

of the record of the veterans of every great war in modern history, it seems to establish beyond controversy that the veteran experiences a temporary difficulty in re-adjusting himself to the conditions of civilian occupation, which, if not overcome, has a tendency to become permanent.

As to the nature of the handicap, ask any business man or employee who has been three months away from his work if he experienced any difficulty in beginning at once where he left off before his vacation or enforced absence. He will tell you that it took him from one week to a month to get "back into harness." Moreover, the greater the contrast between the life he lived during his absence and the life of the office or shop, the greater will be his difficulty in re-adjusting himself. Now it is evident that the business man's difficulty is not physical, but due entirely to changed habits of thinking, which upon his return must be re-adjusted to meet the needs of his office or business life. If then, we are to understand the temporary handicap of the man who is suddenly transformed from a soldier into a civilian, we should contrast the life he led as a civilian—which is the life to which he must return—and his life as a soldier, with particular attention to his habits of thought while in each of the rôles. What follows refers not to the officer but to the physically fit private, and more particularly to the private under twenty-five years whose mind may be said to be in its formative and hence receptive period.

### **Responsibility**

In civil life the young man had certain fundamental responsibilities common to mankind, viz.,