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Good Character, Reliability and Good Company

(For The Register.)

The three great things for our future men are, good character, reliability and good company. The three are inseparable, for they go hand in hand. Character is the great thing in life. We are what we make ourselves. A good character is a great blessing, and it is within the power of the poorest and the slowest to have a good character. Energy of will is the soul of every great character. We should not be creatures of circumstance; we should make every circumstance lend itself to us in helping us to build up a strong, noble, enduring character. Not characters to change with the whims and fancies of the world, but to be steadfast in doing what you know to be right.

What a treasure a reliable boy or girl is! They are so few. It is so pleasant for parents and teachers to find this quality in the character. It is the truest mark of real greatness—an indication of future success. It serves to point out the youth of staying power—the one that can be depended upon—who is not a servant of the eye merely, but who can be trusted always. If young people would but value reliability they would increase their own worth and win the trust and confidence of their teachers and associates.

Too many of the young have no word, they cannot be depended on. They promise, but never fulfil their promises. Lying excuses are then given as a reason why the promises were not kept. The young boy or man who has no word will never be trusted. One of the most detestable things in a boy is the habit of lying. To tell the truth is hard at times, you must battle against self to win. Fight bravely on the best of lines, and never be lead into sin. God will help you if truth you love, so speak it boldly when speak you must. Peace will come to you from above, your foes will have to bite the dust.

Good company is becoming quite a rarity for the young in now-a-days. All the good instruction of the home and school is destroyed in a very short time by street education or bad company. Bad company is a rock on which hundreds of our young are dashed to pieces and manhood and honor are gone forever.

The glory of the deed is not in its dreaming, not in its fancy, however fair; the glory of a deed is in its doing, and each doing makes the deed rare.

The problem which the ordinary boy and girl tries to solve is this: To do the least work possible, and to make as little effort as can be made. "The servant of the eye" has no lofty motive in doing work, and the servant of the master's eye can only be trusted as far as he or she can be seen. Sow in youth what you wish to reap in old age. If you wish success, seek it. If you desire to be trusted, deserve it. If your heart is set on being a useful member in society, begin now.

I once knew a boy who was clerk in a large mercantile house which employed as entry clerks, bookkeepers, eighty young men besides a small army of porters, packers and truckmen. This boy of fourteen felt that amid such a crowd he was lost and noticed, and that any effort he might make would be quite unregarded. Nevertheless he did his duty. After he had been there a year, he had occasion to ask a week's leave of absence during the busy season. "That," was the response, "is an unusual request, and one which is somewhat inconvenient for us to grant, but for the purpose of showing you that we appreciate the efforts you have made since you have been with us, we take pleasure in giving you the leave of absence for which you ask."

"I didn't think," said the boy, when he came home that night and related this success, "that they knew a thing about me, but it seems that they have watched me ever since I have been with them."

They had, indeed, watched him, and selected him for advancement; for shortly afterward he was promoted to a position of trust, for there is always a demand for excellent work. A boy who means to build himself up will find it a long, difficult task, even if he brings to bear efforts both of body and mind; while he who thinks to win without doing his very best, will find himself a loser in the race.

Life has many joys and pleasures, and young people, carried away with the novelty of the world and lacking experience, think life can be made "one long, sweet song." Youthful feelings are fresh and strong and buoyant, but they must be safeguarded, held in check, when liable to lead in the wrong direction. Young people should remember this. Life is a responsibility—a trial in which all shall have a share of joy and sorrow, and your joy will be all the greater, the longer and the sweeter, if you take it as God sends it, and not strive to grasp pleasures that promise much but leave only regret, disappointment and sorrow.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE Are Respectfully Solicited For the Return of CONTROLLER BURNS AS CONTROLLER For the Year 1904

WARD 3 1904 WARD 3 Alderman O. B. SHEPPARD Again Asks Your VOTE AND INFLUENCE For Aldermanic Honours In WARD 3 Election Day Jan. 1, 1904

WARD 3 1904 WARD 3 YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE Are Respectfully Solicited for the Re-election of Ald. RAMSDEN POLLING DAY JAN'Y 1st

morse. Obedience to good advice, thinking before acting, and always striving to make good use of time, remembering the presence of God and the guardian care of the angelic spirits, are great helps to make life a joy to yourself, an honor to your family and a fine example to those around you. This should be a boy's motto: Work! Work! Work! With earnest heart and soul; Work! Work! Work! To keep a spotless soul. And, oh, for the heart of the brave, Where no base falsehoods lurk, And everything is done to save Our soul from evil's work.

