

### Entering Life.

Your future history and character will be in great measure of your own making—therefore pause and consider what you will make yourself.

What you would be in future, that begin to be at once, for the future is not at a great distance, but close at hand; the moment next to the present is the future; and the next action helps to make the future character.

While you consult your friends on every important step, which is at once your duty and your privilege, rely less upon them than upon yourself; and ever combine self-reliance with dependence upon God, whose assistance and blessing come in the way of your own industry.

If setting out in life in the possession of property, let your dependence for success, after all, be less upon this than upon industry. Industry creates capital, but capital to begin with, has in many cases impaired industry and made a man careless and improvident.

Consider the importance of the first wrong step. The first leads to many others, and may be more easily avoided than every one that follows.

True religion, which means the habitual fear of God and sin, is your best friend for both worlds; multitudes owe their all to it; and multitudes more that have been ruined by vice, folly, and extravagance, would have been saved from all this, had they lived in the fear of God.

They who would live without religion would not die without it; but to enjoy its comforts in death, we must submit to its influence in life; and they who would have it in life, should seek it in youth.

The perfection of human character consists of piety, prudence, and knowledge. Make that noble triad your own.

Whatever specious arguments infi-

delity may put forth in defence of itself, and whatever objections it may bring against Christianity, hold fast the Bible till the infidel can furnish you a more abundant evidence of truth—a better rule of life—a more copious source of consolation—a surer ground of hope—and a more certain and glorious prospect of immortality. And remember that spiritual religion is a better defence against the seductions of infidelity and false philosophy than the most powerful or subtle logic.

Enter upon life as you would wish to retire from it, and spend time on earth as you would wish to spend eternity in heaven.—*John Angell James.*

### The Sabbath in Iona.

I shall be permitted (says an American Clergyman) to mention a circumstance that occurred the other day, and which must be considered as remarkable, when the extreme poverty of the people is remembered. A Frenchman was here on Sunday, June 24th, and wishing a boat to convey him to Staffa, found it impossible to obtain one on that day. The usual price is six or seven shillings, and he actually raised his offers until the bribe of three guineas, or *nine times* the common hire, became too strong for a couple of the boys. But, after they had put off in their boat, a relative stood upon the shore, and, assisted by the poor fellows' own conscience, persuaded them to return. When it is recollected that employment at one shilling per day is eagerly sought, and obtained with difficulty, and that these poor lads sacrificed *sixty days' wages* for a few hours' work on the Lord's day, I must say it is an example which deserves to be quoted and remembered. The man's name who called the boys back was Neil McDonald. Not a boat could be obtained at any price in Iona, though the foreigner finally succeeded in getting one from the Ross of Mull.—*Westeyan Scholar's Guide.*