

Advice to Young Men.

STARTING OUT.—"There is room for improvement" is a wise and true saying. Life is a strange and incomprehensible thing to many, but there are others who seem to understand it and battle nobly along. We all can understand life and its conditions to find out the meaning of the above maxim, and that every young man can force his way and reach a point of eminence. When a young man leaves school and is about to begin his career in life he imagines that he carries a stock of learning, common sense and good judgment, and with these qualities he could rule the world. But alas! he finds before long, that there are others more versed in the law than he is and carry a far more abundant stock of practical knowledge. It is then he knows the truth of the maxim: "There is room for improvement." A young man should not enter an employment with the assumption that he can't learn anything new. Such an idea is a false and delusive one, and may be the means of destroying his future prospects forever. It is the dangerous rock on which many a good young man wrecked his career. It is the "breaker" which shattered his hopes and sent him adrift through a lonely world of grief, disappointment and anguish. Be willing to learn all you can, and the more you possess the better will be your advantages in life. Make good use of the talents which God has entrusted to you. Improve the mind by good, sound and useful reading, be well posted on the many important topics of the hour and you will be able to enter any company and do honor to yourself. Each day add to your store of knowledge, remembering that many men rise to a high place in life, and become models in their profession by so doing, remembering that "there was room for improvement." If you will carry this maxim, you will possess the first and only qualification to make a success in life.

HONESTY IN ALL THINGS.—The second qualification is honesty. How many young men to-day are suffering behind the prison bars for having betrayed the trust reposed in them by their employers. Said a great financier, the late Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia:—"The secret of wealth is honesty. In the first place be honest in your heart." He was an honest man. He began as the driver of an ox-cart, in the Cherokee Hills, hauling pine-knot fuel to peddle on the streets of Canton, the county-seat. When he had saved a few dollars he read law, first having picked up a little education by studying at night. He was not a genius; his mind was slow to a degree, but he had the prime gift of persistence in a single line of purpose. Integrity, simplicity and cool judgment won cases for him against the splendid elegance of far more magnetic men. From the Bench to the Governor's seat, which he held for several terms, he was then chosen United States Senator. The outlook for the young man now is far better than it was sixty years ago when Senator Brown began with the fund earned by driving oxen. The other day a young man, barely 35 years old, announced himself a candidate for the Senatorship in Indiana. He was poor, had worked his own way through the college, had won an oratorical contest, and had been frequently called upon for public addresses; but no one was expecting him to step from a rather obscure law office to the place of national honor second only to that of the

President. Pluck, energy, honesty, good address and manly earnestness won.

BE PATIENT.—The third qualification is patience. You will reach the goal of your desires if you possess this virtue. Don't strive to catch too much at once, for if you do you'll surely fail. Remember that the plodder who is persevering can and does accomplish more and becomes a far better success than the young man who had brilliant attainments during school life, but like a meteoric flash he ascends too rapidly only to have a still greater descent. The old story of the hare and the tortoise can never grow stale while the heavily trudging feet of the average tourist at details pass the wrecks of chariot, and car once the seats of rushing ambition. It is not for the few that life is made, but for the many. The outlook for young men is not from the grandstand built for exceptionally endowed observers; nor should the rank and file of our youth understand that immensities of fame, power and glory are open to all.

LAUDABLE AMBITION.—The fourth qualification is ambition. Ambition is necessary, but unscrupulous thirst for power and fame has led too many astray. An eminent writer once said:—"Look not to the far-off future, do the work which nearest lies; Sow thou must before thou reapest. Rest at last will be labor's prize."

The beautiful careers open to young men of average force and excellent training are far preferable to the feverish life of those who torture themselves and unsettle an age with a mad desire for personal aggrandizement. The youth who understands his own time and fairly estimates his own abilities is the one who safely builds for happiness. On the farm, in the shop, at the counter of trade, along the ways of average activities, the large majority of us must find our career. These are the roads that can never be shut up, and they are roads of honor, profit and happiness to the sincere worker who has mastered the details of his vocation.

AVOID JEALOUSY.—The fifth qualification is avoid jealousy. This is one of the bug-bears of the present day, and is destroying many minds. If you see others brought to the front and elevated rejoice rather than envy him. Your turn will come some day. Remember young men in the keen competition of life a man's claims are adjudicated, sooner or later, upon the basis of what he actually is. A great opportunity, therefore, is worth to him what his antecedents have enabled him to make of it. The only true index of his success is the quality of his work. "No man," says a wise writer, "who holds his position by mere tact, by the good will of others, by friendly influence, has any real foothold in life; he may be swept away in a moment. The time will come when tact will prove unequal to the strain of the situation, when friendly influence will prove unavailing, when the fortunate combination cannot be made. He only is secure whose work is stamped with honesty and competency. He depends for his position in life on something which is part of himself, not upon extraneous combinations of circumstances. Put your strength into the doing of your work, and the question of stability and success will settle itself." In my next article I'll deal with some of the other qualifications that go to make not only the successful business man, but also the Christian gentleman.—R.J.L.C.

