

occupation. Considering that, how could they expect to excel in anything or to make a mark in the world? Yet, doubtless, some of them, when men, will complain that wealth and honours are unevenly divided in this world.

The way to have honour, to become anybody of importance, to be a power among men, is not to envy another person, but to fix the eyes upon that goal and work for it, choosing early the path which leads to that eminence.

A young man desired to be a clergyman. He was the only child of a poor widow, who could not educate him. A wealthy gentleman, becoming interested in him, offered to defray the expenses of his education. He gladly accepted, prepared for college, and had just entered, when the gentleman failed, losing every dollar. The young man, of course, had to leave college, but he did not give up his determination to enter the ministry. He taught music that year, saved his money, and entered college. Continuing to teach in the college town, he supported himself through his whole college course.

I know of another young man, who, with every opportunity to pursue one thing, changes his mind and his occupation about as often as he does his coat. He never gets above the drudgery part, and is only earning three dollars a week, sometimes nothing, for there are frequent resting-places at the change of his occupations. Who could expect him to make a success of his life?

No matter what profession or trade you take up, you have to work, and work harder and under more difficulties at the outset than farther on. The boy who wants to shirk this necessary drudgery is not made of the stuff which conquers in life.

Above all things, avoid being a "jack-of-all-trades." Some men have a genius for so many things that they cannot give enough attention to one thing to master it. I know of a youth of nearly twenty, who can play and sing, mend a clock, a music box, an organ, invent little things, make coffee, draw, and—why, I hardly know anything he cannot do, and the consequence is, he is not doing anything. If anyone wants work "fixed," he is the one who fixes it, but his life is not going to be "fixed" in any direction. In direct contrast to him is a companion of his who has already served several years at his trade, and will some day turn out a first-class carpenter.

DEATH.

At Iron River, Michigan, on April 14th, 1898, the Rev. William Macaulay Tooke, B.A., only son of the late Rev. J. Reynolds Tooke. Grant him thine eternal rest, O Lord, And let Light Perpetual shine upon him.

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