

in thinking and giving vent to one's imagination, inventing and conceiving schemes. Man acquires the feelings of power through thoughts. As far as I am concerned, I never tire of these mental activities which offer a scope as vast and varied as the ocean! Undoubtedly it is by analogy that I contemplate with such a joy the picture of waves in their boisterous and endless succession, hiding, under apparent aimless labour and needless din, a vital work necessary to the life of the world. In like manner, men's thoughts are hurled against each other. The force emanating from them and the sound they make create the life of the souls.

'Remain with me! Go on being the main spring which prompt me to action, which guide, inspire and drive me. Remain till you reach the threshold of the great light, the rays of which you diffuse as divine messengers. Then and only then shall I know that I do not need you anymore for I shall at last have acquired the understanding of the meaning of life.,

In the Furrows carved by Pierre de Coubertin

Count de Madre, nephew of Baron de Coubertin, who lives at Monte-Carlo but spends his summers in his property of Clarens near Lausanne, has kindly handed us a few documents, some of which are Baron de Coubertin's own manuscripts for which we are most grateful.

On September 1st, 1889, de Coubertin wrote a preface to his Memoirs (Non-Olympic) which were never published and are dedicated to 'his ideas'! We have pleasure in publishing this preface herewith:

Mirville, September 1st, 1889.

TO MY IDEAS

'I dedicate my Memoirs to you as a token of gratitude for the good times you gave me. I am not sure that you are all my own ideas and that, before coming to my brain, you have not dwelt in other people's minds; it does not matter much as I feel you are really mine which comes to the same thing as if you were truly my own.

'We never fought. I have a tendency to accept you and to obey you, trusting in your integrity and correct judgement. Some of you have already taken shape and are in operation. This realization will encourage the others which I lacked time to work out, these ideas will wait patiently and will not forsake me.

Oh! do not forsake me! you are my happiness. What divine pleasure there is