“Older people face a lot of daily problems. Half-abandoned regions and older people looking for food in rubbish bins or with stretched out, trembling hands, begging for coins, clearly shows all the hardship they have to face.

The lives of educated older people who have no functions at all are most unbearable and humiliating. Nobody needs them today and their work is in vain.”

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