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[[margin: Morality based on reason & other philosophic considerations.]]
[[underline]]Anvil Club [[underline]] mtg]]

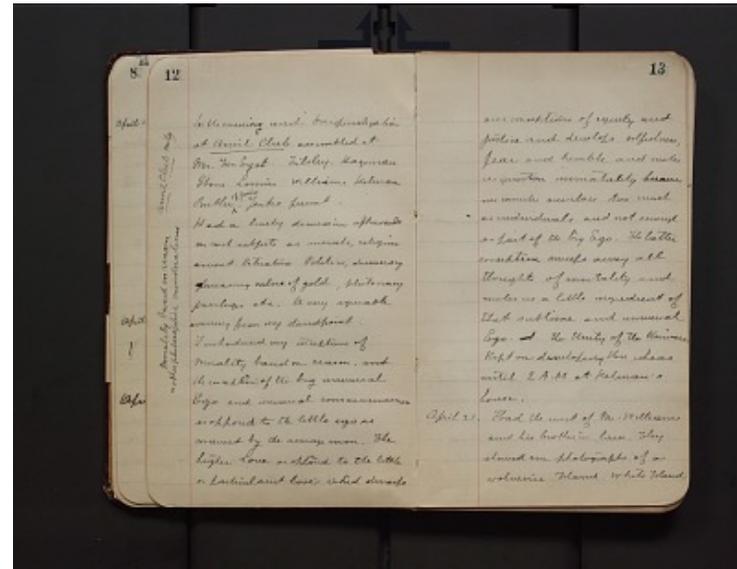
In the evening read overspecialization at [[underline]]Anvil Club
[[underline]] assembled at Mr. Von Eyck. Tilsley, Hagiman, Stone,
Loomis, Williams, Kelman, Butler of Yonkers, Jenks present.
Had a lively discussion afterwards on such subjects as morals, religion
ancient literature, Politics, democracy decreasing value of gold,
plutocracy, privileges etc. A very agreeable evening from my standpoint.
I introduced my inception of morality based on reason, and the
conception of the big universal Ego and universal consciousness as
opposed to the little ego, as conceived by the average man. The higher
Love as opposed to the little or particularist love which dwarfs

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our conceptions of equity and justice and develops selfishness, fear and
humble and makes us question immortality because we consider
ourselves too much as individuals, and not enough as part of the big
Ego. The latter conception sweeps away all thoughts of mortality and
makes us a little ingredient of that sublime and universal Ego. The Unity
of the Universe. Kept on developing these ideas until 2 A.M. at Kelman's
house.

April 21. Had the visit of Mr. Williams and his brother in law. They
showed me photographs of a volcanic Island. White Island
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