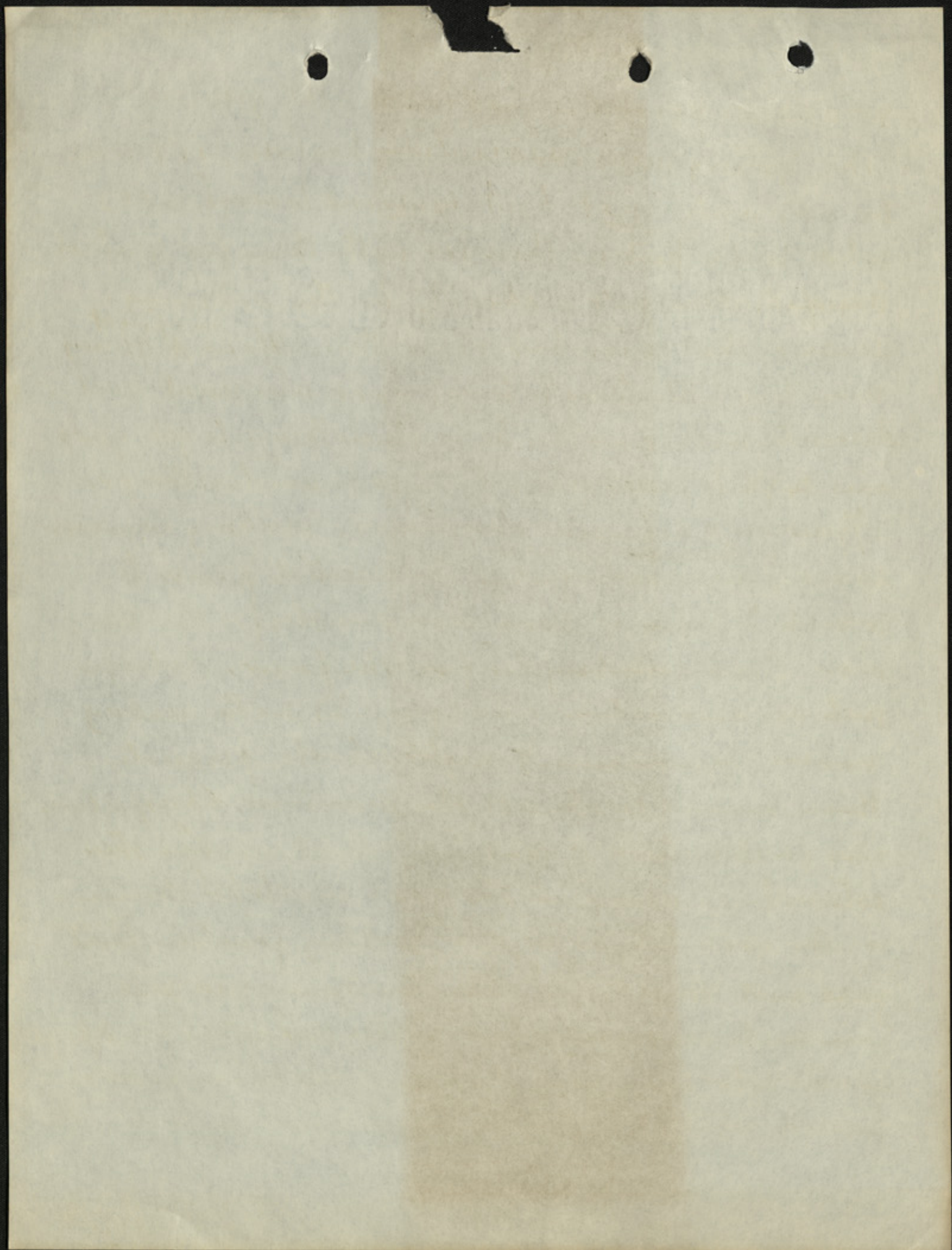
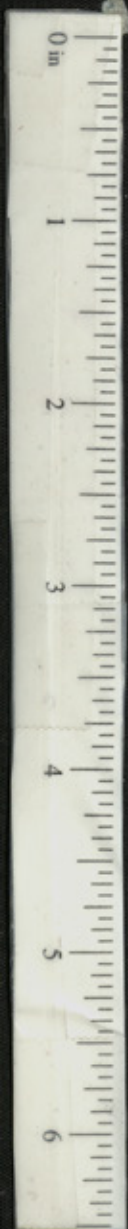


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no one in power is just toward the great mass.

