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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., April 9.—We cannot make any proper estimate of the present or the future without taking into consideration the natural and unconquerable impulse of human nature to improve, produce and progress. Left to itself it will find a way.

A reliable publication recently stated that last year over six hundred new tools were perfected to make the labor of man more effective and more expeditious. The record of new corporations organized in the State of New York for the March quarter was over sixty-five hundred. That was thirty-one more than the corresponding period in the previous year. A survey of industrial conditions about the metropolitan area of New York City discloses that four years ago there were thirty-four thousand manufacturing plants with an average of twenty-nine employees.

These accomplishments are not the result of huge aggregations of capital and great engineering skill—they represent the inherent creative energy and ingenuity of the people. This is apparent in every workshop and on every farm in the land. That is the spirit of life. Nowhere has it been so predominant as in the United States. It is a guarantee for the future.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., April 10.—On April 13th there will assemble in New York City an international conference for the blind. Over one hundred delegates, many of whom are blind, will represent about thirty-five countries. The conference was called by President Hoover at the instance of the American Foundation for the Blind. There are about five million blind in the world, of which about one hundred and fourteen thousand are in the United States.

This movement, now so well organized and embracing almost all the world, is partly humanitarian and partly educational. It has transformed the blind person from ignorance, incapacity and misery into a productive unit of society. Those to whom the world would be forever closed are reclaimed. An almost barren existence becomes economically and intellectually fruitful. Closely allied are the highly successful efforts in the prevention of blindness. Scores of special schools now exist for educating these afflicted people, and through the system of Braille printing, on which the Federal government now expends one hundred thousand dollars annually, more and more literature is available to them. All the problems are not solved, but human brotherhood is making remarkable progress in this field of relief, where concrete results are so certain and immediate.

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