

on the top of my head, and one hand under my chin, and she just twisted my face so that I looked right into her blue eyes, and she looked me square in the face, and said, 'My boy, I have watched over you night after night, when you were ill; I have sat up six weeks almost without dressing, for my love for you. Ben, I would die for you, I love you that much. I want you to promise me that you will never touch tobacco while I live.' Said he, Fellows, I looked into those blue eyes, and I remembered all she was, and I said to her, 'While I live, mother, I will never touch tobacco.' Fellows, I don't smoke, and I am never going to." Now, that is what I call the element of moral heroism that we need to-day—(hear, hear and applause)—so that young fellows will come to feel that it is honorable and right and just to be loyal to mother, loyal to God, loyal to conscience, so that fellows won't even tempt them after a while; they say, "Oh, there's something there; there's backbone there." Some young fellows are nothing but putty. I pity putty. (Laughter.)

If I had the time I should plead to-night for pre-occupation denominationally. I like to see every boy and every girl identified with a Church, and loyal to that Church, and loving all other branches of the Church. I should plead for pre-occupation in recreation—and there, I have lost an opportunity to discuss a phase of the subject that very much needs to be discussed on our side. If there be anything in recreation of any sort that does not recreate; if there be anything in recreation or any form of it which bui'ds up an institution which on the whole is not healthful, have nothing to do with it. (Hear, hear.) Train our young people to be so pre-occupied with things that do recreate—conversation, music, study of books, and the habit of going to bed early—and you develop in them character that will stand more serious temptations. I wish I dare discuss to-night the subject of popular amusements, but I have not the time. My doctrine is this: It is a great deal better to stand so far over on the side of perfect security that one is not tempted to excess, so long as it be done with great gentleness and courtesy, and at the same time, independence—it is so much better to stand over there, that our young people are safest to never tamper with the so-called temptations of society; and as for society, don't allow the society of this world to set fashions in conduct for Christian people who are living for the eternal world—(hear, hear and applause)—but stand, stand for something, and have some symbol, some method, some criterion by which people will be able to judge whether you are on the side of the world or on the side of Christ; and I know of nothing more convenient or more helpful as a test than the so-called fashionable modern amusement of society. Without dogmatism, without harshness, without severity, stand over on the side of right, and say, "No, I never do; I am living for the genuine, the serious, the earnest things in life." I will now close, by saying to the good mothers who are here,—I have a great heart for mothers. I had the best mother who ever lived, it seems to

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