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"Selfishness forms action, it decorates, the selfless make melody. When shall we choose for ourselves, the music of the spheres instead?"

THE BIGGER THING

[illegible] man will talk [illegible] when engaged in [illegible] conditions when speaking officially [illegible] organization. A business office will say things to its trade that it would not express as a public institution. The man who goes upon a platform or presents a resolution or speaks in a public meeting [illegible] in his home or in listening to him in his home. He speaks a more considered [illegible] than when writing for his newspaper. A reader will point out the mistakes of the political party he intends to support through his ballot. A businessman, speaking as a man, has said things that he would not say speaking professionally. A minister may think about his children in his home and talk in a home in a way more in keeping with their faith and religious conviction.

Many of us are more liberal in our personal views than when speaking officially for our organization, institution, state or society. Our judgments are sometimes more conservative than our intelligent convictions. Most of us distinguish between "speaking personally" and "speaking officially" for some institution that involves others besides ourselves. This is not meant to admit that most of us are hypocrites or trouble makers, but that we have a strong social instinct that tends a sense of responsibility when expressing ourselves or action in others. The man commits himself to opinions that he does not feel, does not contribute to his group.

In fact, most of us recognize the bigger thing. Speaking personally, one may not care whether the state has or has not a law prohibiting the capital punishment. One may not condemn murder. But speaking as a member of society, one may be an ardent advocate of capital punishment.

Society could not hold together if individual persons did not recognize the rights of group opinion and the larger responsibilities of organizations and institutions. In general principles, we often loyally support organizations in which we personally may recognize limitations. For example, there are few of us who do not have some idea about how we could improve the Constitution, but this does not make us hypocrites in supporting the Constitution. We are enthusiastic about our town, but we are conscious that it has some faults. We recognize the bigger thing.

IF EVENING COMES

If when we grow old, we find ourselves [illegible] enough more to similar [illegible] and without [illegible] relatives who will [illegible] we [illegible] the [illegible] The old soldier may be admitted to a governmental institution, especially [illegible] some instances to be a home for the aged. [illegible] admission [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]