When racking my brain to get some old thoughts into reasonable shape for this occasion, I could not get over the word "work."

1. The young men ask what shall we do to sustain and extend our work?

2. How shall we get the business men to be more interested in and more willing to help us on in our work?

You perceive that the word "work" confronts me as it does everybody else, everywhere, and all the days of life. I presume work will chase me through the next three years, and even into the shades of an old soldier's retirement. A. Bank of work in discharge!

How perplexing it is to dodge the man you don't want to meet, the grocer for instance whom it is not convenient to pay! The weeping petitioner, it may be, whose husband is in prison where he deserves to be, and whom you are loath to let out! Who hasn't slipped through the other...
door and left a book agent to the tender mercies of his messenger? It is said that Gen. George Crook often took a sudden walk, as he got a glimpse of his Judge Advocate, approaching with a batch of most attractive of all literature the well filled rolls of proceedings, derived from a recent Court Martial. And I have known people of high standing and eminent for their wealth to avoid the fearful bore of a parlor conference. But my dear friends it is some years since the oldest of us have learned that some things must be faced; and there is really more safety in promptly facing these things than in struggling and skylarking.

It is so with your pew-rent. It is so with your servant's wages. It is so with your bills for shoes, clothes and board, and verily it is so with this word, "work." I still hesitate to be serious. I never could quite understand why the old prophet Balaam was stopped by the unseen messenger in the road and hindered so long when he had been previously told to go on.
It was done probably to impress a soul with the utter unselfishness of his work. Like the messenger of old this Y. M. C. A. work, with a drawn sword, keeps standing in my path and stopping me; and however much I belabor my weary mental donkey I cannot get over or around it.

Once, before General Rutherford B. Hays was President and while he was Governor of Ohio, I paid him a visit at Columbus. Among other patriotic entertainments he took me to the asylum for the blind. It was a touching sight to behold them. Little children with sweet pensive faces, with clothing just enough away to win sympathy—sorrowful women, sad, sad because the windows were darkened, and young men straining their sightless eye-balls to catch views never to come. Among them Gen. Hays showed me some soldiers made blind by confederate bullets. The tears ran down my cheeks, when Gen. Hays was saying: "speak to them, General!" What could I say! All thoughts vanished except one. Blind. Blind. Blindness.
And this thought was the very one in all charity and love and expediency I ought to avoid. But as you may imagine I blundered upon it, however I started.

"I am sorry you are blind! Poor little ones how sad that you are so afflicted, but your other senses are quickened. Your hearing will be more acute and your touch more delicate. The soldiers appeared to listen with open mouth and pardoned my embarrassment; so I ventured a step nearer, and said: "fellow soldiers, sometimes we lose our natural sight before we gain an inner sight, a Spiritual sight. What a gain if we get that!"

One tall soldier, much affected, said: "Yes, friends, that was just my case I did not see my pardoning Lord till I lost my sight. Now I know that my Redeemer liveth!"

You notice how the dilemma was solved. The charity of those poor blind ones led the way. So perhaps your charity will help us with the troublesome word "work". We
will not dodge it but meet it squarely, and talk about work to workers, as I was forced to talk concerning blindness to the blind.

Let us return to question

(1) The young men ask what shall we do to sustain and extend our work? Young men need direction.

You have noticed that ubiquitous man the commercial traveler. I have met him in every State and some of the Territories of this Union. I found him on the Isthmus steamers and en route to Europe. He represents a large house whose central business is at New York and whose branches are at Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco.

Notice how on arrival at a new town he proceeds. He meets buyers? He is cheerful and confident. He says "Our House" with genuine dignity. He shows schedules of what "our house" can furnish and backs up his sanguine statements with bona fide samples. People in his line are happy to meet him and he soon procures abundant or-
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Cannot our young men do likewise? "Our work" what is it?

The secretary, or the committee man with cheerfulness and confidence can say to any of us: "Our work", "Our gymnasium," "Our library," "Our night school," "our lectures," "Our reading rooms," "Our railroad branch," "Our evening and afternoon meetings," "Our social entertainments," "Our Bible classes," and other means of salvation of young men. Never mind if people who are a little fastidious, cry out, "those youngsters have the Y. M. C. A. on the brain." Once I associated with a stalwart youth who had velocipedes on the brain. He would talk of nothing else. If I introduced the most catholic subject, as horse-racing or general merchandise, he would manage to bring me back to the sale or swiftness of two wheel or three wheel velocipedes. Now, I assure you, that young man has made a success in life. It is because of his power of concentration and his power to
I like the government.

Our work went on.

The secretary of the government men, with a perfect agreement.

Our sense of our country can be seen to the rest of the world. Our work.


Our army and our air force world. Your mind if it knows what the future holds. Our country once and for all.

Our country, our people, our free states, and our great city.

