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From time to time this space will be utilized by the judge of this court to express ideas that seem worth while upon the times, the people, our habits and judgments. If those ideas be helpful or instructive then all will be benefited; the judge by occupying time that would otherwise be wasted, by exercising his mind in contemplation of problems that make or hinder a better conception of civilization and progress, and by those who read, thoughts may be stirred that will be sufficiently impressive to endow with better efficiency along those lines of living, that are, at the best, confusing problems. We complain of the taxes upon our pocket books and yet deliberately and voluntarily pay a tax upon our time that oftentimes detracts more from our successful pursuit of happiness and comfort than the great and oftentimes unnecessary taxes for government. Were every hour of our day utilized for beneficent purposes, rather than as often used for trivial purposes, the success of our lives, that success that we crave as a boon but neglect shamefully in the expenditure of our time, all would benefit tremendously. The mind is never idle, it is incapable of being so, and if it be studiously occupied in candid and judicious consideration of our plight it would redound to the best interest of every individual and therefore to society as a whole. Man is but a frail and fleeting creature of this existence, after all. But the thoughts he thinks and the things he does may live for centuries. The highways that Caesar built are still in use, but the man has gone. Jesus served his allotted time and passed on, but the thoughts he brought to the world live on.

We look with concern upon the politician, but are we not all politicians? Are we not all dependent upon the reception we get from society? Does not that reception make for better or worse? Are we not continually striving for such acclaim or else we have grown bitter and rebellious? For all of Love, of sympathy, of help and forgiveness, do we not look to man for it? Everything worth while for us in this life is dependent upon our approach and reception to and by our fellow creatures. Therefore it be necessary that we assume a policy of understanding toward each other; this is but what the politician does. He may practice deception for his ends and become momentarily successful but in this he is shortsighted. The great man is he who brings truth and helpfulness to the people. Look about you, is not the one you deem so successful in life been one who in his business or profession brought help and assistance to his clientele? Maybe he charged for the same, but if it be helpful then the charge is of slight consequence. If we stumble and fall then we have failed to be friend to ourselves and consequently to our fellow men. If we live true to ourselves, mankind will benefit. We are but politicians, as we live our lives on we soon find that to do right brings good and to do evil brings misfortune and misery. We may not change the laws of nature or of man but we can live within them, warp them to our own use and benefit and by understanding contrive our lives to more success and happiness. The world bestows its big prizes, not by chance, but upon those who, with beneficent consideration, strive to serve.