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We have in this country an equality of rights, and it is the duty of every individual to see that these rights are respected. On the other hand, there just as truly exist an inequality of duties. A heavy obligation rests upon the men of means and upon the men of education to do their full duty by their country, for they have a much greater opportunity for rendering her efficient service than has the ordinary citizen; just so their responsibility is correspondingly greater. This obligation rests on no class heavier than upon the men who have a collegiate education. They are the highest type of the educated class. In addition to the high standard of scholarship and general preparation for civic duties, they are peculiarly fitted for citizenship, since their four years of close association with large bodies of students has afforded them excellent opportunities for the study of human nature and the interchange of ideas and opinions.

No class of men, as a rule, are so well qualified for American citizenship and public life as college graduates. It is on this account that their obligations are so very great and are increased still more by the fact that they are in a position to appreciate their noble country and their duty toward her far better than the majority of her citizens. They are the representatives of thought among men, and their duty to society is the effort to introduce thought and a sense of justice into human affairs.

Our country's need of intelligent and honest men, men of moral courage and patriotism, has never been greater than in these days of national prosperity. Our population and wealth are increasing by rapid strides; our national life and international relations are broadening; recent territorial acquisitions have thrust upon us the great difficulties of colonial government. To grapple with these weighty problems there is a great need for men with a careful preparation for citizenship and public life, men of judgment and power, with a keen insight into the future. For without the service of such men our country can never successfully meet present issues and those which are likely to arise in the future.

College men may fulfill these needs in various ways. They may