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concentrate you also. So with our young men, if properly trained in association work, they do have it on the brain; they should have it on the brain! Only this is not the pure and proper metaphysical way of expressing the thought. In the Bible it is with the heart, in the heart, on the heart and by the heart that a Christian man believes and works. Well, friends, have you looked into this work about which these young men are so ardent? It is a good work. I have looked at it for more than thirty years. Before the war, during the war, at home and abroad, and wherever it has been in actual operation it has shown itself good, good above criticism. It is a society which extends the hand to a young man who is a stranger. It gives him a warm greeting and a brotherly welcome. It even goes, like a father, to the depot. It finds him a home. It keeps him from snares and pitfalls, and introduces him to blessed and beautiful company. Yes, it often does more, it opens to him the Book of life and feeds him with
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the manna of Heaven. Yes, I have heard with my dull ears, cries of joy from redeemed young men: "Saved by the help of those young men, God bless them."

Then if it is indeed a good work; help those engaged in it to sustain and extend it. [Dr. Object of Life]

Yes, says one whose whole heart is in his business, it is worthy enough, but it does not concern me. I must work for my family and myself, and have no time to give to this or any other such work however good. [Sir, you must be mistaken concerning the whole object of life. If you have employees you cannot divorce yourself from them.]

I know a large and prosperous firm in San Francisco that pays the fees in the Y. M. C. A. for all its employees. The head of the firm is a Christian; but he says that it would be better to do so as a simple investment. The gymnasium makes them stronger, the evening schools increase their business fitness, and the social inducements keep them from dissipated associations; they do us better and
I am writing to express my concern about the decline in the number of young people taking up the arts. It seems that fewer and fewer students are choosing to pursue careers in the arts, and this is a concern for me as an arts enthusiast and a member of the community. I believe that the arts are important for the development of young people and for the enrichment of our society.

To address this issue, I propose that we organize a campaign to promote the arts. We could start by conducting surveys to understand why young people are not interested in the arts. We could then use this information to develop strategies to increase interest. For example, we could offer free art classes to students who are interested but cannot afford them. We could also create partnerships with local businesses to provide funding for art programs.

I hope that you will consider this proposal and take action to support the arts in our community. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
better service for the outlay.

If then, you own to self and interest being controlling motive, still I would say, "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth."

And Oh, my brother, what an opportunity of loyal service to Christ you let go by. A little time, a little money, a little thought devoted in this direction, will make you like the man to whom Our Lord gave one pound and he traded with it and gained ten pounds. He gave him the idlers pound and also set him over ten cities. So rich, so glorious, so utterly disproportionate to the investment is the interest which Christ pays for loyal service. Do not miss the interest by pure selfishness!

"But, Sir, remember there are so many other good causes!"

Let me just hint to you, quietly, not to give quite so much to some of those other good causes. One could cut a little from the tobacconist, and perhaps, in order to save a few young men, dimish the jeweller's bill, so as
(The generous jeweller)

to share with him the pleasure of giving. I have known men who do not give for saving young men to drink wine;
Keep fast horses; run yachts, and make money on margins,
or lose in gambling, or lotteries, or betting. I need not do more than hint. We might check some of our expenses, for the sake of doing, sustaining and extending a work that we know from undisputed and most abundant testimony. But another and philosophic mind says: "Why, dear Sir, the church should do all this!"

I once asked a good German priest what he meant by "the church?" How is it constituted? While he hesitated to reply. I said: "Surely it is composed of all true Christians, believers in Our Lord Jesus Christ, both living and dead?"

He answered. "Yes Sir, you are right!" How then, my objectioning friend, can you exclude from the church christians at work? The Y.M.C.A.'s are the churches in action. It is what
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goes into the highways and hedges. It is what finds a way to railroad-men, and does not neglect the denizens of the market places. Yes indeed the churches should do all this, and they do do all this when they use all available and praiseworthy instrumentalities to further the grand work.

To return to our questions:

(2) "How shall we get the business men to be more interested in and more willing to help us on in our work?"

All Bible scholars remember we have recently had in our schools the parables of the unexpected guest; and the unjust Judge. The father of the family would not get up and give to his neighbor till he had been worried into it. After that, I think that father of a family never quite forgot the unexpected guest. You are a business man, you have worked hard all day; you are entitled to your rest; but these young men who have so many unexpected guests to protect, save and feed, they will not let you alone. When a poor, worn out General came one lurid morning to the indomitable
Grant, and said: "General, my men are dying with fatigue and over work and they cannot do any more." Grant with a meaning smile answered: "So is the enemy." Give the young men a few minutes of your time and you will see why the Christian workers must be as active as the enemy. His Satanic Majesty catches the unexpected guests. He gives them gilded palaces, plenty of choice wines, and delights that numb the moral powers. He charms them, as it is said opium does, whether smoked in Chinese pipes or eaten from little pocket-boxes; he charms them into an excess of joy, blinding every spiritual perception that he may hamper them in a short space with woe upon woe, to suit his own malignant purposes.

