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THE true man, therefore, employer or employed, capitalist or working man, poor or possessed of inherited wealth, will conceive himself to be here to take a hand in the growth of society. Social conditions are as yet uncivilized. He is here to promote ideal or civilized relations.

The world catches a vision of a nobler industrial, civic and political development than has ever been worked out. The poorest man is here as one of its builders or creators. He is here for what he can get, only as his gettings are incidental to what he can do. No man can say "Let well enough alone," in the face of the millions who live oppressed lives, in the face of outrageous luxury and ostentation, in the face of dense masses of ignorance and superstition in every part of the world, in the face of a burdensome tide of military expense and wasteful taxation of the poor. A man, if he is a man, must be something of a radical; he must feel the zest of movement, the joy of seeing inert matter yielding to divine power. Here is the isthmus to be cut through. The man is here, whether as engineer or common laborer, to help work out the job. This is his life. No man knows what his life means till he sees this.—The Ethics of Progress, by Charles F. Dole.

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