Ethical ideals and civic virtues are often reserved for company and are in service only on special occasions - as if they will not stand up to everyday wear and tear. For Eugene Davenport (1856-1941), it was otherwise. He believed, as had his mother, that we must always "do right because it is right to do right." Highly respected for his probity, sense of justice and fortitude, Davenport lived and worked most of his life on the Michigan timberland farm where he was born. For Davenport, going on to college meant trading an ax for farm implements. He worked his way through Michigan Agricultural College (B.S. 1878, M.S. 1884, M. Agr. 1895) by putting in three hours a day on the college farm. After graduation he became superintendent of this same farm when he was hired as professor of practical agriculture (1884-91). Following this, accompanied by his parents and wife Emma (married in 1881), Davenport sailed to Brazil in response to an invitation from Brazil to establish and head an agricultural college in Sao Paulo. On their way home after a year, the Davenports visited England and Alaska. From 1895 to 1922 Davenport was dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois and director of the Agricultural Experimental Station. He wrote an autobiographical account "Son of the Timberlands" for Country Gentleman (1925) and a column for Prairie Farmer. Davenport is usually remembered for his accomplishment of developing scientific research in the College of Agriculture. But the achievement about which he felt most satisfaction was recognition, by the state of Illinois, of agriculture as a vocation and its integration into the public high school system. He sincerely believed that education should prepare the student for a life of useful work.

Though his handwriting was often nearly indecipherable, Davenport expressed himself with great clarity and vividness in his many writing and speeches. Numerous examples of his skill can be found in both manuscript and published form among his Papers (1889, 1894-98, 1900-41): subjects range from methods of scientific farming and raising livestock to immigration to his reminiscences and moral philosophies. Correspondents include Walter C. Coffey, David Kinley and Herbert W. Mumford. Both he and his wife, to whom he was highly devoted, wrote about their experiences and impression of Brazil and Alaska (1891-92); as additional two volumes of notes on Alaska by Davenport are also preserved (1927). His papers also contain a manuscript of his full-length autobiography called, "What One Life Has Seen."

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See detailed notes on correspondents listed after Box 3 below.

Box 2:

Correspondence, 1922-35

See detailed notes on correspondents listed after Box 3 below.

Box 3:

Correspondence, 1936-41, 1954

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