

By the time that Miss Sullivan arrived to teach Helen Keller, Miss Keller's sense of touch, smell and all others were so quickened that it was not nearly so difficult for her to use her hands effectively. Helen Keller was grasping, eager, and willing, to use the material which was at her disposal. Her desire for knowledge was the impulse that made her advance so rapidly.

Miss Keller's life depended upon the sense of touch. It was that she received the stimulations of the world about her with her hands that had developed so keen a sense of touch.

In 1890 by use of the sense of touch Miss Keller learned to speak.

Hers was a life of imitations. She had no other way to learn.

Miss Keller relates many experiences at lengths which I cannot describe but upon reading and studying much can be learned from the story of her life.

One factor is that we as individuals do not develop to a very great extent, physically speaking. That is that we actually do not utilize our specially designed senses as much as we could if we had to. It also shows that we do not take very good care of the mechanism by which we live so easily. Our task of living in the purest sense is comparatively simple.

Instead of having one sense to depend upon for our very existence we have many, both direct and indirect to aid us in living.

In pointing out the advantages that we have in living our lives we should be constantly trying to develop them to their fullest extent; to make ourselves more effective as functioning parts of an organization; and to help others realize that they also can do much better.

Miss Keller attended college and graduated., and here we struggle with so many advantages and often fail to do the job. She could read, write, visualize very accurately and almost hear with her hands. She used her own typewriter without the benefit of hearing or sight. So sensitive were her hands that she could feel and tell types of feeling that was expressed in the tone of one's voice.