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Social service, 1932.

1. Grateful. Religion and Soc. Work are related to one another as the root is to the fruit.

(1) Religion is prophecy - announces - good - inspire
Soc. Work is priestcraft -

One is pathfinder Other - guide -

2. So that Rel. is very much concerned in S. W.
- in the carrying out of its programs. Expt.
a rel. little one - which focuses itself in conduct.

(1) No favorites: 'Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.'

(2) Commanded. What shall be done for

(3) All in 6 2800 words of the

3. Two entirely opposed views of the world

(1) Preserves misfits - interferes with nature which destroys the weak -
suspend the automatic action whereby nature preserves phys. & mentally fit people & weeds out the weak -
- Spartans throw their weaklings &

feelings over the prejudice - Mitbridge.

(A.) Assumes that those who are weak are culpably D. The behaviorist questions it -

(B.) Assume that ^{the} race is a fair one. Two men are always dressing & acting - flashes always lose her. & their own weakness. Norick.

This makes no allowance for luck, chance, ^{misfortune} social misadventure which favor the rich child as against the poor - dehumanist potities, Econ. exploitation.

- bliss loaded - same unfair. Under such conditions survival is not always a virtue, chance. but, throwdown circumstances

(C) Soc cannot handcuff a man, & then punish him for the handcuff - like old theory, predetermination

(D) Biol. taunted should be kept from papers. But the Econ. disturbance - should be abolished.

There is no danger that they will be
discriminated against - There is suff. Comp.
in life to safeguard their chances to
improve - crushing the weak
when weakness is not altogether but
accidental, to whom good for they &
perhaps may be understood -

4. Other Customs - from friend, Phila.

A - Instinctively & - old - formal -
hardy - (1) ~~that~~ regards charity as car-
ing for a human (2) spends more on
permanent & on actual relief (3)
chills the char. impulse among
donors by removing them from contact
with beneficence - makes a bus-
iness of a sentiment -

1- Charity has become scientific in its
methods. I had to in a sc. age -
and usually so -

1. Mulan. is as less a trivial science
than Education. It is the Soc. & Social
leg science — why should not the
same amount of expert that, Experiment,
organ - be put into it as is being
put into Education — just bee. in the
one instance, a man independent Educ. than
taxes, over the other than gifts 2. Is
my influence chilled bee. I know
that in the expend. my part, specially
symp. under will be Exalted
who will bring to their task not
only sympathy but also understanding
experience — (over)

2. Exp. & Specialization : Can no
longer tolerate will mean buyers.
~~Charity to day demands~~ We need
experts who blend know. & judgment
with sym. underst. — who make an
art, their science — Highly paid

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The ~~other~~ Dr. Butler must be in position
to command the Museum. Opponents
of the Museum - must have a
plan, I fear, some one conducting
a series of attacks. The Museum,
I am studying very a perfect form.

The new Impulse in Social Service.

Angle - Bolshevik -

1. Have frequently asked myself - inspiring? goal?
 1. Physical domain uninspiring one - His efforts.
 2. Labor of the S.W. is not of that pleasing +
 3. yet so firm is the hold - Phoenix-like.

2. Of-course not all social servants are S.S.
 1. But such an indifferent must remain specific

3. ^{find it is of these S.S.} I have seen these S. workers laboring
 1. I found ^{life-imp.} springs from transcendent
 2. No one who has faith in life will be deterred
 - * 3. The social servant looks upon the evils of
 4. G.S.S. (mean also you) must see God chained
 5. Faith in the perfectibility cannot change human
 6. S.S. knows man is not shuttle-cock ...
 7. S.S. has faith in reality of the passing of
of kindness ... Knows that social relations blissful
 8. In a word - insp. of S.S. is insp. of paternalism
 9. Priest - prophet - disciple of Jesus.
 10. Insp. of S.S. is then - not only - but for it
4. What is the goal? In new goal we find new
inspiration.
 1. Helpline - palliative + material

2. New goal is spiritual ... material phase incidental
3. Relief, education, rehabilitation, inspiration.
4. S.S. must serve the soul. Every department.
5. True test of charitable man...