Municipal Misgovernment.

On another page one of our regular contributors has taken up the question of civic representation. In connection with his very outspoken article we consider it quite opportune to reproduce a few extracts from a letter, that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia in the issue of July 15, from the pen of Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of Chicago. We admit that the greater portion of Mr. Harrison's able contribution is of local interest as far as Chicago is concerned, but there are some general reflections which, coming from a man of Mr. Harrison's experience, are of immense value to the world at large, and which might find very special application even in our own city. We have long been anxious to secure some radical change in our civic administration; strong efforts have been made to improve matters at the City Hall; but so far we seem to have been merely "jumping from the frying pan into the flame."

GENERAL TRUTHS.—Mr. Harrison opens with these statements:—"A large majority of the citizens of any American municipality desire to be well and honestly governed. A small number are content with any form of municipal government that is directly profitable to them and their interests. The hope for good municipal government rests upon the belief that education will awaken the first of these classes to a full realization of civic duty. The despair of thinking men is provoked by the content of the latter class to be dishonestly governed so long as dishonesty is profitable. I confess that after more than two years' management of the affairs of the most rapidly growing municipality in this country, I fear for the character of future municipal government if education of the masses does not progress more rapidly than it has. We cannot have pure municipal government until the voting majority, of

every community takes a personal interest in all legislation, attends the primary with the same fidelity as the polls, understands existing laws, and displays deep concern in the acts of Legislatures, Common Councils and public officials."

APATHY AND DISHONESTY.—The foregoing paragraphs contain a concise statement of exactly what we have been, for months and years, striving to inculcate. How often have we not striven to awaken our fellow-citizens, and especially the young men, to a sense of the necessity of taking a greater and a more active interest in municipal affairs? Here is a significant truth plainly told by Chicago's Mayor. He says:—"Legislatures will not be honest in the face of public apathy; Governors will not touch the public pulse if its heat is indistinct; Mayors will not respect public criticism if it is confined merely to the mouthings of parading 'reform' organizations, too often devised to conceal the wolf's head under the skin of the lamb."

RURAL PREJUDICES.—Mr. Harrison says regarding the prejudices of the rural legislator against the large central city:—"Living in a small community himself, unacquainted with the practical needs of a great municipality that holds on one street more population than his entire county possesses, he is prepared through ignorance to believe the worst said of the municipality and to ignore the encomiums. He is also imbued with the idea that legislation for the whole State means beneficial legislation for the single important municipality, when just the opposite is probably the case. He desires to shift as much of the burden of taxation upon the city as he can possibly escape from, whether that shifting be just or not. He is therefore ripe—even though innocent

MISSSES LEDA AND ANNIE SMITH.

Two Sisters Were Sick, Weak and Disheartened—Now They Are Happy, Strong and Well—Each Writes a Letter to Other Women.

In nearly every family there are weak, pale, sickly daughters. Usually the mother has female trouble, too. Such a family cannot be happy. Sickens and women casts a spell of gloom over the entire household. It seems so strange that this suffering should go on. Why in the world is it that women refuse to cure themselves when they can do it beyond the shadow of a doubt? Who can tell why there is so much leucorrhoea, falling of the womb, nervousness, sleeplessness, headache, despondency, loss of flesh and appetite? Why are there so many pallid faces and wasted bodies? It is easy to get the health back. Here are two sisters, Misses Leda and Annie Smith, living at 38 Elmhurst street, Providence, R. I. They used to be sick. Read how each has got well again:—

Miss Leda (aged 23) writes: "I work in a mill in this city, and suffered for a long time with headache. I was pale, weak and tired all the time. My attention was called to the wonderful cures being effected by Dr. Coderre's Red Pills, and I bought some at a drug store. They have made me well again, and I can now go through each day's work without pain or suffering. I recommend the pills to all women."

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of corrupt motives—for the machinations of the factor which desires for the municipality what is called corporation legislation." No better illustration of the foregoing could be had than in the attitude of the whole Province of Quebec towards the City of Montreal. It would almost seem as if this city were especially constituted and constructed to become the milch-cow of the entire province. And much of this is due to the very cause above indicated.

GREED AND CORRUPTION.—Here is the reverse of the medal and equally faithful is the picture:—"In its turn, the city, through the inattention of its voters to the primaries, lack of interest in the elections, chooses representatives eager to serve for the sole purpose of individual gain. The swarms of the municipality gain a large proportion of the legislative seats. They have but to ally their corrupt wits with the prejudices of the farmer legislator to insure an orgy in spoils that involves the open sale of the inherent rights of the people who make up the city."

MORALS OF RULERS.—Universally true are the following remarks:—"I would comment that if the taxpayers manifested as much concern in the moral character of their rulers as the corporations do it would be next to impossible to corrupt men who hold office. The scrutiny of the character of men seeking office cannot be too close, for often a man who is honest in private life will not be honest in public life, just as the man who would not commit burglary nor highway robbery justifies an act of his which takes from a corporation something lawfully belonging to it."

