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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 6.—This month will turn out into the world many thousands of young men and young women with college diplomas. On the whole they are probably better equipped to meet the problems of life than were their predecessors. They have been required to do a large amount of intellectual work. The courses of study pursued in order to secure a degree are a little more difficult and exacting than those of former years. They could not have been graduated without subjecting themselves to a great deal of severe mental discipline.

While they will have a little better chance in the world than others, they will not have the only chance. They will not be judged by their diplomas but by what they produce. As the years pass some of them will discover that they put too much emphasis in their student days on how to get a living and not enough on how to live. Even if they do not appear so successful in the competition for gain, those who have a background of liberal culture have a satisfaction that wealth cannot buy. One great benefit of a college education is a better appreciation of the real values of life.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 8.—Most of Europe is again laboring with difficult situations. Spain is passing through a revolution which has recently been accompanied by disorders directed against the property used for religious purposes. When it was hoped the ancient differences between the Church and State in Italy had been composed permanently new issues have arisen of an acute nature. Germany and England are struggling with economic problems. France is disturbed by the political consequences feared from the proposed German and Austrian customs union. An uncertain Russia is always in the background.

While we should be thankful for our own more happy condition we ought not to assume any attitude of superiority. We had our revolutionary period. We went through four years of a terrible internal war. We have periods of economic depression which no one adequately can explain or immediately relieve. At present our national Treasury is running a very large deficit. It is no time for harsh words or hasty action but for patience, sympathy and sober thought. Nor is there any reason for despair. There is a way out and it will be found. The forces of good are still superior to the forces of evil.

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