

those other boys, so big and rough and strong, would be led to follow his example, and that before he left Rugby "there was no room in the schoolhouse in which the faithful acknowledgment of G. d., even amongst the careless and light-hearted boys, had not become the custom."

The seed that grows into an oak produces in turn the seeds of other oaks, each tree containing a thousand seeds, each seed the germ of a thousand trees. You can never measure the reach of the influence of the life of a true Christian boy, or a true Christian man. Nay, more:

"When a good man dies
For years beyond his ken
The light he leaves behind him
Shines along the path of men."

And, remember, boys, there is no influence so powerful as that of a boy over a boy. No one influences small boys so much as big boys; no one influences big boys so much as young men. Bravely accept this fact, and the inspiring thought of your life will be the thought of your responsibility.

"Will," whispers a dying mother, "I want you to take care of Harry. I entrust him to you. Promise me."

And all through his life he bravely bears the sacred burden of a sainted mother's charge. He watches over that younger brother, advises and controls him, yes, and for his sake he rises into higher life, gathering strength from his denial of sin and indulgence for his brother's sake. And you, boys, you are your brother's keeper. Oh! one of you may say of that younger lad, who watches you and follows you admiringly: "What care I if he falls, why should I deny myself simply because my indulgence may, perhaps, harm him?" If you see him going wrong and make no effort, say no word, or pray no prayer—nay, more, if you were actually to solicit and tempt him, and show him how to sin—truly it would be better if you never had been born.

It is an awful thing to try and make another fellow sin. Take the straight path, you older boys, for the smaller boys are not far behind you. Make it easier for them to

be good when you are with them. Remember that brave boy, Coley Patteson, who, when Captain of the Eton cricket eleven, and head of the school, left the great annual school dinner rather than listen to a filthy song, and by his brave example stopped the custom ever since. Courage is influence. Honour is influence. Purity is influence. Be brave, therefore, and true and pure.

But remember, above all, that a life to be a blessing must begin like Daniel's, with a purpose of the heart. Resolve; resolve in your heart that you will live for Christ. You know, boys, He died for us that we should not henceforth live for ourselves, but unto Him. The truest, the happiest, the strongest life is the life that is inspired and illumined by the love of Christ.

Accept Him as your Saviour; make Him your King, and then re-echo the noble words of that brave old soldier, General Russell, a former commander-in-chief of the forces in Canada: "If from my peculiar position I have any influences, I want to have the whole of that influence on the side of Christ."—*Dyson Hague.*

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