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How well the ancient sirens understood the process of dealing with unexpected guests. And my good careful father, those very children in bed with you may before many years become the "unexpected guests." Begrudge not
these young men a little — just a little, just a wee bit of money for their unexpected guests, for the sake of your own. It is not the highest motive that I urge, yet he is no better than a heathen who does not provide for his own. (3) **The Unjust Judge**

And, again, the Christian young men may take courage, even if they do dwell among unjust judges. Do not be afraid. In the name of the Lord, for the sake of your protégés, of the youths who are approaching the dangerous ground, do give the unjust judges no prolonged rest. Though his motive was selfish and bad, I still think the unjust Judge of the Bible was benefitted by defending the poor widow’s cause. Once such a widow with several suffering children came to me when my heart was almost frozen by a great personal disaster. She would not hear my excuses. She pressed her case till my interest was awakened and my sympathies stirred. And O, what a relief was her sorrow
I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do, I think I saw a little.. just a man...

..to look for their unmarked graves. But the word of mouth, I'm not sure. I've heard stories about a place and a man...

And then, it'snt the difference between me and the enemy.

...about our own. We're not much different. I've heard stories about the place and the man...

...of the hideous. The man with no mouth. The place where a man and a man...

...to know. He won't let anyone know. I'm not sure...

...planning for nothing. It's all an important and everlasting way...

...and a little more. I want to know for a reason.
to my aching heart. I speedily gave her the defense that she coveted and so secured my own.

Many an unjust judge has had the ground long hardened by habit, completely broken up by the cry of the orphan and the widow who have been defrauded. Yes, young men, press your way by much coming; by oft entreaty; the process will do them good; the little time and the small sums which you will obtain will do them great good too!

Business men; Business men! (S) $ The Businessman!

Who are the business men? I cannot help sympathizing with business men. One died recently. He began as a farmer.

Little by little he won his way to a competency and then to a fortune. Still he had to work, work, and worry more than he worked. In time he could not sleep, and so nightly he took the insidious drug that he might have a semblance of rest. By mistake at last he seized the wrong phial and he is dead before relief could come.
Every where his family has been on the forefront of society life. They could go to watering places. They could rest. They could feast. They could sleep late in the morning. There was no limit, but want of capacity, to their earthly delights. O, Lord, my soul is heavy and grieved for the business man! He needs a real repose. His soul is often starved. He requires a love that he has not. His wife loves his children and herself with a tender and unwearied love; but so wholly absent from his field of labor, with him she has little in common. If he could but see it, his redemption demands the Rest of Change. Interest your self, my brother, more and more in the Lord's work. Then you can sleep. One kind of diet soon wearies and disgusts a man because God has made him omniverous. Much more so with the mind. All business will stultify. All pleasure will minimize; but if you give the Spirit a chance the Divine Spirit will magnify and fructify the soul.

So, good brother, like the wealthy tax-gatherer of Israel
let the Saviour come into your house. Around the family altar wife and children will re-find a father and your soul will feast on something better than viands.

In this country, as Mr. Lincoln pointed out, there should be no distinctive, invariable classes fixed by a spirit of caste. There is capital and there is labor. The laborer of good habits and reasonable talents, soon under the American flag becomes himself a capitalist.

So should it be here in this Christian work. There are workers and there recipients of the worker's bounty. Let the recipient become a worker. The interest will then be multiplied a thousand fold.

Come ye in, business men, and join the small army of workers, as ye do in your Boards of trade, your Chambers of Commerce, Your Nicaragua Canals, your steamship companies, your oil-wells and other business enterprises.

The Y. M. C. A. welcomes the best possible business management and needs, like your banks, to be secure.
Now, General, you have touched the sorest spot

says a leading banker.

"How so? My friend."

"Because the liveliest leaders among young men are poor,
and can never gain financial confidence in a community."

All right, good banker. Come in and take hold. Do as we did in the war, keep the contest going, turning out one general after another till we found one who would lead.

The soldiers on to victory.

Poor young men who love Christ are always self-denying.

You and your friends who have the complete confidence of the community, will quickly enough spring to prominence and leadership. God help us to give to this work all our energies, even if ardent souls take lower seats.

There is one closing thought that is, perhaps, the best in the interest, the sustaining, the extension and the solidity of any good cause. It is woman's inspiration. There is a directness an incisiveness, an inex-
planable power about her. Young men you see the power in social reunions; you notice it not only in the home-life, but everywhere else. Statesmen, politicians, diplomats in the highest walks of life have used it for their country's advancement. Without it the Czar would be a bear, the Emperor William a martinet, and President Harrison no better than a bachelor. Where would be all the joys, beauties, flowers and tidy nooks and corners of home life. Near me do not forget to bring mothers and sisters into the utmost activity for this work for young men. They will make it sweet and beautiful for while they will not forget that it is human, they will by their loving deeds help breathe into it the Divine.