

actively engage in public life and aid directly in performing the functions of government. But the great majority of college graduates feel called upon to follow other vocations for which they feel they have a natural taste, and in most cases they are compelled to work hard in order to succeed. Nevertheless they must remember that they owe a positive debt to the nation. They cannot excuse themselves on any plea of their private affairs. It is their duty to act intelligently and efficiently in support of the principles which they deem right and for the best interests of the nation. If this duty clash with their ease, their tastes, their study, let it clash. But let them do their duty. "The course of events is incessant, but when the good deed is slighted the bad deed is done."

Moreover American scholars have not only the influence of their word and example, but also their vote, a direct agency in shaping and controlling public affairs. They must recognize that this right which is a privilege in a monarchy is a duty in a republic. And in a republic like ours, which decides by majority of voice, questions involving national welfare, whosoever refuses to vote is a traitor to his own best interests. Not only the national, but the local and primary elections, as well demand the attention of the college men. It is the failure of the intelligent citizens to attend the primaries that gives the bosses sway and makes them our greatest source of corruption. College men are in a position to appreciate these dangers and the evil forces that are constantly at work. It is their duty both to point out these evils and to use every means in their power to enlist the people against them. At the same time they should remember that no man can accomplish much unless he work in an organization, and the organization no matter how temporary is a party for the time being. But parties are only a means for accomplishing a desired end, and that man is a dangerous citizen who so far mistakes means for ends as to become servile in his devotion to his party and afraid to leave it when the party goes wrong. He should at all times remember that his obligations are to the people and not to a party.

There are certain other relations and duties about which it is hardly necessary to speak. Patriotism, love of country and pride