

sweeping everything before them. As we walked along I noticed a paper whirling around in front of us for about a block. I said there is something on that paper, and in an instant his foot was on it and it was soon picked up. The first thing I noticed was an advertisement on one side of it and on the other side it read: "Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes; no reward is offered, for they are gone forever." And now, young men, here is your opportunity to make Ontario magnificent and prosperous. You have a splendid country with all its rich resources and agricultural advantages, and above all you have splendid men. How I like to look at Canadian sons. There is so much frankness; so much freedom; so much study of purpose. The American is always on the wing, he is a speculator, he is never satisfied to stay at one place, he wants lots of business, he is always in a hurry to get rich, he is nervous, anything he has is for sale.

You have good government. Your cities are the best governed cities I have visited. Toronto, London, Guelph, Chatham, Brantford, Hamilton, have all got splendid government—protection, love, authority. I admire you for it. You are now in possession of one of your greatest men as your Minister of Agriculture. He is enterprising, energetic, enthusiastic in his great work.

I want to offer from my heart of hearts this little sentiment: Your gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria, Queen of Queens; may she live to be a hundred years old and rule over the greatest empire the world has ever seen.

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I have listened to your exercises with a great deal of pleasure and interest. There are many things that have impressed me very much, and I want to say that I propose to go home and recommend that we establish a professorship of soup, and establish a "fire department." Now you may think I am talking fun in the presence of our friend here, Miss Livingstone. I only assume it in this way. There is a great deal in this education of our girls and our young men for the affairs of life. A good professor of soup in New York city in any of its first-class restaurants or hotels can command a larger salary than I presume you pay to the president of your institution. You go to the Fifth Avenue Hotel and you will find the professor of soup there gets \$10,000 a year, and has a vacation of three months to go to Europe and visit the various hotels and restaurants in France and Germany. So you see that is a department of industry that requires a considerable amount of attention. Any of you who will go to that high degree of excellence will find ample fields open for you. They apply a more eloquent title to professor of soup by calling him the *chef*. You may think that we Yankees over there do not cook right; that we do not get enough to eat, and what we do eat we do not eat it right. Now, gentlemen, I want to say that for the first five years of my life I was starved, I never had enough to eat, but I have this advantage, I digest everything I do eat. I never tried it, but I could digest a nail if I could eat it. Now your president gave you some excellent good advice this evening. I listened to it with a great deal of pleasure, but he missed some things; he did not have time to cover everything. One of those he missed is this: "Be sure and do not attend to other people's business." I have seen more people get into trouble by attending to other people's business than in any other way. There is another thing: "Do not neglect small matters." We are apt to go through life failing to see a good many of the small points as we go along. There is another point the president missed. I will excuse him for it as this is just a little one that is of a very serious character. You young men who are going out of the College bear this in mind: embark out fully equipped for life, and the first thing to do after graduating from College is to attempt matrimony and be married just as soon as you want to, and come to the United States and live.