

this next step? Should it largely be determined according to principles which can be reasoned out?

If the latter is true, then of course the first element to be taken into account is the matter of utility as a preparation or a start for one or for several possible lines of life-long endeavor. This divides readily into two points: first, the general preparation of myself for life; and second~~ly~~, the preparation for a particular field of work. The second element to be taken into account is the immediate value next year to be derived from that activity to which I devote myself.

Of late I have had a strong feeling of longing for the practical, as opposed to the intellectual, or scholarly side of life. This feeling seems at present to be largely dissipated. For I am unable to determine what is practical, or to select any one field of endeavor which seems to me, from a long-term viewpoint, to be really more practical than the scholarly vocations, or of more benefit to the world.

Lately four possible occupations for next year have seemed to be most probable: First may be named graduate work, probably at Princeton. This is excellent preparation for any scholarly occupation, depending, of course, to some extent on what field I selected for my research. I have enjoyed my recent research so much, that I feel that I would greatly enjoy another year of it. From a financial viewpoint, there is the possibility of a fellowship, later, if not next year, and the possibility of eventually working into some such a proposition as Buell has, in journalistic activities. From an immediate viewpoint, there would be the great pleasure of being at Princeton while Brahmans, Johnson, and Leavens are there. I do not expect ever to find