C H E E R I N G O N S E L F

A young lady working on a paper once said she did not try to do very good work because her employer did not pay her enough, because she "did not pay much." This doing poor work because it does not pay much is not the doing of thousands and thousands of young people from getting on in the world. Small pay is no excuse for doing half work or slovenly work. Indeed, the pay which one receives should have nothing to do with the quality of his work. The work should be a matter of conscience. It is a question of character and of renumeration. A person has no right to demoralize his own character by doing poor work. The work will be poor because it doesn’t pay much. A conscientious person will do his work just as well whether he is paid more or less than he needs. A large part of the best work that has ever been done in the history of the world has been half paid for.

An employee has something at stake beside his salary. He has his own character and workmanlike habits involved, compared with which salary is nothing. The salary may affect him, but it is the very fiber of his character that it is a matter of conscience and no one can do it for him. He must do it of his own accord, or not do it at all. The young lady should have seen that she was loosing the firing line with his countrymen instead of pursuing the business.]

The British admiralty has given out the only estimate of losses of ships since the breaking out of hostilities. This gives the total of losses of English vessels at about $4,000,000, covering 12 ships sunk on the high sea, eight sunk by mines in the North Sea, and 24 fishing craft. On the other side it shows the German loss of vessels as follows: 122 vessels, tonnage 200,000, detailed in English ports, compared with a tonnage of 200,000 more locked up in the Suez canal with a tonnage of 72,000. The total German tonnage is 610,000. The destruction of the warship is part of the war game, but why should merchant ships be destroyed? It is also part of the game on how the British plot to confiscate their cargoes, but to sink or destroy them is the height of folly. Surely they can plot to sink and they can sink and come to blows; but it would not be the means of getting for them to make war on each other’s and United States banks.