

right—submit to nothing wrong,” and the determination with which he adhered to his principles caused his success in life.

Henry Clay was one of the most bashful of boys, yet he overcame the taunts of his classmates, and while they were having fun, he applied himself to his pet scheme of studying to be an orator.

Most of our great men have had times in their lives when they have had to brave the sneers of the world, have run the gauntlet of worldly criticisms before they attained to the standard aimed at.

Thousands of men have had the talent or genius of success, but failed from the want of courage, faith and decision.

Many young people have given evidence of great genius, or of superior talent, and it would seem as though they had all that was required to make a successful career in life, and then would suddenly fail because of the lack of decision of character, while others of less talent, but with an invincible determination of mind, and a strict adherence to principle, would slowly but surely gain a foothold on the topmost round of the ladder of success—a success which brings true happiness and peace to the mind and soul, leaving no dark clouds of condemnation or regretfulness hovering over life's pathway.

Thus, if we have the stability of character that every true citizen should have, we will brave the flood of social evil, shun our eyes from immoral literature, discountenance actions which have a debasing influence, expel impure thoughts from our minds, refrain from uttering words of unkindness and indecency, and look to things which have a tendency towards the elevation of the mind. S. A. BROWN.

LOYALTY.

One of the most important questions before our Society to-day, is that of loyalty. There is nothing to lose and

much to gain by seeking a cure for the indifference that is prevalent among us, and it is not necessary to be a prophet to foresee the growth that is sure to come when the indifferent ones are aroused to a keener sense of their responsibilities and made to live in a manner that is worthy of their nature and their opportunities. Our greatest need (and I shall continue to plead for it) is “workers”; so, the sooner we arouse the unconcerned members in our fold the sooner will the highest and best results be achieved. No organization—no church—can live long in its past triumphs. Are we willing that *all* for which the most devoted spirits of the past have toiled and suffered, come with us to naught?

We have decided that miserable question, “Have we a mission?” Another question comes home to every one of us: What are we doing to preserve and to hand on to future generations our precious heritage? The upward striving spirits of the past have brought us to the point where we now are, when we can truthfully say, we have captured the sympathy of the world. The spirit of this age cannot die out, but to make the power of Quakerism *felt*, we need to press forward into the world's activity, and this necessity demands “faithful service.” There are true and loyal adherents of our faith, who are to-day laboring assiduously for the enlargement of our Society. They are not working for their own glory. Every wish and every endeavor are for the Society they love. It is better to be one of the few who furnish the sinews of our power, than to belong to the indifferent majority; but we who profess loyalty to our faith will not remain satisfied with our present condition. We do not expect men and women to fill places in life for which they are not fitted; but there are those within our fold, who, possessing the qualifications which are requisite for the performance of active work,