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My experience teaches me that life is a matter of give and take and to most persons it appears to be more of a give than a take. I certainly feel that way and yet I am not discouraged because thereof. The satisfaction of a well-done task is entirely personal and that is a thing which no one can take away. It is likewise a thing which no one other than the interested party can give. I always keep in mind the purpose which I had in view and when that is accomplished, I go smilingly ahead.

I feel that the world is much more appreciative than it appears to be. If I did not feel so, I would have given up the task years ago. I think that all giving must of necessity have its compensations in the individual consciousness and when that purpose is accomplished, then I question the wisdom of worry. Big things are done only by big spirits. Small spirits have no appreciation thereof. Your task has been very difficult but that difficulty has made it grand. My hope and prayer is that you will continue unabated and undismayed in your task, for it is a task, and leave the generations to pass judgment on your work. In the hands of future generations must lie your reward.

Personally I have no fear as to what it will be. That was the philosophy of Julius Rosenwald when he gave his millions to institutions which he knew condemned him and his race. It is that sort of giving which makes characters great. Personally I see no other answer to these problems. They are inherent in the very nature of giving and I think there is no escaping them.

I certainly appreciate the magnitude of your undertaking and the magnanimity of your spirit and I sincerely hope that you will carry it through to the completion of which you have dreamed, and leave the results to the future.

Please allow me and my family to remain indebted to you in the great work you are doing.

Very cordially yours

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