

Children's Corner.

Ambition.

It is hard to get the right words with which to explain our thoughts on ambition. It seems to be the inspiration which spurs one on to the attainment of some end or object. We all have ambitions of some sort, varying both in kind and degree.

We put something before us which urges us on to work up to it. Perhaps it is to acquire great learning, or to be a nurse, or to get very rich. There are a great many ways in which our ambition can find an outlet.

It is good to have an ambition, to place before ourselves one definite thing to strive for, yet ambition sometimes leads one astray and we do wrong in order to attain our end. This was the case with Cardinal Wolsey, one great and awful example to us of perverted ambition. His desire to be a Pope was all right, he wanted to fill a high and commanding position in the Church, a position for which, perhaps, he knew he had great gifts, but in striving to attain that position, his ambition made him unscrupulous. He acted a double part, which brought him harm in the end.

A good ambition ought to be the means of raising us higher in character.

Some people who are not good themselves, yet do others good by their very ambition. This was the case with the first Duke of Marlborough. He was not a good man, but his ambition kept him faithful to his country, and he served her well. He was one of England's greatest Generals.

If the object of our ambition is a worthy one and we aim high with set purpose to attain it, we shall probably succeed. Some people have very poor ambitions, such as to be dressed better, or to live in better houses, or to be richer than their neighbors. These ignoble ambitions are very lowering to mind and character.

To have a noble ambition, to follow it with steadfast purpose, and in a right way is desirable for every one, but let us remember that "If ambition can raise people from the lowest station, it can also prostrate them from the highest." Thus wrote Charles Phillips on Napoleon Bonaparte.

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The King's Highway.

"We will go by the King's Highway."

When the Children of Israel wanted to pass through Kadesh to the promised land, they asked the people of Kadesh to let them pass through the king's highway, promising that they would not trespass or touch anything.