

What Price Security: *Sacrifice is answer*

If a book is made of the Pictorial articles and other material it probably should be introduced by an expansion of the notes I made for the P & B talk on October 31st, 1935. The instability of the earth and my attempt to be facetious by suggesting that New York had no assurance that the earth might not open and engulf her was emphasized last night by an earthquake which seems to have shaken things considerably, particularly in Brooklyn. If I make the Brooklyn talk on this subject be sure to bring this in in the introduction.

The point that society *claims as a* ~~has placed~~ on the earth *is* ~~and that there is the same catechism~~ *materially of catastrophe* ~~and that the whole idea is~~ *itself -* to obtain security, emphasize that it is material security we are talking about, should have some historical background. I *Search for security* think ~~it might~~ be roughly traced from the days of Rome on to take care of people *to* ~~better~~ *in* ~~primarily~~ *materially of leadership* ~~and primarily that was the~~ only way leadership could save its head.

All of these points can be elaborated, perhaps personalized. The things that seem to have taken hold in the Club were first - ~~the~~ line of retreat. Mrs May telling me of how in their troubles the discovery that they had a home in the Middle west which would welcome them has been a revelation and a support.

The Emerson quotation - very touching.

Mrs. *Lester* has her problem on that line.

Training made a hit and they talked to me *about* afterwards/making an *enquiry* on the threats *to* of society that comes from the amateur. And they are right. The women talked

about the amateur cook, the amateur housewife - nothing done well for the sake of doing it well.

It comes to mind

The odd job industry made a hit - came home as I felt sure it would that ^{is} backed up with what ^{entertains} you. ^{Ellen} Helen Chase was particularly interested. "I do not know what I would have done if ~~had not been~~ in this period ^{but} I know how to cook, wash. I had been taught those things as part of an education of a young woman. I found that my income which was a good one was cut to almost nothing. I found that my teaching which had paid me liberally from the ^{handy} sale of my ^{pictures} was cut as much. To get through I had to work my profession for all that is there was in it ^{to} earn all I could and save all I could. The two must go together. I could and have done with pleasure my own housekeeping. ^{considerable} Formerly it had cost me money. That is making the practical use of the odd job. A ^{simple} fastidious person could do the same for others and it would be a pleasure.

I think there is a practical ^{which} book in this.

One thing I should like to enlarge and may do in an editorial is the economic year. I am not sure but this editorial I am asked to write on - Coordinating Leadership might go in here, might emphasize ^{that} our economic failure has come from the failure to coordinate the elements, to understand that there are various elements - revelations of the N R A should I think come in here.

Another item or point that might be made in connection with the N R A is the effort to preserve wrong relations,

the difficulty of breaking them up, that somebody has to pay something. The terrible mistake as I see it was the effort to keep warprices, not to get down on a pre-war level where we belonged, that is a peace level. We have attempted to keep a war situation in price.