



Gradual Progress

A tree on a mountain develops slowly according to the law of its being and consequently stands firmly rooted.

Within is tranquillity
Without is penetration
Gentleness that adapts

perseverance alone prevents slow progress from dwindling to nothing
growth proceeds gradually
No sudden influence or sudden awakening is of lasting effect.

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Don't let anyone tell you that 13 isn't an unlucky number. The journey from our last issue to this one (no. 14) has been long and difficult. The idea to subtitle the present issue of Rootdrinker **DEMISE & SURVIVAL** was firmly set even before the fire in Potsdam that destroyed the Racquette River Printshop and soaked the laid-out pages of Rootdrinker. Let's see, lost was about one hundred hours of work and a number of articles, dirty and faded beyond repair. What was left was taken to Rootdrinker's office in Canton, repasted and in some cases retyped and here we are.

Demise and Survival. Trying to stay alive in the 1980's is apparently going to be especially hard on publications such as ours. Word has been passed on to us that some small press efforts have already bitten the dust. My own desire to keep publishing a magazine that I believe is valuable to a regional community isn't enough. My hope is that you, the readers, will keep us alive, will support us and help us grow.

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The N.Y.S. Coalition for Local Self-Reliance has begun publishing a newsletter of events and happenings through-out N.Y.S.. Called **FOUNDATION STONES**, the publication comes out every two months. Rootdrinker subscribers will soon receive a sample copy in the mail. I urge you to join this organization (\$10./year) and support their activities. Write them and send a dollar for a sample copy. To: The N.Y.S. Coalition for Local Self-Reliance, P.O. Box 6222, Syr., N.Y. 13217

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