

If you are a member of the faculty, you have got to wear a badge, so we will put that on you, too.

MR. WARD: Thank you ever so much.

GENERAL SCHOMBURG: Carlton, you are on, now.

MR. WARD: As the faculty knows, gentlemen, I have gotten more from my association with the College than I think I could ever give to it. I want to thank you, General, for that very generous introduction. I want to thank you also for what I consider a great honor, to be an honorary member of the faculty. I have been an honorary member of the Alumni Association. I come to some of the meetings. I get their blurbs which I read with great interest. My wife would tell you that this is my second Alma Mater. My only fear is that I might be becoming a legend.

To quote the speaker this morning, I am not running a race with Bertrand Russell. I remind the faculty each year that they should draft some new blood into this stream of lectures which I have been honored by being able to present over the years. These lectures have covered a wide variety of subjects, and, as I look back on many of them, I wonder how I knew anything about some of them.

It is quite a sobering experience to come before such a mature group of men all of whom have made their way professionally in such a hard profession as yours, with its various components, and talk to you when one knows as a speaker that in the audience there are many specialists who know more about almost every facet of what one is going to say than one could possibly know oneself.

My present problem is to produce out of the chaos of new concepts and ideas available to us an orderly presentation leading to a conclusion. I think we can readily realize this is quite a task. I hope it will be a profitable one. I hope it will intrigue you a little.

For the first lecture this morning you heard philosophy. This is perhaps the furthestest thing from my subject. I am going to try to show you why in a moment, and so I will start with what I believe is a proper start, the definition of what we can conceive to be the subject assigned to me by your faculty.