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And we ought to give thanks, too, for our own emancipation. This is the greatest cause that ever was in the world. It is so great that no man can come into it and feel it and absorb its spirit without having life remade for him. All his outlook changes then. Life at last has meaning and purpose and profit. Every moment of it can be, as Ingersoll said, "jewelled with a joy." At last it has a rational object, and that object takes him outside himself and above himself. And it is when a man begins to slough off something of the old inward looking self that he begins to live and to know what life means and what it might be; and the satisfaction of that knowledge is beyond aught else in the world as it is beyond all words. Because, to feed, to save. to hoard, to grasp bread from the lips of other men, to outwit them in cunning and deviltry, to lie and cog and bargain with your conscience and play alternately the wolf and the pig, to wallow through it all and at the end go back to the dust without the recollection of one service-what kind of a life is this for man that has in him the divine potentiality of joy and aspiration? Of such a life, the sum total is simpthe sum of nothing. A man might better not have lived at all. What profit has he had of it? Life has been given to him, and his return for it has been a handful of dust. He had breath and he is now breathless, and in either state the world is no better for him. If he had of the "lots" purchased in western space for retrospect before he fell town sites are fakes. The common asleep, the whole track of his life must | man might just as well put his money have appeared to be led through bit- into a fake lot as into any other thing. ter and barren wastes, where he pluck- The capitalist exploiters will get it ed nothing but dead leaves. Let him away from him anyway.

have won any conceivable measure of what the world always calls success, and to just this conclusion he must come at last that the whole thing was. not worth while, because it was barren' of service.

But let a man once get the inspiration of this movement. Let him look out upon the world and see the absolutely needless misery there. Let him once understand that we hold the only remedy for it all, and that when we abolish this hideous system that darkens so many millions of lives this world will, for the first time, be fit for the inhabitation of its children. Lethim see what it all means, the release from poverty, fear, degradation, ignorance and pain. Then he perceives that every protest against it all is true human service, and that every time he turns a hand to help this cause he is: hastening the day of release, and then nothing else in life is fit to compare with that satisfaction. To protest without ceasing, never to acquiesce in the abominable thing, to have a hand in every attack upon it, however small and unpromising, is object enough for any life and the sure cure for what Stevenson called "vital scepticism." Only those who have been rescued by this movement from that fate can know the best reason for giving thanks this day. It is the difference between hell and happiness. Give thanks, then, for the movement and for the fact that we have been privileged to take part in it. No drop of the blood that is shed around the world because of this accursed system is on our hands. The endless account of its murders of soul and body and the black tale of its countless miseries is not laid to our account. We alone have no responsibility for it, for we protest against it and denounce it and despise it and defy it, and as surely as man is man and truth is truth we will destroy it utterly from the earth. Let us give thanks. -Charles Edward Russell in "The Coming Nation."

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