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There are some curious coincidences happen over here ,One day three of us were sitting talking and something was said about our homes, and we found that, though we had never met before, that we were born in the same county. Last evening I was sitting in the hotel parlors listening to a talk by a man who had just come over from America and after the talk I turned to the man by my side and after a little conversation found that he was a graduate of McGill, who was located in Vermont and had come over to work in the Y.M.C.A. Not long ago we had a meeting of the Alumni of Springfield and found that men had come from Italy, The Philippines, Constantinople, and from Alaska, coming home to work in the war Zone.

In a little hut away up near the front I found a Prof'r of Psychology in Morningside College ,selling candy and tobacco over the canteen, then conducting a boxing tournament ,then leading the singing ,then introducing a speaker ,then keeping the fires going. It is just wonderful to see the men doing things that they never thought that they would need to do again, or that they never thought that they would do, but it^{is} all in the days work & is done cheerfully and kindly. As I stood with a secy^v one day he pointed to a man opening boxes of chocolate ,and remarked . You would not think that that man was a 5.000 \$ preacher in one of the big churches, back home.

One man here is worth his millions but he puts his hand to whatever needs to be done. In a restaurant there were several women taking charge of the needs of the soldiers and sailors and the Sec'y asked if I had met Mrs, _____ mentioning one of the leaders of America's society ,who is doing splendid work over here.

This war is bringing out the best that is in America as well as in the other allied countries. The news that we get from home tells that, we over here, are not the only ones who are doing great things. With best wishes for yourself ,all the faculty and students I am.

Most sincerely yours

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