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THE PLACE YOU BUILD

You've been laying the foundation;-I hope you've done it well.
When I was a junior in high school I learned this and committed it to memory....
and now I'm glad!

Build it well, whate'er you do,
Build it straight and strong and true;
Build it clean and high and broad,-
Build it for the eye of God.

You've finished your high school course -- we call it Commencement.
Some of you will go on to college; others may not.
But all of you will be builders, and as you build - keep a place for....

Yourself -

A place where you can be alone.
It takes some privacy to prepare us for public appearance.
It takes some solitude to become and remain a leader of men.
A place for occasional self-inventory.

Others -

A place where consideration of others comes first. *He fainted -- then he fainted.*
Large enough to take in all colors and classes.
Small enough to experience some deep, personal friendships.
Clean enough to assure you of good company.

Culture -

Of course, there is a false sophistication like the logic teacher's, and this
back-fires.
But a place for the finer things of this life.
~~Americans are characteristically practical, hard-headed, realistic - and some-
times crude!~~
But keep a place for good literature and good music, good art.
Keep a place for good recreation and entertainment.
A place for some creative expression of your own.

Sacred things -

Religious experience
Faith
The Bible
Prayer
Yes, a place for God.

*My friend asked, and what, sir, is the status of rel. in R.?
Ans. - I suppose you know there is no God.*

Conclusion -

Without provision for all of these, life is not only incomplete but is in
danger of collapsing under the pressure of the real world in which we live.

Let's endeavor, not merely to add more years to our lives, but to add more
life to our years.

*Psa. 127:1 - Except the Lord build the house, they
who build it labor in vain.*