

In the public life of today you will happily find a new order. Women are filling offices of public trust, are sitting on Boards of Education, and are helping to supervise institutions of various kinds. It can truthfully be said that women have demonstrated their ability to assume controlling positions in business and commercial pursuits.

Today you stand poised above the troubled currents of life; tomorrow you will be plunged headlong in to them, to swim successfully to the objectives that you have marked out for yourself, or to drift, as so many people do today, and be forced to accept the meager portion that Fortune hands out to those who are unable, or unwilling, to demand more for themselves.

Today you are filled with ideals, you are suffused with the principles of the State whose founding your institution was established to mark: tomorrow you will be in the midst of the turmoil of present-day thought, whether you like it or not, and you will be forced to make up your mind, often in the face of apparently conflicting arguments, as to which course to pursue.

The first position you take, the first contacts you make, may introduce you to a new aspect of life. In 1634, when our forefathers pitched their first rude shelters where now your splendid Seminary stands, their purpose was to eliminate all contentions about class and race. They considered every man equal, and were willing to accord everyone the same right to pursue his own way unhampered, merely insisting that those same privileges of freedom of thought, of action and of word be given them, too.

You'll find the world of today vastly changed in this respect. Not only will you find class hatreds, and race hatreds, rampant where sane thinking always has been our boast, but, worse than that, you will find thoughtless men and women, regardless of the toleration that may have been shown them or their forebears, working militantly to stir up further antagonisms, striving endlessly to convince those who will listen that old standards must be abandoned, and new standards created.

You will find, too, all sorts of new ideas proposed with regard to government. And you will have to be on your guard, because many of them are phrased so skillfully as to attract unwary, unthinking people. You will find some who flatly refuse to accept the Maryland concept of government—the concept that government is for us, and that human beings were not created for the State. In their misguided course, or spurred on by subversive teachings, they will try to convince you that the Government owes you a living, that you do not have to wear yourself out striving to win a living for yourself and for those dependent on you.

Such people, forgetting the history of our Country, are totally disregarding of the fact that American initiative and American enterprise, unhampered by any totalitarian restrictions, have made this the land of opportunity, and have raised our living standards far above those of any other country. Such people would try to persuade you that the thing to do is to let the Government solve every problem. They will tell you that the way to happiness in this life is to let the Government tell you when and how you may work, what amusements you have, how much money you may be allowed. Such people will try to convince you that it is senseless to try to provide for the security of your old age. "Let the Government take care of you," they say. "Let the Govern-