5. New impulse accelerated by war-democracy

1. What is new.

2. Charity has been paternalistic - dependence & stunted character

3. Will be in future dem - by destiny. poverty - universalizing spirit

6. He in America.

1. Social surplus - poverty.

2. Am. to lead world -

1. It is becoming incr. more evident - inadequate for ills of our times. When the system - moving along - So many dependents per not so simple - grasp it, envisage
2. Welfare Work, in normal times, was even enabled to pass - There transpired, also a refinement - as well as a widening It was hoped, and for a time it appeared called upon - less and less - self-reliance.
3. But the last 2 years - avalanche - submerged Our Relief Agencies are grateful to-day - to-do the primitive - Given enough money to feed - Enough strength - 1/2 way decently almost every thing else - gone by the board
4. ^{social worker} Now confronted by a want problem so gigantic - forces seemingly so intractable - but face to face - unflattering that - Key Can't.
5. For the old order has changed - we have entered - Age of machine, mass pr., huge ind., concentration, internationalization Economic currents - Worker, less secure dependent on forces -

The old virtues which insured a man
competence - thrift -

World-wide Econ. or pol. disorg. throw millions

Social Worker is as helpless to cope with
situation as worker himself

Social work, takes on character - Red Cross
patches work under terrific stress.

- 6) It becomes clear that S. worker cannot be
satisfied with role of permanent stretcher-
bearer in society. Nor rest on the hope
that charity will cure the evil.

It is clear that only thru pol. action on
part of govt, and cooperative reorg. on
the part of industry - situation cured or
averted.

Our new Technological Civilization ~~demands~~
for a new orientation in Econ. planning.

Cooperative indust. ^{enterp.} ~~prod.~~, and mass prod.

cannot go hand in hand with - yielding

some intell. central planning and control
which will correlate - established

- ✓ The task is not a single one in a Recess
- but this is the overshadowing problem

8/ Is not an Unemp. Reserve -

9/ You are acquainted - Reg. rules tell
Commission - but the only possible

(a) Reserve Fund build up $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{30}$ $\frac{1}{45}$

(b) Employed $\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

(c) State pays nothing - cost; Communication

(d) Benefits paid after 2 weeks - 50% -
not to exceed \$8.75, and > 13 weeks -
Refers suitable employment

(e) Industries might become self-insurers

10/ Then an effort is made to substitute
insurance for state, for improvised
measure to meet emergency's

It is not a solution for un. - for repairs
for central planning -

11/ Social Menace, lower Enforced tolerance

(1) Characters. Irregular work - Wasteful

(2) discourages Thrift

(3) breaks up homes free wife or father

12/ And there is danger of Unrest & Revolution

✓ (1) then are beginning to ask why?

✓ (2) Why - in a land

(3) Costs 360 billion -

5970 - 1907/1908

If U.S. can find a way, its future is
a predom. Econ. civilization -

7. One thing is certain. The Am. worker must be
given greater security in employment.
Must not be left to chance play

✓ ① What happens to-day - You, as Soc.
workers know the human tragedy -
Statistics

✓ ② Has any State Govt -

③ Why not? Still labouring under old miscon-
tion that there is a job waiting for
Still talking about "rugged individualism"
Still frightened by boogy 7 "dole"

④ Wages are bad. But what's wrong with it?
Have we any evidence - English worker
Would England abandon - change some
qualifications for benefits

⑤ Has the U.S. no doles? Certainly -
private and public doles - 70% -
Wages lives

12/ These questions cannot be answered
with slogans, abstr. right individualism
or with force and not guns.

- ✓ Constructive econ. & labor movements
which will face new problems created
by new day - consequently
- Econ. engineering.

14/ The opportunity of J. Hunter

- ① Sensitizing
- ② Make known the misaffirming of
charity.
- While you carry on, salaries work
abolition of war -
- ③ - Peace, better and yet, primary of
man, and
The Right of Every man, woman
and child to have a place at
his country's table / plenty

A Remarkable Will

THE Houston Foundation for public welfare is the beneficiary of a remarkable will—that of the late Edward Pinkney Hill, jurist, capitalist and ranch owner, who died in San Antonio, Tex., during the summer of 1919. The provisions of this will, described in the November issue of *The American City* by H. Wirt Steele, director of the Department of Charity, Benevolence and Public Welfare of Houston, show that its author recognized a concept of social responsibility which might be that of some future utopia.

