



The Dean

The end of another academic year is in sight and most of you will be thinking about summer work and making plans for new adventures in living. May you all achieve your hearts' desires and be stimulated to yet greater efforts and richer enterprises.

But in the midst of all our personal pursuits let us not forget the problems and needs of the far-flung world of men and women who are facing life at its grimmest. In spite of the skill and devotion of many statesmen and diplomats, the world is far from peace and happiness. It is still torn with dissension and shaken by the clash of rival interests and ideologies, while millions of innocent people who crave security and a little quiet are existing on the edge of starvation and beset by the nameless terrors bred by hate and fanaticism.

Although we may be largely free from the ills that plague many countries we are bound to feel the burden of responsibility laid upon us by the distraught state of the world. We must be deeply concerned with the unhappiness and misery of our fellows, and it should be our constant endeavour to plan and work to relieve the darkness and distress that have fallen on so many of the weaker and more helpless populations of Europe and Asia. As educated and humane people we cannot evade the duty of resisting the sinister forces moving to destroy hope and freedom, and of building up again, by moral suasion and Christian idealism, the waste places of civilization. It is we who must restore sanity and strength to the broken and despairing spirit of mankind.

The "One World" of which we speak so easily can be created only by steady self-renunciation and strengthening of moral purpose. Are we worthy of the assignment?

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