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NOTE

With this number the Society resumes the regular publication of its Bulletins. The influence of war conditions on the affairs of the Society, especially the absorption of all of the officers and the greater part of the membership into war organizations, made it expedient to suspend publication with No. 5 of Vol. III,

1917. In December, 1918, publication was resumed by the issue of No. 6 of Vol. III, as of December, 1917, in order to complete that volume and to make its numbers uniform with respect to the calendar year. No Bulletins will be issued as of the year 1918.

THE OPPORTUNITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE TAYLOR SOCIETY¹

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The war has been so completely the nation's business that it has been the principal business of individuals. Directly and indirectly, it has absorbed that portion of the energies of men which is usually devoted to group activities. In the cases of many individuals the demands of war have been permitted, without regret, to encroach upon even the usual requirements of livelihood. Because the war has been in one of its most important phases a problem of applying the principles of organization for business to organization for war, imperative demands have been made upon the experience and abilities of the membership of this Society. Approximately forty percent of the members, and a much larger percentage of the active members, have been engaged directly in war work. Including those indirectly engaged, the proportion rises to nearly seventy per cent. For these reasons, during the past two years the Society has not been active. More than one occasion in the past, however, has given us a reason to believe that there is a special vitality in this organization which enables it to survive conditions to which others might succumb, and which justifies us

in asserting that the past two years have been years of interruption only, and that during these months the Society through its members has been accumulating an experience and a strength which will inspire it to greater activity, to more far-reaching objects and achievements.

In fact this first meeting since we have been released from the obligations of war should be made to be, and should be valued as something special; something which would have been impossible except for the awakening of mind and imagination by the events of the months just passed. It should be conceived, not merely as the next meeting after the preceding one, but as the first of a series of meetings on a plane of higher ideals and achievement. To make it so, we have but to will to make it so.

¹An address presented at a meeting of the Taylor Society in Philadelphia, Friday evening, February 14, 1919.

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