that are to be belted up to new machines for turning out more perfect and as yet unknown products, is going on about us every day. We cry out at the destruction of the venerable University of Louvain or of the incomparable cathedral at Reims, but what is the value of stone and mortar and stained glass in comparison with the worth of a man? This slaughter of our kind by the regiment and battalion goes on apace and still we act bored when day after day the morning paper brings us only the news of yesterday warmed up. Among the rotting

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human debris on the battlefield lie the builders of other and greater cathedrals, the borers of tunnels more magnificent than the Simplon, diggers of canals more stupendous than Panama, dramatists greater than Shakespeare, saints more holy than Francis of Assisi. If some fine day an ill-disposed man should destroy from the earth all salt, or the sodium and chlorine of which it is made, or if some demoniacal power should take from us the healing quality of medicine, or the energy stored up in the earth's coal supply, the human race would be reduced to the life of the insects.

I should like to set up the thesis that every man and every woman is an indispensable force, a unique radiation of divine energy. I should like you to feel that the loss of a man is irreparable and the stunting of his powers a crime. Says one wise man: "Society can never prosper, but must always be bankrupt until every man does what he was created to do." (Emerson). And another: "Every bit of human life is significant and precious." (Mabie). In the assembling room of the Ford Automobile Works in Detroit, there is an ambulating platform upon which each car assumes its final shape out of the thousands of parts brought from over all the shop and all the country. Stationed at requisite intervals along the track of this platform are the many workman, each of whom, as car after car passes him, adds his part or does his task. In less than a minute's time from the moment when the automobile was started on the platform it is completely assembled and ready to come off at the other end. Physically and spiritually we are of as intricate and composite workmanship, millions of men and women having woven the fabric of which we are made. Centuries before we were born witnessed the beginnings of our mental and spiritual and physical make-up, and since we have become earth-dwellers a host of human beings has been contributing to our happiness and well-being. If one of your spiritual or physical antecedents had been different you would not be you but some one else. Take from your life what Lincoln did for you and you might be the citizen of but a petty nation where men decay. Take from your life what Luther put there and you might be only one of a herd of unthinking, indifferent humanity.

May not the Thirty Years' War of seventeenth century Europe have put off one hundred years the age of scientific discovery of nineteenth century Europe and thus denied to victor and vanquished alike the service of steam, electricity, and medicine? Also, may not our human kind have waited many a weary decade for the coming of a Confucius, of a Plato, or even of a Christ because of wars that decimated the population of our earth and destroyed alike the seer and the purposeless? What great period of superior enlightenment and finer living may not be indefinitely postponed because of the Luthers, the Pasteurs, the King

Alfreds, the Wagners, or the Lincolns who were butchered on European battlefields yesterday?

Peace as well as war has its prodigal disregard of the value of man. The influences at work to keep him on the animal plane, to stunt him, to make him grow misshapen, are insidious and native to every clime. There are the parents who take their children from school and from play at the earliest possible minute to send them to the coal-bunkers or on to the farm to make of them money-getters—animate tools. There are the employers who are reluctant to safeguard the worker; there are the factory owners who are loth to give their men adequate space about dangerous machines, or necessary light and air, or sufficient fire-protection; there are the department stores who refuse their girls living wages; there are the lazy teachers who account their pupils so many necessary evils to be endured; and last of all there are the churches that esteem ritual above righteousness, that forget that to strengthen and arouse spiritual power, to recognize and proclaim the supreme value of man is their sole aim of existence.

Is it any wonder that human beings are today ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-paid, ignorant and selfish, and society a din of conflicting interests when there are being killed off, or stunted or made self-seeking the men and women, the workers and the seers, who were to have helped us realize the finer life which now we and our children still must strive for? Suicide, murder, war, divorce, robbery, each act of passion, oppression of the weak at the hands of the strong, lack of self-restraint, indifference and common vulgarity cry aloud of the sores and weaknesses in individuals and society which must be healed and strengthened. Yet the producers of the balm for healing and the requisite energy for revitalizing we crucify. A rich man can not straighten out the twisted moral tissue of the sneak thief by giving him ten dollars, nor can a Carnegie quench the selfishness of society by building libraries. Under proper circumstances the money and the library form a necessary adjunct to an abiding reform, but it is solely by the mystic energizing of the weak by the strong, by the human touch upon the human that the process of overcoming human defects and building up character is consummated.

We glory in our civilization: we point with proper pride to our increasingly productive farms, our stupendous industries, our Panamas, our Harvards and Yales and Alfreds, and to our Yankee resourcefulness, but these are merely the necessary basis for the continuing and increasing finer life which we hope to lead: they are mockery if we and our sons are fools.