I give, bequeath and return to the people of Houston in their corporate capacity as the city of Houston, and the Houston Foundation as created and organized by and under the ordinance of said city passed March 22, 1915, and for the uses and purposes expressed and defined in said ordinance, all my property, real and personal, that I may own at my death.

I am influenced to this disposition of my estate by the reflection that I went to Houston early in 1886 with nothing. When I had made a few dollars above necessity I invested in city lots and continued like investments while I lived there up to 1897, before which time, after a division of my property, there remained to me enough to enable me to retire from business. This good fortune came unearned by me through increased value of real estate, and it seems appropriate that the city of Houston should have such share in that good fortune as I am in a situation to return.

Before his death Judge Hill had suggested to the mayor of Houston that there should be a department of the municipal government known as the department of public trusts which should receive and administer estates intended for public use. These conferences inspired the passage of an ordinance creating the Department of Charity, Benevolence and Public Welfare, and providing that:

This department should be under the control and management of a board of trustees to be known as the Board of Public Trusts of the City of Houston; to consist of seven members, each to be a resident of the city of Houston, of skill and discretion in handling financial and trust matters of good moral character, interested in welfare work and possessing a knowledge of the civic, educational, physical and moral needs of the inhabitants of the city of Houston. Any one holding or seeking political office is disqualified from serving on the board. Women are eligible for service on the board, but their membership shall not exceed three at any one time.

It was just after the passage of this ordinance that Judge Hill wrote his will conforming to its provisions.

Spiritual Values in S. S.

1. Your ministry based on tremendous spiritual postulates - ascertainable by faith and undeniable by logic.
2. Your Belief in Progress: (A) Dogma and Fact
Myth - Change not Advance - different but not better -
 1. Kohleth - an authentic record.
 2. Remy de Gourmont - History.
 3. Wae - if we had profound spirit.Poverty - Books - Art - Happiness.
- (B) We believe. Unless we bel. we could not work - You could not face the messy - stunted growth tangled lines men - fraychies -
 1. That life is perfectible, can rise remolded according to higher pattern.
3. Your Belief in the Ethical Worth of Each Human life
 1. That too is a Creed. Men are no different from swarms of ants - Adv. life of 40 million moral signif. than that of any other living animal - "and the preeminence man can heart is naught - for all is Vain"

2. By an act of will and faith we raise man to a higher level - and we bestow sacredness and irrevocability upon him

1 - Made in 1 may find everything which defines it is sacred - "sacred" ~~is not~~ ^{is not} ~~main element~~

2. No man ever gives less the divine imprint - the virtue - the truth - the principles, the exploits -

3. Hence it is an act of supreme human indignation to save, to shield, to improve human life -

3. Our age is prone to return to man judgment given ^{man's production in} today war - regimentation - war has just an effect military unit - Verest kind of moral degradation -

4. One of our earnest commentators in 20th Cent. is that nations determine upon us - favours not men.

4. You believe in that Consciousness of Saints and Sinners which we call Humanity

1. Some will say - an appeal of individuality of mind - or a dream - or a poem.

2. But you believe that it is a supra entity greater than sum of compos. indiv. - A. H. C. are 3 indiv. But Father, Mother & Child are a truly family - The vital inter-relationships - with leg active ideas operate with of untold million - Humanity

2nd all are alike
- no 2 heads
- 1 body - 1 body -

1. Your ministry - postulates - ascertainable
2. You Believe in Progress - Utopia - Myth
- change - different - Koheleth -
- Remy - War - Poetry -
a. You believe - face darkness - perfect.
- Rise - remold -

3. Ethical Worth of each Human life
1. Creed - acts - preeminence -
2. But by act & will - Image of God
- sacrifice - never quite loses -
- not all equal - Vindication
3. Man judgment - industry - war
- freedom -

4. Communion of Saints & Sinner - Humanity
1. Aggregate - part - mystic entity -
A.B.C. - vital interrelat -
2. In name of Hum. Sacrifice. Hedonist
3. First comes Mankind - at birth -
- cooperative & movement.

