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things, like a little boat on a dangerous stream, not carefully rowed and guided, but empty, and inviting any unskilled or wicked hand to become its master.

Let me indicate to you some of the dangers which will assail you through examples and associations. You go forth into life, wise in heart and loyal towards truth and goodness. But you also go forth with besetting tendencies, and to meet Satan's temptations. Those temptations will come to you through the influence which others will seek to exert over you.

There are young men possessing all the capacities for a dignified and manly conduct. Theirs, through the hard industry of others, are all the qualifications of education and competence; they are surrounded with circles offering every facility to happiness and pure enjoyment. And what do these young men do with all this wealth of possession? I will sketch a few of the courses into which they permit themselves to be seduced. Perhaps the poorest in character are those whose solitudes extend no farther than the fast fashion of their garments, the colour of their gloves, the fit of their boots, the diamond ring on their finger, and the flexibility of their cane. But I need not linger over such. Nor do I say that a young man may not have a gold chain, and trousers made in the height of fashion, if he likes. But for the sake