

their victims. Such are uninvited guests of Hades, that, having found Cerberus napping on the threshold of the exit to Earth, are prowling about wearing the forsaken wings of fallen angels.

Still another is infidelity to one's word: the unholy stigma of a low character, who sets no value on his own word; who forswears civil law.

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There is duplicity also—the disease of souls who flatter and betray you in turn, applaud and exalt you in your presence, drag you down and ruin your reputation as soon as your back is turned—odious vice, cursed by God, angels and men!

Is it necessary, now, to sing the praises of a man of character, of one entirely submissive to the voice of his upright conscience? Have we not said enough to show what will be the force and honor of a man of an ideal character? The most unquestionable sign of that force is that a man possessing an ideal character is self-sufficient in the accomplishment of his duties. His moral energies are not borrowed capital—they spring spontaneously from his heart.

Let the weak lie in wait before the act! Let either menace or praise be lavished, a man of conscience, an upright man, possesses within him a spring, self-acting and never-failing, that throws his best faculties into action when duty calls him. The judgments of men do not differ from the judgments of God. Infidelity of conscience is branded with an ignominious stigma, whilst honesty, integrity and loyalty are always crowned with glory by God and men. The entire social order rests upon mutual confidence. Peace, prosperity is possible in as far as one feels certain that his neighbor will not deceive him. But how can we depend upon our neighbor? What guaranty have we of his loyalty, of the truth of his words, of his respect for our rights? Upon his conscience must we rely. His conscience will constitute our tranquility. But if that neighbor lacks conscience, distrustful and uneasy shall we be.

Honor and respect, then, to those who do their duty, guided by an upright conscience, for they are in society an element of security and stability. Disgrace, on the contrary, be the lot of those who trample under foot their conscience, for they are in society a shame and a discredit.

Those considerations, though flowing from an untrimmed pen, should find an echo in every young man's heart. By all means strive hard to do your utmost to lay down this corner stone of your