The Young men's association has been, is & will be not only just but generous toward all who will put in their lot with them for mutual benefit. It is not a charity in the ordinary sense of that word; but it is this. Alone ^{an upright} young man has little strength to get good and resist evil. Associated with another he is strengthened to get good and ~~not~~ to resist evil. Four so banded together for offensive & defensive operations, making common cause, ^{for the same purpose} are powerful. The essential power to which I refer is more than doubled for the two; more than quadrupled for the four. Enlarge such an association and equip it with reading rooms, gymnasium & night schools, permeate these means with all the manliness, cheerfulness and faithfulness of genuine Christians, and then estimate if you can the good enveloped therein - or the good, like the jets of a sparkling fountain, that ^{will go} ~~go~~ out therefrom! Christian young men will join such an organization, if they understand it. Upright youths who have gone out from Christian homes will come to it, if they are invited soon enough. The

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invitation should be extended before the drinking
 friends have tempted the lonely heart, which is thirsting
 for home and sympathy & companionship; before Satan
 has shown ^{him} a ^{glamorous} brighter & ~~bright~~ beacon than than God's
 word; an apparently happier place than the Church of
 Christ; before he has been lured into Sabbath desecration,
^{like} Sabbath ball playing & horse racing; before the
 intense and ever-deceiving passion for gambling has
 been ^{in him} excited; before the brothel has seized him and
 utterly defiled his moral nature. In brief let the
 young men ^{few tho. they be, be} banded ^{the} together for ^{the} right, for mutual help,
 for development of ^{healthy} bodies, and ^{healthy} souls; let them be
 governed by Christ's injunction. "Go!" go out. go every
where. Go at all times. Penetrate the places where
 young men, especially the more youthful, are to
 be found ^{where} away from their homes. Go to hotels, depots,
 stores, work shops, market-places, parks, steamers, ships,
 wharves. Put up the placards, distribute the tickets &
 cards of welcome. Come brother, Come friend, come
 neighbor, come with us & we will do you good.
 The mayor of New York ~~now~~ gives us another suggestion.
 He says: "The increase of wealth has separated widely
 the rich and the poor." x x x when I was ^a young man

The first of these is the fact that the
 world is not a uniform place. It is
 full of variety and contrast. There
 are many different kinds of people
 and many different kinds of things.
 This is what makes life so interesting.
 If the world were a uniform place,
 it would be very boring. It is the
 variety and contrast that make life
 so interesting.

I knew every workman in my employ, and I was the confidant of each one's troubles. Now, out of the 2000 or 3000 men I employ, I know scarcely twenty." The very statement of the case shows a kindly feeling. And quickly in the light of Christian thought Mayor Hewitt presents the ~~ready~~ sad picture ~~and the remedy~~ and then the remedial touches. - Behold the picture:

"The most touching experience of my official life has been the complaints made to me by poor people who don't know where to turn, and it is a great pain to me that I can do little but point out my own lack of power to help them."

Now behold the remedial touches:

"We are all brothers. We must find that out sooner or later - and if we ignore that fact now we must not complain if our indifference brings about a revolution." ^{as Mayor Hewitt declares} What is it that alienates men? What is it that causes ^{the rich & the poor} ~~the rich & the poor~~ to so separate themselves from each other. ^{It is because} ~~The ordinary~~ ^{both are} selfish - the one who is rich in the scriptural sense ^{of rich} is not the Lord's ^{faithful} steward. He is already worth ^{thousands perhaps} ~~a million or more~~

The first thing I noticed when I stepped
out of the car was the cold air.
It felt like a giant hand reaching out to
greet me. The snow was falling softly,
covering everything in a white blanket.
I took a deep breath, feeling the coolness
in my lungs. The world around me was
so quiet, except for the occasional crunch
of snow underfoot. It was a beautiful
surprise, especially after the warm weather
back home.

I walked towards the entrance of the
park, my boots sinking slightly into the soft
snow. The trees were bare, their branches
reaching up like skeletal fingers against the
gray sky. A few birds were perched on the
tops of some trees, looking down at me
curiously. I smiled back at them, feeling a
sense of peace wash over me. This was
exactly what I needed - a quiet place to
think and breathe.

