

opinions and manners that differ from our own—compel us to make allowances for them—and by comparing the advantages and disadvantages of the peculiarities incident to each nation, to gather from them and preserve what is worthy of imitation. In short, observes Dr. Johnson, "all travel has its advantages: if the passenger visits better countries, he may learn to improve his own; and if fortune carries him to worse, he may learn to enjoy it." E. G.

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To the Editor of the Youth's Monitor.

HOW YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD EMPLOY THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

[Concluded.]

I am confident that all young persons who have come to the years of understanding will agree with me in the following observation, that "Time once past, never returns: the moment which is lost, is lost for ever." Should all young people keep this constantly in mind and act from a conviction of the obligations which they are under to themselves, their country, and their Maker; there would be no need of reminding them of their duty to "improve the time", as no time would then be suffered to pass without employing it to the best advantage. But as this is not the fact, and that it is lamentably true that too many squander away their leisure moments in the morning of life, it would be doing injustice to the rising generation to behold them with indifference advancing onward to the stage of action without warning them of their folly, and, as far as possible, attract their attention to the importance of rightly improving their leisure hours.

Now, as the "time which is once past never returns," every young person should be careful that as much be made of the present time as is possible.—All the leisure time that is afforded to

a young person should be considered by him as an opportunity given him to be employed in some way or other, either to his own advantage or to the benefit of others.

Whenever there happens to be a relaxation from the more arduous duties of life, it is a sure indication of a depraved heart to fill up the vacancy by being engaged in *trifling conversation*, in indulging in *idle recreation*, in associating with *wicked companions*, or in perusing a *nonsensical tale*. Nothing of this kind ever did or can afford durable nourishment to the immortal mind. These resemble the husks rather than the kernel, and only serve to starve the soul. And should a young person seek to employ his or her leisure time in this manner, infamy and disgrace will be the consequence. The bark that has been once put afloat on the stream, will be borne down by the current and conveyed into the boundless deep. Let young people beware how they spend the leisure time which they may experience.

It will be found to be much to the advantage of all young people to employ all the leisure time they may have, either by improving their minds, or the minds of others, by reading some useful book, or by writing on some interesting and useful subject, or by conversing with an intelligent person on subjects beneficial to the mind. Much information can be obtained in this manner; and who is the person that has not more or less time to spend in this way? Let it always be kept in mind, that the moment which is lost, is lost for ever. It can never be recalled. It will to all eternity remain a blank in the history of our life—a space which will never be filled up.

I, am, Sir,

Yours respectfully, P.P.

It is an unpleasant thing to love, when we have not fortune great enough to render those we love as happy as they themselves can desire.