Speech: Buffalo talk, February 12, 1933

Tarbell, Ida M.
I want to speak of the past meeting, of the 
gratitude that one honors for being remembered, of realizing 
not 
that you have/so talked yourself out on previous appearances, 
but that you are willing to see me again. 

Satisfaction, too, in realizing the stability 
of this institution. The great Church is one of the most 
stupendous civilizing influences; it holds on through thick 
and thin, not to be shaken by disasters of this depression. It 
that is 
has something to offer in periods of distress/nowhere else 
to be found. It brings one back to the realization that 
do not after all make life, that there 
spirit 
are kingdoms in the mind and in the / (as you have created here) 
It is 
that these things best grow. / In such a place as this that 
this whole question of growth naturally belongs. Shall we 
grow and how shall we grow? In days of recurring prosperity 
we are too prone to think that here is the most magnificent 
and satisfactory growth. We ought to look beyond the 
splendid powers, multiplied marvels of adaptation, of the 
endless discoveries in the physical world that go on which 
we say is growth. Well, now and then we should be stopped in 
our triumphal exaltation over material things, to face 
exactly what this growth is.
I hope before this year is over that all of you will make your way to Chicago to look at the century of progress pictured there in a Fair which I believe, from my one visit, is to be a revelation of the scientific progress of the century. When you are there please make your way to that point on the Lake front of the ground where someone has arranged what seems to me the most dramatic architectural contrasts which the world offers. On the Fair ground has been reproduced with admirable fidelity to detail that Fort Dearborn which may be said to have been the first settled Chicago. The Fort has been so placed that looking to the north across the long boulevards and the parks which are opening up so marvelously in Chicago, you see at the end of your vista, six miles away, a group of towers, six, eight, nine hundred feet high, those tall buildings by which the modern city expresses itself. It is a contrast which gives us

If progress was to be measured only by this log stockade and those tower buildings, with all that each stands for, there would be no question of the progress raised. But you cannot visit Fort Dearborn without hearing the tale
of the Dearborn massacre, of the Fall of 1812 when the
Garrison with the women and children were ordered by a
distant commander unfamiliar with the situation, to abandon
the Fort, were ambushed by the Indians and killed, tortured,
nearly a hundred of them.

But that massacre is even less terrible, all
things considered, than the almost daily murder of innocent
men and women which for some years now has been going on
in the streets and even in the very homes of Chicago. When
one faces that fact the towers lose something of their glow and
magic. They lose still more when one remembers that today
Chicago, like Buffalo, like the great city from which I come,
is faced by the awful problem of hungry thousands. In the
face of these towers it is unbelievable that we have come
to a point where we are almost expecting as an unescapable
exhibit of the civilization we have reared, the fact that
every morning's paper shall list suicides from want and despair,
that bitter cold brings a crop of frozen bodies - a daily
sight of our time - bread lines - that the constant plea of
not only our Relief Agencies but of our State and Federal
Government, is for means to take care of those who come to
a point where our system does not give them the work they seek.

What has been the matter with the growth of
this country? I do not know that there is a more important
The head: effect of this magnificent
malicious achievement - not selfish
risky & crime - execution of the
self-sacrifice of mankind.

We can divide effect to mankind.
Malicious in which men think
enjoy not only liberty - but justice
will not may appear. If a thing
will act with it. The concerning
self-control will not want a rule
likely. Self-reliance will be deed
co-operation. Will not deal in trouble
in hurry not - but ruled. Need
stern whisper - but ruled. stern
word. Will not deal. stern word
in all. Never dealt. stern word
just straight. They are free.

Why can not do it?