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Welfare, 1924.



ON BOARD S.S. "HOMERIC"

How often we kill the things we love.

the joy that lingers for a moment
the sorrow that abides for a life-time.

the ordinary, unavoidable sorrows
of life - those that come to (all) men
as men held fast in the restraints
of circumstance. Some have more
and some have less - but none escapes.
This is the burden, our humanity, and
our immemorial cross.

The ~~accidental~~
the inevitable, not the accidental, are the
profoundest tragedies of life. That
which must be - the universal. NOT
that which might be - the particular.

Like the cry of a ship at night - the
shout of the fog-horn when their way
is in a wild night.

Had he failed he would have gone
down in history branded as a
rebell and a traitor. He did not fail.
Now to-day his statue stands in
London's most historic square, in
the shadow of Nelson's monument
in Trafalgar Square. Such is the
alchemy of success. ~~It transforms~~

On a small monument in the
British Museum, recovered from
some ancient ruins - one sees
a reclining skeleton, and reads
at this inscription:

"Tell me, friend, whether he who
lies here was once a handsome
youth or an ugly clown."

England Thenceforth. A contrast.



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Zeal.

"Zeal is never so highly obliged as when you set it a-tearing". Swift.
"A Tale of a Tub"

Temptations of the Church.

It falls in love with the ladies

- (1) bluchers d'Argent (conscientiousness)
 - (2) Madame de la Roche Titus (ambition)
 - (3) Courtesans d'Orgueil (pride).
- Swift.

"Surely man is a Broomstick!"

The frontiers of tears and laughter
border upon each other — of
exaltation and depression.

Extremes.

If you travel east far enough you
will reach the west.

If you draw a straight line far
enough you will form a
circle — (Swift).

Latin is the seed, idleness.
what our generation plants
are the carrots.



unforeseen of 9/21 5/15/24

1. In so far as org. rel. has a social program it is, unquestionably, worth in the social prog. & cl. of any community - for nothing is as dynamic & effective as a program which has back, & the sanction and authority of an org. faith.

1. In spite of several. doctrinal controversies raging to-day in synagogues, an land - it is questionable to a certain extent whether that the dogmatic & special chert. elements (rel. are fast being relegated to the Sunday penitents. In fact the very dream encounter an evocation of the last deep effort made for the part of certain ref. sent to give primary pos. to ideas which nearly can. no longer accept as primary.

2. Rel. is returning to the

propaganda origin - It is
stunning the social message
to the Soc. program - It is
on the island represents all
together, it is nothing to make
nationalism a symbol and
an empire. So - not just like
their path - but social like
them with

3. Rel. has a social program.
In fact better. Really - all
social idealism - ideas from
the rel. perspective - There
who spoke most honestly
& spoke most powerfully
of social justice - Meah-
Kraib - Justice - Justice

3(cont). The great appeal for
econ. justice for the relief of the
poor etc - for the preservation of
the day & the life, ~~there~~ the
most humble - came from
the ~~unrolls~~ ^{unrolls} those men whose lives
were touched with the burning
Coal of rel. mysterious.

4. Hist. too, all moral agencies
for securing the ~~rel.~~ ^{rel.} ~~unrolls~~ ^{unrolls} were
by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~rel.~~ ^{rel.} ~~unrolls~~ ^{unrolls}
The ~~the~~ came to a rel. &
moral esp. comparatively very
late - to this day - work
the agencies within of this
land - & almost all in the East
& Europe - are the Quakers
& the Wards of rel. sects -
Secular charity is a comp.
recent innovation.

5. But the tendency toward an
organization is not universal.
part an idea what we are
a church group, we need
to it, it is not very firm
we have that - we will
start in Moscow. This is not
due to the fact that
but rather the process
of the the preservation
that in the Moscow, movement
that in. can we see that
this is a big case, the
much when, which would be
parents, children - all that
had to make the subject

6. What then will be the functions
of the C. J. in the future? &
what is it largely now?

1. To keep alive social sentiment
social respect - I am my brother's
keeper - No man's life is perfect
while that of his brother is wanting.

- 2. To bring it great authority
to underwrite the social ad-
vanced social that, the
day - To keep maxim ideas
before men - The. They don't - if you
choose - Really, always lags
behind (ideally) but is almost later
the former never advances.

3. To inspire young men &
women to train for careers

social service - or no,
the most honorable there is
- to ~~set~~ make it a life
calling or a life commitment
In life there are prophecy
of must. Rel. is prophecy
social service is prophecy

4. To keep alive a spirit
of fraternity  and will do
that conspire efforts
not as the Com. Fund
became possible. It is
Q. this dom. faith
was broken the C. P. Efe.
could never have succeeded
And it will succeed as
as long as O. W. Keep alive
the spirit of bond & tears in
our common

those who are cold and sick at heart -

I know what it will mean to them -

"Every man's life is a fairy-tale
written by his fingers" - Andersen -

1 - live a year last week. "We live
in deeds, not years." "We should count
time by heart-throbs" - No most live
who think most, feel the noblest,
acts the best" - Barclay.

Prodigal of ease, as yet bankrupt
of spirit -

Life bared in your veins, that
in your heart } felt throbbed every
part of you -
Life is a human - an Mayzen

~~The~~ To sum up - Its
task is

1. Initiatory - pathfinder
 1. new legislation -
2. Educational - social ser-
 - train - unity -
3. Cooperation with all
 existing agencies ranked



A. S. Waldstein
Eng. Hel. Alton

Hel. Eng. Lexion, The OT.
Brown. Alton, Briggs

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4. The minister may often
comp. with moral conflict
in helping a family - He
may ~~then~~ they set out a
fam. problem which he by and
reach & resolve - This
is esp. true - when author.
& church is full highly respects

5. In foreign nations, the
church is   becomes an
interp. & the an editor
often ~~stands~~ great
& ~~feeling~~ - The church can
teach the lay, & the many
+ command him respect

6. My own case. Helped
the minister to understand
Isaiah 5 unary year

7. Specifically it can do
the following —

1- Every church a Comm.
Center - for educa, recreat
+ inspiration - for young &
old - What are now in
the basements - should be
put on the main floor -

2 It is not the poor only
who need recreat. public
+ educa. Yps. under garden
+ church. The rich need
it perhaps even > the poor.
And the average - middle &
middle class - for
compact - need it -

3. Make the church recreat.
place - as attractive as the
best room - you will have
no unimproved corners —

When bad men combine, the good
must associate, else they
will fall, one by one, as un-
protected sacrifices in a con-
temptible struggle - Burke.

No Excess in Charity.

"The desire of power in excess caused
the angels to fall. The desire of know-
ledge in excess caused man to fall. But in
charity there is no excess, neither
can angels or man come in danger of
it - Bacon - "On freedom"