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## Editorial.

Some body has said: "The most profitable moment in a man's life is when he discovers that the world would get along just as well without as with him." Now we all admire a fair, manly, humility, but this kind which leads men to believe that they are simply sticks or ciphers in this great world of purpose and destiny, is a delusion and a snare. Where is there a more worthless specimen of humanity than such a man. We find him exem-

plified in the tramp who doggedly asks for bread at our door. This feeling of nonentity has more to do in wrecking otherwise useful lives, than hard times or the determined opposition of a cold hearted and unsympathizing world. No obstacle will long stay in the way of a man who is living a life of conviction and purpose. Such conviction, however, will never be a potent factor in any one's life, if he thinks he has no particular mission in the world.

No one finds less tolerance in the world today than the aimless person. Yet we find many such even among the students, who have already graduated, or who are about to graduate from college. Students who, although strong as far as mental ability goes, are simply drifting; and who have no tangible purpose in view. As some one has wisely said, "The man who is simply adrift and bound for anywhere, will as a rule bring up at nowhere." Such people live in the world like mere, pulpy masses giving to it no strength, interest or character. If we would find a successful life, we must look to the one in which there is a conviction of destiny together with a courage and a constancy to carry it out.

University life furnishes for us associations which shape and mould our character. We come in contact with people early in our college course who become factors in our lives for good and right. There is one thing, however, which I think the college student lacks—that thing is solitude. We become intimately acquainted with others, but we do not know ourselves. So busy are we with our studies and the rest of college life, that we forget we owe a few moments now and then to our individual selves.

Without these quiet moments in which we can analyze our motives and foster