

your hands, so let it always be. If you try to get a thing without toil, without honest endeavor, it will not be worth anything to you. You will say "I obtained this for nothing, and I can get another and another for nothing," and it will take out of you besides your own self-respect, the spirit of effort, and it will dwarf you and you shall be that much less a man. We can only really get what we deserve to have in this world and the next, and that is my speech to you to-day as your friend. Keep on in the line of earnest endeavor upon which I congratulate you to-day, and you shall find the flowers at your feet and the music further on, and still higher up, the friends to greet you and smile upon you, and bless you, and far beyond it all the best of friends to give you welcome when all this weary world and its work are behind you, a friend who shall say, "Well done good and faithful soldiers, enter into greater joys and blessed rest."

