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The church and the world expect much from young men. To them in the hour of danger a country looks for the defence of its altars and its homes; on them expectation waits for intelligent advance in the arts of peace, while the upward and onward course of a nation depends on the gifts and graces of its sons. When the juvenility of boyhood ripens into the maturity of manhood the features assume that aspect, that displays the kind of man, and foreshadows the actions to be expected of him; so the complexion and general aspect of the coming age, may be gathered from the prevailing sentiments current among the young men of a country. Hope pencils a golden future, or fear darkens the background with threatening clouds of convulsion and storms, according to the discovery of the presence or absence of mental strength, moral power and holy principle, in the actors now rehearsing their parts, and preparing for action on the stage of life. Hence the importance of the period of youth; and the justification of every honest effort to implant correct principles, and aid the development of sober-mindedness among the young. The ship that outrides the storm and enters port has been trimmed for the voyage well ballasted and thoroughly equipped; and man in the prosecution of the voyage of life, must have under due control and regulation, those powers with which God has endowed him. The regulation of the soul under the influence of true religion, will effectually guard all the best interests of our nature. The choice of Christ as a leader will effectually decide the direction which the journey through life will take; so that when the height of manhood is gained, with its powers, opportunities, prospects and duties, the journey shall be continued in the same heaven-ward direction. The valleys and the mountains that lie in the way being crossed and passed in the strong confidence that he will guide with his counsel and afterwards receive to glory. It is not, however, an unreasonable fear, that the early promise may be nipped, and the blossom go up as dust, for many a youth, that seemed to set out for heaven, has abandoned all evidence of such an issue, and lifted up his heart to vanity. The field that has been sown with good seed, and which betokens a coming harvest, may be visited by a killing frost, as the good seed of principle may be blasted and destroyed by the blighting influence of temptation. The structure commenced in hopeful circum-