

Democracy having deprived itself of these motives for public service must find some other. A sense of dignity, a liking for a certain ceremonial, the desire to play a part in a large, clean and interesting game, the attainment of consideration,—all these will have failed to appeal. Men will not serve voluntarily. They cannot be conscripted. All that remains is the mercenary, and they will serve quick enough, but on their own terms, that is, money; and they will decide the amount for themselves. Politics then will have become a business, and the paid servant a ruthless master.

A man continues after his own personal death to live in his family. The earliest tribal customs were directed to preserve and extend it, and to maintain its purity. Legislation is valid only in so far as it seeks that end. The family was hedged about, then the bounds were slowly enlarged. To found a family was a noble ambition: to preserve and increase its number and power was the incentive by which civilization was built up. Democracy demands that all such enclosures shall be thrown open. It is even held to be an undemocratic thing that children shall be kept free in the family from the contamination of the public school. Even in universities where negroes are admitted authority has been evoked to compel white women to consort with them in the dance. When the universities admitted women within their walls, that was the first surrender to democracy. The women served formal notice that they no longer desired the shelter of the old conventions.

The universities were the first to surrender. They were created for the preservation of learning. They were endowed for that purpose. Each graduate who departs carries with him public or private charity to the amount of a thousand dollars. He filches what learning he thinks may be useful to him, and departs with a seared conscience. The universities scatter the precious seed upon arid minds. What learning do the students leave or bring back? What enrichment has any woman returned to the university which has squandered its treasure upon her? The universities of Canada are now,