

ing for good men, whom they are quite willing to train. Life Insurance offers a large field and a most interesting one, to the university man. The transportation problem is a particularly difficult and important one on this continent—a problem whose practical solution demands trained intellect and judgment. The great railways will be glad of your help if you are but content to begin where you can help. The manufacturing industries are taking an increasing number of graduates, and so it is all through the world of business;—men who can think and act for themselves are in great demand.

The passage from university life into the practical world has always been somewhat difficult. The main thing necessary is, that he who wishes to cross the bridge should approach it in the proper spirit, realizing humbly that he has much to learn. But there are other helps also. In Canada, we are fortunately poor and it is necessary that many of our university undergraduates should do something during the summer holidays, by which they may earn money to help pay college expenses. This is of great assistance in bridging the chasm and may become much more important to that end as both sides come to realize its value more clearly. For instance, at the present time, largely owing to the efforts of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, preparations are making for an interesting experiment at McGill University, the expense of which will be borne by the Railway Companies. Lectures and instruction are to be given during the session by competent railway men on methods of railway construction, &c. During the

summer months, the most promising of the students attending these lectures (which will not interfere with their regular classes) will be given such work as the railway companies can provide. In this way, at the end of the university course, the graduate who has taken the extra lectures and has put in two or three summers in railway work, will have gained a practical knowledge of his future duties which will enable him to begin much higher up than would otherwise have been possible. This is intended for the students in applied science primarily, but the principle will be extended very much, in the course of time.

Some men have a gift for teaching and there is no nobler profession; others are specially fitted for the church, medicine or law. But thousands of good men enter these overcrowded professions and are so handicapped by the necessity of making a living that they are never able to rise above small things. Had they devoted the same energy and ability to banking, manufacturing or insurance, many of them would have attained to positions of great power and usefulness.

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#### NATURE :

*Aphorisms by Goethe. Translated by the late Prof. Huxley.*

**N**ATURE! We are surrounded and embraced by her; powerless to separate ourselves from her, and powerless to penetrate beyond her.

Without asking, or warning, she snatches us up into her circling dance, and whirls us on until we are tired, and drop from her arms.