Right here let me pause long enough to give an explanation necessary to avoid possible misunderstanding. Because my theme is the value of man and since I am laying stress upon the

inward life and its furtherance, do not understand me to minimize the value of material things nor to scorn the men who produce them. The world of science and the world of ideals, the world of work and the world of thought are interdependent, or, perhaps I should say, the two worlds permeate each other, the one giving the other body and stability, and the other rendering the first meaningful. You and I are not ethereal creatures soaring aloft on the fleecy clouds of imagination like the cherubs in the paintings of Titian. Lofty though our thoughts may be, we must still have good bread to eat, durable cotton and woolen and silk to wear, and sanitary houses to live in. To mine the earth or to till the soil, to cross the seas or to speed the trains, to conserve the water and the minerals or to send out light and heat, to buy or to sell, to bake man's bread or build his house, to restore him to health or to bury him—any one of these is a man's job. Life is, however, more than baking or brewing or building or bidding. No sane man wants to be merely a carpenter or banker or undertaker. There are times when he has an irresistible desire to be stripped of creed, of title, of profession, or of trade and to be a man. Men do not print books merely that others may learn to make ink to print more books to instruct more men to make more ink and so on. The value of a bridge lies in the fact that man finds it worth his while for business or pleasure to travel. He crosses it not simply that he may pass to the next chasm to build another and so on ad infinitum. Why does a man live anyway? To earn money to live that he may live to earn money? Is man forever limited to perfecting the covers of a book and denied the oppor-

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tunity to supply its life-giving contents? Is he always to be satisfied with the fashioning of the exquisite vase and never to give a thought to the costly ointment it is designed to hold? Is he ever to be a cog in the wheel of an endless but aimless machine? Is he always to go on producing that which is destroyed in a day, whose beauty is the beauty of the clouds and the sunset or of a field of dandelions in the deep lush grass? Has he no hold on anything enduring? Has he no responsibility to develop within him that which connects him up with eternity?

The highest recompense for the bridge-builder or the human being is to have conquered his problems, to have made of himself a bigger man, and to have produced something whose value to other men is a thousand times bigger than the handful of coin which he received for his toil. The cutting of cloth on the counter or the writing of a book ought to be merely the outward symbol of man's interest in man, of his desire to upbuild his fellow, and to contribute to that fund of reserve energy upon which any or all men can draw in the hour of weakness or stress.

The furtherance of the higher life has its bread and butter side too. "We can not reasonably expect that a piece of woolen cloth will be brought to perfection in a nation which is ignorant of astronomy, or where ethics is neglected," says Hume. A by-product of the richer life of all men will be a demand for more books and more bridges and more yards of cloth. Only with the increasing appreciation of the value of man and of his inner life do the services of science become more valuable and more necessary. This enhanced worth of man cashes in at the bank, so to speak, it gives increasing impetus to technology and industry to improve themselves. Thus we can see how interdependent are man's higher life and his physical life. Without the physical life shaped by nature and ministered to by science the higher life is impossible, without the higher life the structures raised by the toil and thought of men are meaningless.

You and I are often most shortsighted: we value the near and neglect the far, we esteem the intense and disregard the persisting, we shout

for the visible but look bored when some rash individual declares the value of the unseen. And yet ideas and ideals are the most potent of all factors. You and I live in the clutch of certain opinions and conventions which turn us aside as surely, nay, more certainly than a wall of brick. It is only an idea that leads a mother to give her life for her child or a martyr to die at the stake. It is only an idea that sends a man or a nation to war or that keeps a soldier in the frozen trenches. Take from our lives the unseen values—the belief of our friends in us, the joy of intimate human relationships, the sense of loyalty, of justice, of duty, or the belief in ourselves—and whether you be a Vanderbilt or a vagabond, life will not be worth the candle. I contend that a belief in life, a conviction that we can accomplish what we set ourselves to do, whether that be to shape stone into a monument, organize men into effectual working units, or impose our own will upon ourselves, is one of the highest values of life. In comparison all else is grass.

When defeat stares men in the face everywhere, when they have lost their "nerve" for living, they become men of stone, or are ripe for suicide, according to their temperament. The sense of having botched life, of being down and out is as prevalent among those who recline upon ivory couches as among the poor who cry at the gate. Never does it become more manifest that man does not live by bread alone than when a rich man, the president of an insurance company, commits suicide because he no longer can have the trust of his fellows. You can not restore the belief in life by reducing the price of gas, by having cleaner streets, by building bigger navies, nor by introducing direct primaries but by infusing into the man a new enthusiasm for life, by giving him power to control himself, by recharging the exhausted cell with strength from other units of human energy. The charged embers of the life grown cold must be rekindled by a return of the confidence of its fellows, by witnessing other men who, under more precarious circumstances, have snatched triumph from defeat. It is only by laying hold on the store of this excess spiritual energy generated by others in the stress and strain of life that a defeat

may be turned into a signal victory. If you look behind human joy and attainment you will find human batteries.

This is my conviction, then: the things which make life worth the living are not found in stone or wood or any clever arrangement of them. The things which make life worth living are unseen values and they become accessible for us only when focussed into the life of a man or woman, there more highly energized, and thence radiated and supplied to the poor in spirit. These values can become operative in their finest shape, not through men as manipulators of iron or electricity but only through the medium of men as personalities, for personality is the long-sought for philosopher's stone that transmutes the baser human metals into the nobler one of dynamic character. Farther, I contend that each human power house, i. e. personality, has its own distinctive territory to supply. If we smash the dynamos at Niagara Buffalo is in darkness. If we mangle the soul of a man, we are inflicting darkness upon his dependents. We must get out of the habit of looking upon our fellows as mere men and women. There are few such. And last of all, I maintain that, as the national government sends out yearly chemical and forestry and irrigation engineers to conserve our resources of radium and oak and to reclaim the vast arid plains of the West, so, too, there ought to be spiritual engineers to plan and execute the conservation of the wasting resources of brain and brawn and soul and the reclaiming of the arid and fallow personalities of undeveloped men and women. For what shall it profit us if we gain the whole world and lose a soul?

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