As I continued my walk, I noticed a small
flock of birds gathered near a large tree.
They seemed to be talking to each other,
their heads tilted at various angles. I
stopped for a moment to watch them.
The scene was so peaceful, it felt like time
had slowed down. I closed my eyes for a
second, savoring the moment. When I opened
them again, the birds had disappeared.
I shook my head, wondering if I had
imagined them. But the memory of their
presence lingered, a gentle reminder of the
beauty of nature.

I reached the end of the path and stood
looking out over the vast expanse of the
park. The snow covered everything evenly,
creating a perfect white canvas. In the distance,
the dark silhouettes of mountains rose above
the horizon. The sun was low in the sky,
casting a warm glow over the entire scene.
I felt a sense of awe and wonder, realizing
how small I was in comparison to the world
around me. It was a humbling experience,
one that reminded me of the importance of
staying grounded and appreciating the simple
things in life.

I turned back towards the car, ready to
leave. As I did, I noticed a single red leaf
caught in the snow. It was vibrant and full,
a stark contrast to the surrounding whiteness.
I picked it up, holding it gently in my palm.
It felt like a message from nature, a sign
that even in the coldest months, there was still
life and beauty everywhere. I tucked it away
in my pocket, a small keepsake to remind
me of this magical day.

The drive home was quiet, the snow still
falling softly outside. I thought about the
walk in the park, how it had changed my
perspective. Life wasn't always as complicated
as it seemed. Sometimes, all you needed was
a little snow and a lot of silence to find
yourself again. I smiled, feeling grateful for
every moment of it.

but he is not satisfied. He lays his plans so as to make ^{a larger fortune} ~~another million~~. He does not care from whom it is drawn. A slight manipulation of the market; a number of failures: his stocks go up or his ~~stocks~~ go down, it matters not which, while he is at the helm, he makes his ^{money} ~~new million~~, and laughs at those who ^{have} made mistakes in their investments.

The losers cry out with pain - their families are plunged into distress & penury, ^{But this selfish man} ~~The rich man~~ is gayer than ever. He increases his possessions. He has houses & vineyards, stocks & bonds. In time if he has the talent for it he possesses Merchant ships and Railroad lines. Money flows into his strong box and in his day & generation his power cannot be estimated. How wise was our Lord when he said: ^{of such} how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of Heaven? Now why? Because that kind of rich man, such as I have described, ~~and there are many of them~~, is selfish, and selfishness is repellant. Pray to whom is such a man a brother? He is a brother to nobody ~~whatever~~ - no not ^{even} to Croesus, nor to Dives. ^{for} Nothing delights him so much as to outstrip these his rivals. He provides for his own

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family? Yes, so far as men's possessions are concerned, but the rule is a distribution of selfishness which grows in the distribution. It shows itself in display, or arrogance, or pride, or dissipation. Modesty, kindness, humility, and temperance seldom grow from that stock.

It is fruitage like this which shuts up men's hearts and opens their mouths with bitterness. The poor man who lives within a stone's throw of that rich man or of his children has a wife and children. He earns by hard, hard work enough to keep starvation from his door; he struggles on. If he is not a sincere christian, as many such neighbors are not, envy creeps into his soul, his brow lowers, his words become unkind. He & his wife and his children say among themselves. Why this difference? They will not go to the rich man's church, where probably he himself ^{seldom or} never goes. They cannot go into his society, and day by day their feelings make the gulf wider & wider. So poverty, such poverty, which has not ^{itself} the true riches, becomes more & more selfish and ^{that} selfishness is repellant.

But why should the good men, the true followers of Christ, the rich ^{who are the Lord's stewards} men & the poor men draw

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apart? They do not. Peabody devoted his large means
to schools - good schools for the most needy
parts of our land. His name is loved. William
E. Dodge put a shoulder to every wheel in
the interest of humanity & showed uniformly a
brotherly love for all whom he could reach with his
beneficence; he delighted in aiding young men to
a livelihood & in the line of usefulness. His children &
children's children follow his example and everywhere
in the world are those who love & bless his memory.
Hundreds of examples ^{and you have them around you} will occur to us of men who by
lawful trade, banking, ^{railway} investments or other business
have become wealthy. ~~Riches~~ Riches, like those of Abraham,
have increased yet have they not set their hearts upon
them, but on the contrary have felt an increase
of responsibility to God & to their fellow men. How
can we use these gifts so as to show ourselves
brothers to men & children of the Highest? They
have found right ways - and men have loved
them and do honor them or their memories.

