business and the daily newspaper. Keep in touch with the great minds and characters of all ages, and especially of to-day.

This is the hour when we should ask ourselves seriously as to our ambitions. What is your definition of success? Is it dependent on popular recognition? There is no question that to the mind of many people success is closely bound to public approval and renown. Men instinctively look to their fellow men to judge their work. That is natural. Still the deeper question rises, does success depend upon public approval? May it not be won, is it not often won, when no note of approval is heard save from our own conscience?

What will result if this principle is expressed in the quiet influence of an active, earnest life? Instead of a man who is ever anxious lest the fame of his fortune or of his talents does not get abroad before the grave closes on him, you have one who in calm confidence or in buoyant enthusiasm does his duty in life, puts his hand to the business that life lays on him, reaches out his hand and grasps duties that, without his volunteer service, life would not have laid on him. In other words, my friends, only a very small fraction of humanity is ever heard from, and of that fraction it were well if a good part had gone down in silence. The great mass of men, and as a rule the best of them, simply do their work, find their little place in society, become a living stone in the living temple of humanity, to help to build up man into the glorious ideal which God has placed before him. He who so serves posterity best who serves his own generation and to the service of those who come after. It sounds little but it is noble, very noble, to become a living stone in that living temple of humanity, to help to build up man into the glorious ideal which God has placed before him. He who so serves posterity best who serves his own generation and to the service of those who come after.

There is another element in the active life of to-day which needs sorely the spirit of a truly educated man. From the student's study, the scientist's laboratory, and from the depths of the masses of the people, there has arisen a vague, popular fatalism, a sense that man is not free as he thought himself, a surrender to circumstance, a stolid yielding to fate. There is that unthinking sentiment that things are so, and they have got to go on as they are. What has this to do with you, and with the duty of an educated man? Education deals with life and the history of life.

Of all places next to the Church, the School of Learning is the last place to weaken faith in the worth of character. The history of civilization is the history of the victorious march of spiritual forces. Therefore, the graduate who passes through the college gates to the problems of life goes with a perfect confidence in this, that man has the future in his grasp, that there is no social circumstance or political situation or moral conditions which, if rightly met, will not yield to the spiritual energy of man. He has no patience with the whine that because an abuse has been, therefore it must be. Can there be a better object lesson of the power of the spiritual forces of man than the past century has produced? As we run our memories back over the history of our century to 1794, we review the many social and political injustices of Europe, the burdens of the Revolution in this country, the institution of slavery as a mark of civilization, and find almost nothing of that spirit of the common civic and social interests of all classes, which has risen so rapidly in the last twenty-five years. What has wrought the change? There is only one answer—man,—with his unique spiritual force, his will, his intellect, his creative and inventive mind. There have been leaders, but there have been the rank and file of kindred spirits who did their work, and did it as silently as they lived.

While these facts stand and these memories last, who of you is going to yield to the cowardly word that things must be as they are, and that movements and tendencies are greater than men, and cannot be guided and created. The list of what has been done by men suggests what man has yet to do, and to do in this present generation. You know what it is? The tremendous social questions, the problems of politics and economics, of national integrity, of charity, of the family, of the rights of property and of the individual, of purity in society, of commercial honor. These things are not going to drift. They are going to move, and some of them to move rapidly; and some men are going to be behind the movement; the ignorant, the charlatan, the selfish, and the immoral, if not the intelligent, the honest, the unselfish, and the pure. The question that I want to ask you, and that I believe you are asking yourselves, is, what part are you going to take in the work? Is the true, manly spirit, that believes above all things in the worth and power of character, going with you into the activities of life? You will find fellow-workers of intelligence and strength who never had an education in the schools, but you have something of your own, and of your student life and opportunities to bring. Carry it with you, and believe in all humility that where a man is wanted, there your work as a man can be done.

Some of you may think that I have hardly touched the level of a sermon, for religion, as such, has hardly been mentioned. On the contrary, my words have failed of their purpose if they have not been interpreted as a part of religion. I know of no better way of serving God than that of taking life in its larger and wider relations, doing our work faithfully, regardless of popular applause, and with confidence in the worth of character. He who so lives must live in the spirit of Christ. He must turn to Him for his ideal, his support, and inspiration. Christ has been at the foundation of all that has been good in the movements of the past century. Christ must be at the foundation of every action for good in your generation. This, then, is my last word to you, men of the Class of '93: in your hopes and disappointments, in your success and defeats, turn to Him for the richest embodiment of manhood, and in His life rest in confidence.

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