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There are very few of us who do not detest above all things self-correction. Yet, we make a poor out^{-of-it-}set as individuals, as workers, as citizens, if we do not always have in mind the need of certain correction.

Depreciation is one of the items which every business is allowed to write in. ^{and} take into ^{its} calculation, something that is recognized even by the hard-hearted makers of our income taxes. But what does depreciation mean? It means that you must have a chance to correct, repair. Nothing is perfect but everything requires constant attention. We admit this in our buildings; we admit it in our business; correction going on at every point if a thing is healthy.

But always correction is the difficult thing when it comes to human life and to human relations. Our vanity probably is at the bottom. We dislike to say to ourselves, "I have failed here and for this and this reason I was asleep there. I was unkind there. I am not getting on as well ^{as I ought.} with so and so." I am not watching myself in the way I watch my horse for instance or my car."

In human relations there is a curious obstinacy in this necessary correction - an obstinacy that explains why we have gotten on so badly at times. It has ^{had} great effect ^{upon} our industrial life and is immensely important ^{here} because of the importance that the industrial life takes among us. We are all in it, apparently

becoming more deeply in it than in our political life which has heretofore so absorbed us. That was the greatest ^{failure} there in the political life ^{and has been} due to the unwillingness of the politicians to admit that he or his party needed correction, it is political technique to pretend that you have absorbed ^{all} virtues.

But where you have what is called an economic pressure ^{to you} that is where you must, if you are to remain in business or in an industry, balance your books you are much less likely to forget that in the scheme of things correction is ^{as} essential as keeping up with the times - mark ^{retains} ~~in~~ your goods. Underneath all progress in our industrial life a first step to its correction lies *a better technique of co-operation -*