The way, then, to remove this separation between ^{men whether} the
rich & the poor is simple & plain. It is to remove
the selfishness. How can it be done? By bringing

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both to Christ - and asking Him to remove
not the wealth, nor the poverty, but every
selfish inclination.

But, dear brethren, can this revolution be effected practically
without the use of war, riot, murder, arson, boycotting,
compulsion, robbery, combinations, syndicates, divorces,
~~suicides~~ or other violent processes?

Yes it can.

Let us see. Let three brethren most consecrated to the
Master's service in every church, catholic, greek & protestant
throughout the world - meet in their own churches, ^{each partly} or in
some room by themselves - let them pray & wait before
the Lord Christ, till he has endued them with his own
power. Then let them take this Christ's spirit with them first
into their own church's praying circle and ^{pray} there & wait
till the spirit comes there in power - then let them combine
two & two for the salvation of all they come in contact
with, for the conversion of all they can reach by word,
by prayer, or epistle. Let this be the important concern.
Not to neglect business, but carry Christ's strong spirit
right there. Rich men would pass over to God's stewardship;
poor men would find unexpected capital. Children &
youth would soon love the sabbath bells. Atheists
would be ashamed of their emptiness & turn their faces from

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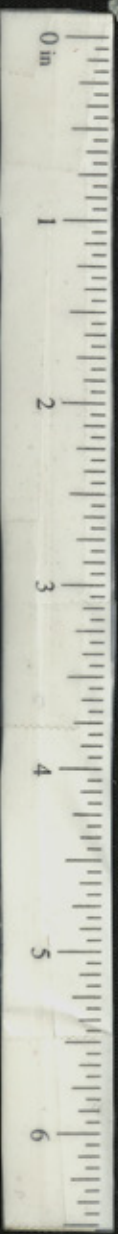
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the blackness of darkness to the sweet light of
eternal day; infidels & skeptics would find extraordinary
proofs of the truth of Holy Writ; The lovers of ^{mere} pleasure
would ^{find out} their infatuation and change
the seeming for the real; and the apathetic ~~indifferently~~
learn to swallow ^{up} their indifference and taste something
of the sweets of genuine loving-kindness.

Let every christian association do the same, and
thus put Christ the Lord - Christ who ^{converts, who} regenerates,
who lifts up, who enlightens, who fills the soul
with salvation - the real, actual Christ above the
buildings, above the rooms, above the libraries, above
the ~~class~~ ^{evening} classes, the lectures, above
the gymnasium, ^{above the body,} above all intellect, all man-
culture, above all mere methods of doing, thus
recognizing him as the Head - and the salvation that
he lived & died & rose again & ascended to Heaven to secure as
the first important work to be done! the first
pearl to be secured; the first genuine revolution of
the soul to be effected.

The work is practicable. ^{You have begun it & may renew}
^{these efforts now} ~~He will begin it here~~
in California, where there are scriptural rich men &
survivors poor men, where there are atheists, infidels,
~~st~~ skeptics & heathen - where there are multitudes

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who seem to think there is nothing beyond the pleasures of sense - and when apathy so prevails that that the sabbath is not sacred & plans of questionable resort are thronged.

yes, right here in California ^{workers for young men} let the ~~flag~~ ^{word} reconsecrate themselves - unite together ⁱⁿ way & wait ^{for} ~~two~~ ^{two} power from on High; and then go for the full of Christ's sunlight, into the high ways & hedges into every nook & corner where there is a young man.

But, zealous young men are not liked - one says -!

yes. They are, ^{where} when the Master's gentleness, dignity, loving kindness, self-abnegation and magnificent ability ~~get into them~~ shall have taken full possession of them.

He sent forth men of like passions with ourselves -

when he said: ^{ye therefore and} go teach all nations; and better still: lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

With such a command and such a promised presence & help what, dear brethren, may we not accomplish?

