Life and Times of Willis Sharpe Kilmer Told for First Time

Used Wealth as Means to Further Achievement, Not as End in Itself

Contributed to Medical Science, Was Patron of Arts and Letters, Raised Vast Organisation Based on Wool and Fruits of the Soil

FOREWORD

This story of Willis Sharpe Kilmer is one of success in more than material achievement. He himself managed his own life and his own accomplishments by standards that were in no wise concerned with money, profit, or the acquisition of wealth. "Life is life," he discovered, and demonstrated that he could earn more money than he could ever spend, and that he could do it easily. Nothing that he could ever directly challenge him. In fact, there was no way in which he could ever be materially injured. He wanted the things that were difficult to attain. He sought goals that required exact knowledge for success and, to achieve these goals, he set out to master, doing the thing in the field that he was interested in through the development of his life during the course of his youth. Willis Sharpe Kilmer was not a rich man's son. In the generally accepted sense of the word. He was a man of no particular family, working himself to a rich man's son. In this, as in so many other cases, he was different, better and better. He was an individual when he discovered it in possession of an enormous potential business that was so familiarly identified with his life as an important business. The people who knew him as a person not only admired him for his work, but also for his personal qualities. Through his life, we see his history, the close of his marriage, and the end of his life. His last will and testament was that he should have it and be happy. The people who knew him as a person not only admired him for his work, but also for his personal qualities.