It is an immoral proposition to ask the ordinary man to care faithfully for millions of public money and property on a two-year term of office and a pique salary. It is an absurd proposition to have election to an Aldermanic office cost from \$2,000 to \$10,000, the term be but one or two years, the salary \$3 per meeting—as it was in Chicago—and have that Alderman remain honest. He may, but how many do?

DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.—The next paragraph needs no explanation or comment:—"But I must revert to my original position that after all is said municipal government as manifested to-day in nearly every large city in this country is mainly due to public indifference to the character of the men chosen for office and public apathy on the legislation they are to bring about. To me the duties of attending a primary, of being at a convention, of not missing the polls, of throwing a searchlight upon the characters of men nominated for office: are almost as sacred as those a man owes to his wife and his children. Conditions of life in the great cities have been made almost intolerable for large majorities by indifference, and what indifference has not accomplished in this direction the corporations have not overlooked."

EDUCATE THE CITIZENS.—Mr. Harrison closes with this solid piece of advice:—"Education in civic duties, civic work; civic watchfulness should be as much a part of the course of study in the grammar and high schools as the study of grammar and literature. I should not wait until the college or university age for the commencement of this work. I should start with the child in the seventh grade and keep it at him until he was of age. The result would be to send into citizenship a wide-awake, alert set of men and women, posted as to the taxation systems, familiar with municipal laws, eager to secure honesty in public service, fair-minded to the corporations but jealous of invasion of public rights, able to enter office with intelligence, despising the bribe-taker and pillorying the bribe-giver."

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THE JUDGE WENT FISHING.

"I had been living alongside of Silver Lake for 15 years," said the judge, "before I concluded to go fishing. I suppose I had seen five carloads of fish taken out of the lake during those years, and so I anticipated a great catch when I got around to it. One day I got out hook and line and set off in my boat. It was right after dinner, and I let the boat go drifting. The hook was baited with a frog for bass, and I distinctly remember of giving frog and hook a whirl and a cast. Then of course I waited for a bite."

"And you got one?" queried the man with the new patent reel. "I can't say that I did," replied the judge. "No, I have never been able to satisfy myself that I did."

"Just floated around for five hours. I think I was busy most of the time preparing a case come off the next week, but had a bass taken hold of that frog I must have felt it." "But didn't you pull in your line at all?" "I don't think so. If I did it escaped my memory. Should I have done so?"

"Why, of course." "For what reason?" "To see if the frog was on the hook all right." "Oh! there was no reason then," smiled the judge. "It seems that as soon as I cast him overboard he swam back and climbed into the boat, and at the end of five hours he came hopping over to me as if to ask if I hadn't had all the fun I wanted. I decided that I had, and I unhooked him with apologies and roared home."

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SOMETHING BESIDE MONEY.

General Leonard Wood has set the sort of example that the young men of America have needed. As a brigadier general he is receiving a salary of \$5,500 a year. Asked whether he would accept the offer of the Presidency of the Washington Street Railway system at \$30,000, he replied: "I will not leave the military services of the United States so long as my services are wanted, not for \$30,000 a year or twice that amount. There is something besides money." In these days when millionaires can hire college presidents to propagate the kind of doctrines that promote their business methods, and when ministers regard an offer of a higher salary as equivalent to a divine call, the value of such an example is beyond price.—Catholic Columbian.

THE PEDDLER'S VOW.

Twenty years ago Leon Godchaux was a peddler on the Mississippi river between here and Vicksburg, wearing his pack on his back, writes a New Orleans correspondent of the Galveston News. He went into one plantation and the owner put him out and set his dogs on him. The itinerant

merchant, bending under his load, shook his fist at the plantation mansion, which was one of the finest of this State, and exclaimed that he would live to put the owner out of the place and own it himself. The peddler of that day not only kept his word, but he acquired possession of nearly all the river plantations between this city and Baton Rouge, a distance of ninety miles. He owned the largest clothing and furnishing house in this State and was worth \$10,000,000. Leon Godchaux died today in his mansion at the age of 72 years.

COUNTERFEIT SILVER.—Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, Philadelphia, and his assistants are hard at work endeavoring to find a band of counterfeiters who are flooding South-eastern Pennsylvania and South Jersey with spurious half dollars. The coins are dated 1892.

By the explosion of a soda fountain tank in the confectionery and bakery of L. A. Robertson, Nyack, last week, John Perrie, an employee, had his left leg blown off and his right leg was badly broken at the knee. Perrie was in the basement of the building charging the tank with gas from a larger one and got on higher pressure than it would stand. The explosion was heard three blocks away and sounded like the bursting of a large cannon. A crowd of people rushed to the scene, and found Perrie lying on the floor in great agony, while his left leg lay in another part of the room. He was attended by Drs. Maynard and Gills, who soon after sent him down to St. Francis's Hospital, Jersey City, where he is now in a critical condition. When the tank exploded it flew threw a window twelve feet distant, tearing away part of the brick wall, and landed in the yard several feet from the building. Perrie is about forty years old. He has been in the employ of Mr. Robertson six years as a candy maker.

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