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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Sept. 23.—Oftentimes leisure can be profitably employed. While there are some people out of work who are well educated, there are many others who were displaced because they were not sufficiently trained to hold their places. When the time comes to reduce the force, those go first who cannot compete with their more skilled fellow workmen. As our industrial life becomes more complex and requires more and more technical knowledge, it will be increasingly difficult for the unskilled to find and hold employment. High wages require a high earning capacity.

With the present school facilities for the young this situation will come to take care of itself. But the condition would be very serious for those who have already reached maturity without such advantages, except for the opportunity that is afforded by the night schools and university extension.

These are practically free, and correspondence school courses cost but little. But people will find not only their present earning capacity but their chance of future permanent employment greatly increased by serious application to some of these sources for intellectual training. The main value of a wage earner is his mind.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Sept. 24.—This is the time of year when the agricultural fairs are flourishing. Some of the younger generation of the larger cities probably have never had the opportunity to visit one of these excellent places of entertainment and instruction. But they are familiar to all our rural inhabitants and to most of the older urban population who have been recruited from the country.

These exhibitions of farm stock and produce, from the field and from the kitchen, are considered so important in stimulating and improving agriculture that they generally are encouraged by liberal appropriations from the state treasury. But their revenues, sometimes very large, are mainly derived from charges for admission. They are nearly all mutual benefit associations, so that there are no personal profits and the whole income goes for maintenance.

The more modern and intricate forms of amusement are not able to detract from the wholesome pleasure that youth and age derive from the old-fashioned fair and cattle show. These autumn days will carry many, through cherished memories, back to them. They are a natural expression of human social instinct and friendly rivalry which nothing entirely can displace.