

**NEVER GIVE UP.**

Never sit down and confess yourself beaten. If there are any difficulties in the way, struggle with them like a man. Use all your resources, put forth all your strength, and "never say die." The case may seem hopeless but there is generally a way out somewhere.

Are you bound and fettered by hurtful habits? Do not despair. You can't do much to help yourself, it is true, but there is One who never fails to strengthen the young man when he makes an honest attempt to overcome temptation and master every evil passion. "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." That is the experience of thousands of our fellows who have begun to sink in the quicksands of sin, and have reached out a hand to accept the loving help of the strong and gentle Christ. While he lives and loves, no man need ever give up.—*Pres. Ban'r.*

**FIT YOURSELF FOR THE PLACE.**

You would like to occupy a prominent place; you would like to be honored, looked up to, respected, talented.

Suppose to-day you were offered just the place which you would like to fill, could you fill it? Not at all. Are you fit for it? By no means. And if by some mysterious miracle you could be thrown to-day into the place your heart desires, you would simply dishonor yourself by your awkwardness and unfitness, and be disgraced in the eyes of all who knew you.

If you wish a place among the learned you must fit yourself to occupy a position with the learned. If you wish to fill a place among the wise, you must seek and cultivate wisdom. If you wish to fill a place among the rich, you must fit yourself for all that such a position involves.

If you would like to be the head of an intelligent and intellectual household, you must cultivate intelligence and intellect. If

you would like to be the husband of a noble woman, you must seek to be a noble man. If you would like to be the wife of a learned and cultured man, you must become learned and cultured yourself, so that you would not disgrace and disgust him.

When the time comes to fill a position, it is too late to prepare for it. The preparation



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must be made in advance; and if you have any high ideals or hopes, you should begin to work towards them the very first thing; for the higher the position of a fool the more he shows his folly. There are thousands of positions which men covet that they are utterly unable to fill, simply because they have neglected to do what they might have done to fit themselves for better things.—*Del.*