

FOR THE YOUNG MEN

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and against the rulers of the darkness of this world; to be rooted and built up in faith, and not to be weary of well-doing; for in due season he shall reap if he faint not.

The man of business, the man who earns his bread by producing something—the farmer, also must needs be subject to strict rules and system. "Business, like life, is managed by moral leverage; success in both depending in no small degree upon that regulation of temper and careful self-discipline which give a wise man not only a command over himself, but over others. Forbearance and self-control smooth the road of life, and open many ways which would otherwise remain closed. And so does self-respect; for as men respect themselves, so will they usually respect the personality of others.

If a man have not self-control, he will lack patience, be wanting in tact, and have neither the power of governing himself nor of managing others. When the quality most needed in a prime minister was the subject of conversation in the presence of Mr. Pitt, one of the speakers said it was "eloquence," another said it was "knowledge," and a third said it was "toil." "No," said Pitt, "it is patience!" And patience means self-control, a quality in which he, himself was superb.

The heroic princes of the house of Nassau were all distinguished for the same qualities of self-control, self-denial and determination of purpose. William the Silent was so called, not because he was a taciturn man—for he was an eloquent and powerful speaker where eloquence was necessary—but because he was a man who could hold his tongue when it was wisdom not to speak, and because he carefully kept his own counsel when to have revealed it might have been dangerous to the liberties of his country.

No one knew the value of self-control better than the poet Burns, and no one could teach it more eloquently to others; but when it came to practice, Burns was as weak as the weakest. He could not deny himself the pleasure of uttering a harsh and clever sarcasm at another's expense. One of his biographers observes of him that it was no extravagant arithmetic to say that for every ten jokes, he made himself a hundred enemies. But this was not all. Poor Burns exercised no control over his appetites, but freely gave them the rein.

"Thus thoughtless follies laid him low
And stained his name."

Nor had he the self-denial to resist giving publicity to compositions originally intended for the delight of the tap-room, but which continue secretly to sow pollution broadcast in the minds of youth. One of his finest poems, however, written in his twenty-eighth year is entitled "A Bard's Epitaph" and is a description by anticipation of his own life. It contains the gist of the whole matter we are writing about. Wordsworth has said of it: "Here is a sincere and solemn avowal; a public declaration from his own will; a confession at once devout, poetical and human; a history in the shape of a prophecy," concluding, as it does, with these lines:

"Reader attend—whether thy soul
Soars fancy's flights beyond the pole,
Or darkling grubs this earthly hole
In low pursuit;
Know—prudent, cautious self-control,
Is wisdom's root."

HIGH FINANCE

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illustrate what we have in mind. A few months ago we were in conversation with some gentlemen, one of whom as a prominent business man of Boston, and in the course of our discussion the influence of Wall street high finance on legitimate trade was touched upon, when the gentleman of large business transactions stated that one Boston bank kept some millions of dollars at interest in Wall street, because the financiers of Wall street would pay three or four times the interest that legitimate business could give for the use of the money. Thus, he said, when men needing credit for the proper development of their legitimate business go to the bank, they are denied the loan they need on the ground that the bank is too short of funds to accommodate them. They are short of funds for legitimate business only because the money is being used by the Wall street gamblers who pay an enormous interest for it.

Now the result of this evil condition must impress every honest and thoughtful business man. It serves to paralyze the great current of legitimate trade, and it places the money of the banks in jeopardy, so that when there is a gamblers' panic, as was the recent Wall street panic, the banks in the metropolis and in other large centers of wealth, and the tributary banks of the great New York City banking firms are instantly struck in a vital way, and business from the Atlantic to the Pacific suffers. And with the business suffering comes, as is always the case, increased suffering on the part of the wealth-creating millions of the land.

The New York World on Taxing the Gamblers

The New York World of November 19th, in commenting on Congressman Hepburn's remarks quoted above, said: "For three weeks and more legitimate business has been bled white in order that ready cash could be provided to keep the Wall street gambling game in operation. Yesterday, after the United States Treasury had again taken decisive steps to increase the volume of currency, one of the earliest proofs of the 'new restoration of confidence' came in the announcement that Stock Exchange brokers 'took off restrictions as to margin trading.'"

AN IDEAL

I desire to radiate health, cheerfulness, sincerity, calm courage and good will. I wish to live without hate, whim, jealousy, envy or fear. I wish to be simple, honest, natural, frank, clean in mind and clean in body, unaffected and ready to say "I do not know" if so it be, to meet all men on an absolute equality, to face any obstacle and meet every difficulty unafraid and unabashed. I wish others to live their lives, too, up to their highest, fullest and best. To that end I pray that I may never meddle, dictate, interfere, give advice that is not wanted, nor assist when my services are not needed. If I can help people I'll do it by giving them a chance to help themselves; and if I can uplift or inspire let it be by example, inference and suggestion rather than by injunction and dictation. That is to say, I desire to be radiant—to radiate life.—Elbert Hubbard.

The Guide do you hear,
Is a dollar a year,
Don't wait for a dun,
Just send us the mun.

What we have we'll hold and what we haven't
got we'll go after.—M. C. Hamilton.

"We think our fathers fools, so wise we grow;
Our wiser sons no doubt will think us so."

—Pope