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At the top of this page the reader will notice large in clear type the *O. A. C. Review* motto: "The Dignity of a Calling is its Utility." No statement could be truer or more comprehensive; rightly understood no statement should be more inspiring; but, unfortunately, few statements are more liable to erroneous interpretation. The 'calling' or vocation to which obvious though tacit reference is here made is that of Agriculture. But the assertion is true of other vocations also: Utility must be the final test and measure of the dignity or worthiness of any and every occupa-

tion to which man may turn his hand or brain.

But what is Utility, and how shall we measure it? Is the utility of a man's work measured by his wages in dollars and cents? or by his output in material things? or by his reputation? or by his physical or intellectual prowess? If so Life is a mocking enigma. Milton sold his immortal *Paradise Lost* for £5; many of those to whom society is most indebted have drunk the cup of bitter poverty to the dregs, and have at last succumbed to its power; and the wages of the grandest Life that illuminates