

tell ; but if my life would have saved his, I believe I should have given it. I laid his head on my knee, and he grasped hold of my hand, and tried to speak, but his voice was gone. I could not tell a word he said ; and every time he tried to speak the blood poured out so, I knew it would soon be over. I am not ashamed to say, that I was worse than he ; for he never shed a tear, and I could not help it.

His eyes were closing, when a gun was fired to order us aboard, and that roused him. He pointed to the beach, where the boat was just pushing off with the guns, which we had taken, and where our marines were waiting to man the second boat ; and then he pointed to the wood, where the enemy was concealed. Poor fellow he little thought how I had shot him down. I was wondering how I could leave him to die, and no one near him, when he had something like a convulsion for a moment, and then his face rolled over, and without a sigh he was gone. I trust the Almighty has received his soul. I laid his head gently down on the grass, and left him.

It seemed so strange when I looked at him for the time ; I somehow thought of everything I had heard about the Turks and the Russians, and the rest of them ; but *all that* seemed so far off, and the dead man so near.

A BAR TO SUCCESS IN LIFE.

Perhaps the greatest bar to the success in life is self-conceit. Young men often begin their career with an extravagant opinion of their own capacities. They are perhaps just out of College, where they may have incurred an unfortunate reputation for genius. If so, they are hard to be cured. Superior intellects such as they, of course cannot stoop to drudging work. Often a man has to be knocked about the world for years before he can get this idea out of his head, and be willing to come down to his true level.

There is a time with almost every young man, when he is thus possessed with a feeling of personal importance. He is perhaps conscious of some talent, which in his ignorance of other men, he exaggerates beyond all bounds. And as the world does not happen to rate him above par, he suffers constantly from a feeling that he is not appreciated. This is a weakness which he must get rid of as soon as possible. It is often very useful to a young man at the outset to meet with a terrible mortification. The balloon,