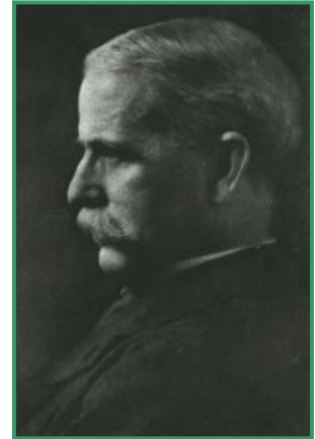


Lifting a Little Higher

Henry van Dyke (1852 – 1933) was an American author, educator and clergyman. Born in Germantown, Penn., he graduated from Princeton University in 1873 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1877. He served as a professor of English literature at Princeton between 1899 and 1923.

By appointment of President Woodrow Wilson, he became minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg in 1913. He chaired the committee that wrote the first Presbyterian printed liturgy, *The Book of Common Worship of 1906*. Among his many achievements was the writing of the lyrics to the popular hymn, *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.

As a person with all of these major accomplishments, Van Dyke once observed, "There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher."



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What a remarkable viewpoint! Doing for others what they cannot do for themselves is a matter of character and attitude.

Author and speaker John C. Maxwell addresses this subject in *The Maxwell Daily Reader*. "No matter how much or how little you think you have, you have the ability to do for others what they cannot do for themselves," he said. "Exactly how you do that will depend on your unique gifts, resources and history."

In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we daily have the opportunity to positively impact people – residents, family members, associates – doing for them what they cannot do for themselves.

God has put us in a very unique position to "lift someone a little higher."

And it brings great personal rewards.

– Beecher Hunter