

swindled under the guise of law, who is forced to abandon hope; while that flag flies over the heads of any man whose love for it is not so ingrained in his soul that he will willingly die in its defense because it means something more to him than a mere bit of bunting, the flag counts a lie, and it is your duty and my duty, my fellow Americans, to wash that lie from the flag.

Now bear with me a few minutes longer—a very few minutes—while I speak to you of a patriotism that is more needed right now than any sort of patriotism was ever before needed in this republic. I have no patience with those who teach what seems to me to be the unpatriotic and unchristian doctrine called "the strenuous life," of which we have heard so much during the last few years. Those who advocate this so-called strenuous life take issue with the Man of Nazareth, and nowhere in the Good Book which we—or most of us—believe to be the inspired word of God, can there be found one iota of evidence in support of strenuousness as exemplified in our modern social and business life. That strenuousness implies the idea of climbing to success over the bowed backs of weaker brethren, and whether that success be financial or social it means that the successful one has won place and power because of superior strength that enables him to overcome the lesser strength of his brethren. That such a system is contrary to the spirit of the Master must be admitted by every student of the scriptures. That it is contrary to even an embryonic understanding of the principles of human brotherhood is so apparent that we must stand amazed that such an inhuman and selfish doctrine has obtained even a slight hold upon the hearts of American men and women.

Manifestations of patriotism are not confined to one rut; and it is not nec-

essary for one to die upon the field of battle to evidence his patriotism. Not for worlds would I detract from the glory of those who have responded to the nation's call for armed defenders and marched away to fife and drum to fight and die in defense of their country and its institutions. But there is a higher and a diviner manifestation of patriotism than this, and to it I would call your attention—the patriotism that impels the citizen to live for his country. War offers many opportunities for a display of patriotism, but greater opportunities are afforded in these days of so-called peace and these opportunities may be found in the slums of our great cities where men and women and children weep and starve and suffer and die in destitution and woe—victims of the greed of men who are our most vociferous advocates of the strenuous life in the financial and business world. Were I rich, rich beyond the dreams of avarice, and inclined to build monuments to patriots who have served their country well, I would for the time being pass by those who have died upon the field of battle, and rear monuments to those grand heroes and heroines who, sacrificing their own creature comforts, have toiled and toiled in the filth and dirt of the slums to carry some ray of hope and cheer and comfort into the darkened lives of the untold number of victims to human greed. To my mind the knightliest hero who ever couched lance and rode in full tilt to the fray—no matter what his cause—is not for one moment to be compared with that grand woman of Chicago whose life has been devoted to bettering the conditions of her brothers and her sisters of the slums. When the final roll of earth's greatest and best is called, the name of Jane Addams will lead many of those whom the world hails as heroes. I would rather live in the memory of a few by reason of

having done a work like that of Jane Adams of Hull House fame, or Jacob Riis of East Side fame, than to lie under a marble shaft reared because I had gained honor and fame and glory upon the battlefield.

Dr. Johnson was too narrow in his definition of patriotism, but when we stop to think about it for a moment can we deny that there is in his definition a great truth which we need to impress more firmly upon our minds. A multi-millionaire at the beginning of our recent war with Spain armed and equipped a regiment at his own expense, and he was hailed by press and public at a "patriot." And yet we know that his vast fortune was accumulated at the expense of millions of his fellows, and that the pearls and diamonds worn by his wife and daughters were the crystalized tears of widows and orphans whose comfort had been sacrificed, whose lives had been blighted and whose homes had been wrecked to satisfy the greed and avarice of this man. Men who have accumulated fortunes by trickery, chicanery and fraud, but who have kept inside the letter of the law of the land while violating its spirit, scattering woe and misery in their wake, stand forth with smug face and sanctimonious cant and give huge sums to "charity"—God save the mark—and men and women hail them as philanthropists and talk about how much these men love their country and their fellows. All the millions given by a Rockefeller or a Carnegie will not weigh as much in the scales

of the Almighty as the sacrifice of one who, putting comfort behind, goes forth among suffering humanity and laves the parched lips of God's unfortunates.

You and I know men right here in Lincoln who would unhesitatingly announce their willingness to die for their country, and yet these men perjure themselves every year when the tax collector comes around to get the money necessary to the life of the country.

We need less of this willing-to-die-for-one's-country patriotism and more of the patriotism that will impel us to live for our country. To sacrifice not only our time but our money to better the conditions of our fellows and afford them an opportunity to become strong, thoughtful and intelligent citizens. The future of this country lies not in the hands of those who are ready and willing to die for it, but in the hands of those who are ready to live for it—live for it and devote their lives to abolishing the evils that have crept into our social being—the evils of greed and avarice. The "sweat shop," the trust, and all other cancerous growth that sicken our body politic are not to be cured by an exhibition of that patriotism that contemplates only death upon the battlefield.

God hasten the day when the citizenship of America shall realize that the crying need of the nation is not sacrifice upon the battlefield, but sacrifices along the primrose paths of peace.

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