

## Postscript

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It was inspiring during my summer vacation to observe a beautiful forest where pine trees predominate. The tallest trees are silhouetted against the sky, reaching upwards like church spires far above their neighbors. Others are of average height. A few are below average. There are tall and slender trees; some have large trunks and limbs that grow outward rather than upward. Others have thick bushy branches, dark and heavy. There are a scattered number of light and slim trees, with delicately soft and tender sea-green leaves. Interspersed are leaves of bright yellow and red. Tall white birches along the river bank have a special charm. Nature has achieved a forest of beauty and perfection, and of rare individuality.

Would we have it otherwise? Should society level off the enterprising specimens that outshine the others, that stretch bravely upward beyond their fellows? Should the forest be cut or pruned

and molded into a group of identical trees? Should the birches and maples be expected to develop somber colors like the pines? Should the pine trees be retarded in their sturdy growth so that all may be alike? What an artificial and uninteresting forest this would be!

This is true also of men. They should not be expected to conform to a pattern imposed upon them by others. They must be free. Their environment must be favorable to the development of each individuality, so that men may grow and prosper.

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Coming back to earth — and school—we are conscious of the responsibilities ahead; of the need for education in fundamental economics for the men and women who will soon return from overseas.

Everywhere our friends are making plans for the expansion of the educational program. On August 15th the New York extension of the Henry George School had already enrolled 52% more students than in the same period last year. The correspondence school is 65% ahead of last year. For the full year, we are looking forward to the largest enrollment in the school's history. Chicago, Los Angeles, Montreal, Boston, Philadelphia, Newark, Batavia (N. Y.) extensions and many others are joining in the drive for fall classes. YOU can help us, wherever you are, to get more students for 1944!

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We look forward to meeting many friends of the school at the Open House reception on September 28 and 29, at the new international headquarters, 50 East 69 Street, New York City. A cordial invitation to visit us whenever you are in New York is extended to all those who cannot attend this particular function.