5. Bec. you believe 3 dogmas -
1. Progress - removes obstacles. War.
- block plague

② Man's destiny is self perfection - Must not think of man in relat. to his job but in relation to his utmost possibilities

③ Specialists - & creative awareness - more than one world - pursuit of things not out of duty - but love, color, romance, experience, impossibility, youth

④ Exploitation. fight - Man is first, not industry - Society will in long run destroy any institution which makes man necessary to machines & profit. Not opposed to quality - does not care about systems - private ownership - indiv. initiative can produce goods & life cheaply & better & freely

⑤ Victimizing childhood is unavoidable & unavoidable.

⑥ Recreation -

3. Humanity

1. Family - unit cell, Humanity -
- brother, lover - a lost reverence -
- home needs spirit & sanity -
"beauty, pleasure". 137 137.

2. Be. Gen. Beheim - War -

3. First in name, that Humanity you ask
is general as then to reach overseas

1. The Nedams believe in self-culture
and self-satisfaction. The Humanist
believes in social culture and in material
development.

2. First comes Manthel and then
comes Man - but his birth man
is already a related being - a son
and a citizen.

3. Human life is a cooper. exper.
we cannot grow - it takes the
best -

5. And here you believe in these 3 degrees - you
are desiring generalness to their fullest realization

1. Progress. But you bel. that man can ad-
vance you set about removing obstacles.

- Inspiration to see so many enlisted in
war upon war - placed more tragic problems
at our doors - than the Black Slaves could
have - Materialization - Cheapening - Vulgarity -
inrushes. etc.

(+) ~~we are being recruited to a war~~
which has been waged etc.

2. Man - remove everything which narrow
- poverty - illiteracy - lacking opportunity.

① not to satisfy his phys. wants only
but his higher needs

The agnostic's prayer: "O God,
if there be a God, save my
soul, if I have a soul" -

neurasthenic civilization.

If one must face an enemy
one would rather face a lion
than a hyena - and
rather than a coyote -

sexuality ought not to be
confused with sensuality

Oedipus & Electra

Opinions -

Newton -

Harvey -

Frend

"externalize the otherness"



irrepressible attrait for
Cromagnon -

Wonder that -

Edward Gibbon - History & Fall
- 25 years.

Theodore Mommsen - App. 86
History of Rome.

Janssen - 40 years on Hist. of
the German people. covered
only 2 centuries

blither and blather and are
Cautious -

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GENERAL.

Pennsylvania group forms Roosevelt-for-President league.

"Why cannot you listen to the cries of babes with rickets, of those who have contracted tuberculosis, of those who suffer from malnutrition, of the mothers without sufficient food and women about to become mothers who have not enough nourishment for themselves alone?"

In calling attention to legislation passed eight years ago at the request of Mr. Hoover as Secretary of Commerce and general relief director for the feeding of European children, Senator Johnson quoted Mr. Hoover as having written then:

"Our only hope is that the next generation will be better than this one and there is no hope if they are to be stunted and degenerated from undernourishment. I recognize the arguments that may be brought against a charitable action, but I refuse to apply these arguments to children."

"He was right then," said Senator Johnson. "He would not apply the rule to children. I ask that it be not applied to children today. I ask and the bill asks that those who are children and those who are men and women who require assistance of the United States Government be accorded that assistance."

FIND JERSEY MAN DEAD, HIS WIFE UNCONSCIOUS

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of New York to be affixed this 14th day of February, 1932.

JAMES J. WALKER,
Mayor.

By the Mayor.

Thomas F. MacAndrews,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Mayor Walker's proclamation was prepared before he left to spend the Lincoln's Birthday week-end at the Winter Olympic games in Lake Placid. Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the Mayor's committee on the bi-centennial celebration, made it public.

INDICTS 3 DRY AGENTS.

