

THE INSTRUCTOR.

Calm words, great thoughts, unflinching faith,
Have never striven in vain;
They have won our battle many a time,
And so they shall again.

Peace, progress, knowledge, brotherhood—
The ignorant may sneer,
The bad deny; but we reply
To see their triumph near.
No widow's groan shall load our cause,
No blood of brethren slain;
We've won without such aid before,
And so we shall again.

Industry.

Industry lays the foundation for happiness and usefulness. Behold the man, who is always to work and who improves every moment as it passes; he is building a foundation for future happiness, broad and deep, that will last as long as he himself remains an inhabitant of earth. And he is not only securing happiness for himself, but he is teaching those around him by his example, that lasting happiness is derived from a life well spent, whose moments must be improved as they swiftly fly. Let us for a few moments wander back into the dim vista of the past, and review the lives of those who distinguished themselves as great, and discover if we can, what the most prominent trait of their character was. Were they noted for any thing more than they were for industry? and can we conceive of a closer relationship in any other trait? or can we recall any one of these men, for one moment, except it be a moment of great and eternal activity? Let their lives answer these questions. Was it not by industry that Washington was enabled to accomplish so much? Even when a child, he was noted for being very industrious, for he was up and at work before the sun made its appearance in the morning; and its setting rays found him still engaged at his always commendable employment; and we find him no less distinguished for being industrious, on the field of battle, than when a child; for when a general, he was always at his post, ready for any encounter at a moment's warning. Was it not industry that caused Alexander and Napoleon to conquer so many nations? Was it not industry, inspired with ambition, it is true, that led them forward from one field of battle to another, until it was said of Alexander, that he had conquered "all the then known world," and of Napoleon, that "he made his friends kings, and established and demolished thrones." But let us follow time in its rapid flight, until we arrive at the present century, and in our own country, and we find the names of Mann and Irving, printed in almost every paper, as men who spent their lives in benefiting their fellow men. They are examples, worthy of study and imitation.

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