

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

While one boy is regretting his want of opportunities, his lack of means to get a college education, and remains in ignorance, another with half his chances picks up a good education in the odds and ends of time which other boys throw away.

Thought and Action. Thought and labor, idea and energy—by these two human, life is governed. In point of quantity and of time occupied, thought and reflection represent a small fraction of the lives of most men, the rest being devoted to the active prosecution of the programme they have set before themselves.

Folly of Morbidity. It is a great mistake for any one to allow himself to develop unsocial tendencies, for the results are often far-reaching and grow beyond the control of the individual, who, partly from indifference and partly from inherent laziness, makes no effort to keep his friends or enlarge his social acquaintances.

Reasons of Business Success. When one man grows wealthy or achieves an independence in business, it is a common saying that a hundred fail. The great successes are known because they are few in number.

On Opportunity. Lord Strathcona, the grand old man of Canada, in the course of an interview which appears in Young Man, gives the following practical advice to young fellows starting in life: "Be content with your present lot, but always be fitting yourself for higher. Do not despise what you are. Be satisfied for the time, not grumbling and finding fault."

In the Club Room. Says Father Rathe in a paper read at the recent Y. M. I. conference: "There must be moderation in the view we take of the various amusements of members. We must look with a kindly and sympathetic eye on small amusements, for fear of driving members from the rooms and into more dangerous places."

Health and Happiness. Indeed, all wealth is valueless without health. Every man who lives by labor, whether of mind or body, regards health as one of the most valuable possessions. Without it, life would be unenjoyable.

Learn Something from Everybody. One of the most useful success-habits one can form is that of learning something from everybody with whom he comes in contact. No information which can be acquired is too trivial to be ignored.

Man violates the law of nature in his own person, and he suffers accordingly. He is idle and overfeels himself; he is punished by gout, indigestion or apoplexy. He drinks too much, he becomes bloated, trembling and weak; his appetite fails him, his strength declines, his constitution decays and he falls a victim to the numerous diseases which haunt the steps of the drunkard.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. THE BICYCLE PRINCE.

"Do you think you will win the race on Saturday afternoon, Ben?" "I can't say, Fanny," laughed Ben. "It's a question whether I shall or not. Maurice De Nuse is a very clever rider and I expect it's going to be a close race between us."

"I suppose all the boys are awaiting the race with great interest," said his cousin. "Oh, yes," returned Ben. "When it is over they are going to start a little social club and make either Maurice De Nuse or myself president."

He and Maurice De Nuse, whose age was the same, lived in the upper part of New York City. Both were looked upon by their associates as expert wheelmen, and some of their friends declared them rivals.

Instead of choosing a president by vote, they decided that their two candidates, Ben Markham and Maurice De Nuse, should contest for the office through means of a bicycle race. As Ben Markham was modest and unassuming, Maurice De Nuse was to the same degree vain and pompous. He yearned for the presidency with violent ardor, and the thoughts of disappointment made him miserable.

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This was too much for Mr. Padwick. "Don't!" he exclaimed. "Don't tell me any more. I didn't think they were such deep mysteries."

He was none too soon, for the next instant he was startled by a girl's scream and a terrible crash. A collision had taken place between the De Nuse carriage and another vehicle.

Great excitement prevailed and Ben joined the gathering crowd. He was amazed at seeing Maurice De Nuse and his sister lying senseless in the dust. She had not suffered beyond a severe shock, but blood was flowing from her brother's temple and his face was horribly bruised.

"You must hurry up and get well," said Ben one day to Maurice. "The fellows at the club are anxious to see you again."

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It was to consist of fifteen laps. Once around the track showed Maurice De Nuse in the lead.

The second lap found Ben Markham ahead of him. De Nuse led again in the third. Ben caught up in the fourth and left De Nuse behind in the fifth and the sixth.

As the two riders passed the grand stand for the last time, the cheers were fairly deafening, and old Mr. Padwick slapped his sides.

"I'll get even with Ben Markham for this," he said to her significantly. "He'll pay up well for his luck to-day. I'll fix him soon."

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