Federal Grand Jury at Albany
Names Men as Bribe-Takers.

ALBANY, Feb. 12 (P).—A Federal grand jury indicted three prohibition agents today on charges of accepting bribes. The accused men are Philip Remington Jr. of New York City, Robert T. Simpson of Malone and D. Stuart Brahe of Utica.

Simpson and Brahe are accused of having accepted a \$200 bribe from Thomas J. Loftus of Rensselaer, and Remington is charged with accepting money from Michael Bastian of Albany.

The agents are free under

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1. I am grateful for the opportunity afforded me this morning to speak as a religious ~~and~~ teacher on the subject of Social Service. Religion and social service are related to each other as the root is to the fruit. Religion is the dynamic impulse of Social Service: it is its driving motif. Religion is prophecy - the proclamation of the highest moral idealism of the race. Social Service is its priest-craft. No social worker endeavours to give the vision of the religion a local habitation and a ~~man~~ name, to corporatize them as it were to give them expression in concrete human institutions and human service. One is the moral pathfinder for mankind, ^{adventuring in the undiscovered continents of the human spirit} the other is the friendly guide assisting the handicapped of life, ^{the weak and the feeble} along the world's great high-way through the mazes and perplexities of this world.

2. Religion ^{may have} ~~has~~ other functions to perform in social life, beside the ethical, but surely no religion, worthy of its inspiration, can remain unconcerned about social service. The compelling mandate of ~~all~~ religion has ^{always} been "to seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

3. I wish to speak this morning of one phase
of Social Service - its widening horizons. The scope
of Social ^{or organized philanthropy} service has been vastly extended in
recent years - transcending the earlier limitations,
both in purpose and technique.



romance, and beauty of spiritual adventure
into his life. He becomes a creature. He is
challenged, and baffled and intrigued. His
knowledge, and experience and imagination
are summoned into action. He thinks and
feels and plans. His work becomes a
profession - rich in promise and in
rewards —

Thus the horizons of S. Service are
widening, and with them the horizons of human
happenings. The concentrated men of service who
in a thousand places ^{in this grand land} and ⁱⁿ ^{thousands}
ways are serving their fellow men, either in the
field of relief, or production, or adjustment, are
gently ~~and~~ patiently and steadily setting the
~~strong & sure~~ foundations for the Kingdom of God on Earth.

1- 2 Facts:

① How helpless C.W. work is in face V.
return to rudiments - refining
throw back to elementals of food -

② How heavily V. bears on childhood

(a) under-nourished - the toll to come

(b) broken homes -

(c) Spirit within home - bitterness,
resentment, loss of pride in
self, home, country. Atmosphere

(d) Miss Hall - young people -
looked for work - demoralized
set used to loafing - vicious
gangster

(3) In face of these facts - your work
is almost desperate. Refusers.

2. Refusers - that this should be so -

① Our wealth - victimage in childhood
- milk in schools - cast it
do thing.

② You should not prevent it! - Reorg

③ Influence -

3. One That - Normalcy - Train for stinginess

(a) Machine

(b) In past - want another hour - How
machine in forcing

(c) What will rising generation do w/ that

(d) Idleness - devastating - vicious - corrupt.
industry another exercises. In
Leisure it takes initiative -

(e) Leisure used for pleasure-seeking - "Killing
Time"

4. Must prepare youth for Leisure as for a Career
- not static, living -

- not destitute of activity - only another

(a) In Am. Leisure associated with
Retirement. (Very Future)

(b) Leisure should go pari passu
- pre-empt - consume

(c) Professional - also Amateur
- Old World -

(d) More > One world in which

(R) Should have innovations - For Sale

5. Individualism - Machin - Liberty
pistons - standardized -
Regimentation is decadence

6. Can save himself
① Not by smashing machines
② But by use - Leisure -
Free - books etc - rebel -
③ Pass from necessary to desirable

7- Reveal outdoors - pen eyes - ears
Use Hands - craftsman's

Same - Spots - Spirit & same -
equally marked - anxiety -
severe winter + Religion
Good Music - art - life - music delight
- It's all good