Nothing else gives such deep and inmost satisfaction as the consciousness, not necessarily of being virtuous for no man is ever conscious of that, but of believing themselves good—but the consciousness of striving earnestly day by day to conform one's life more and more to the principles that are everlasting, that are embodied in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is a noble thing to seek God in the days of gladness, to look up to Him, in trustful bliss, when the sun is shining. But if a man be miserable if the storm is coming down on him, what is he to do? There is nothing mean in seeking God then, though it would have been nobler to seek him before. All's well that ends the way you to have it.

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THE MARKET REPORTS. Good Demand for Live Stock—Advancement in Hogs—Wheat Lower. Tuesday Evening, Dec. 15. Toronto St. Lawrence Market. Trade at St. Lawrence Market to-day was not very active, as receipts were not heavy. The grain on the street amounted to 1,700 bushels. Wheat—Was a little firmer; 200 bushels of red sold at 75c to 76c, and 600 of goose at 72c to 73c. Barley—Steady; 200 bushels sold at 46c to 47c. Buckwheat—A little firmer, 100 bushels selling at 60c. Oats—Are unchanged, 200 bushels selling at 31c.

Toronto Live Stock. Trade was fairly brisk in all lines at the Western Cattle Market to-day. The demand for Christmas beef is now becoming very active, and a few cattle of this variety are coming forward and are sold at firm prices. Trade for good exporters continues quiet. Price quotations all round show little change. Sheep and lambs were firmer and hogs advanced 25c per cwt. The total run amounted to 85 cars, and included 1,364 cattle, 1,352 sheep and lambs, 235 hogs, and 45 calves.

Stocks and Feeders—Trade was a little quiet in these lines, but what was offering sold about steady at \$1.75 to \$2.50 for stockers and \$2 to \$1 for feeders. Cows—The run was of fair quality, and the range of prices was about steady at \$20 to \$30 each. Good cows continue in demand. Calves—Trade was good and all were sold. Prices are firmer at 45c to 54c per pound and \$2 to \$3.

East Buffalo Cattle Markets. Receipts, 1,200 head; moderately active, largely steady; prime steers, \$6.15 to \$6.50; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.75. Veals—Receipts, 75 head; strong, \$5 to \$7.75. Hog—Receipts, 15,000 head; on York grades, active on others, 15c to 20c lower; heavy and mixed, \$4.75 to \$1.90; Yorkers and pigs, \$4.75 to \$4.75; roughs, \$4 to \$4.25; stags, \$3 to \$3.50. Sheep and lambs. Receipts, 1,000 head; steady; lambs, \$5 to \$5.50; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$4.75; wethers, \$4 to \$4.25; ewes, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$4.

Leading Wheat Markets. Closing previous day. To-day. Dec. May. Dec. May. Chicago 79 1/2 81 1/2 New York 80 1/2 82 1/2 Toledo 80 1/2 82 1/2 St. Louis 81 1/2 83 1/2 Detroit 80 1/2 82 1/2 Milwaukee 81 1/2 83 1/2 Minneapolis 79 1/2 81 1/2 Duluth 79 1/2 81 1/2

British Markets. Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Close.—Wheat, spot Walla, 68 7/8; No. 2 red winter, 68 1/2; No. 1 northern Manitoba, 68 1/2; futures quiet; December nominal; March, 68 1/2 nominal; May, 68 1/2 nominal. Corn firm; spot mixed American, 60d per cwt; No. 1 Victorian, December quiet; March, 2s 11 1/2 nominal; Flour, Minneapolis, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 nominal. London, Dec. 15.—Opening.—Wheat, on passage, quiet but steady; wheat, cargoes LaPlata, f.o.b., steam, February and March, 2s, above average quality. Corn, on passage, firm but not active. Corn, cargoes LaPlata yellow rye, terms, passage, 15s. Weather in England cloudy; forecast, cold. English country wheat markets of yesterday quiet. London—Close.—Wheat, on passage, quiet but steady; wheat, cargoes LaPlata, f.o.b., steam, passage, 2s 4 1/2, above average quality; wheat, cargo Victorian, December and January, 2s 4 1/2; wheat, cargo Australian, Australian terms, December and January, 2s 4 1/2. Corn, on passage, quiet but steady; corn, cargoes LaPlata yellow rye, terms, loading, 15s 4d, all sold in. Paris, Dec. 15.—Opening.—Wheat, tone quiet; December, 20 1/2; March and June, 20 7/8. Flour, tone quiet; December, 22 1/2; March and June, 27 1/2. Weather in France north and south, cloudy; forecast, north and south, cloudy.

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WARD NO. 4 YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE ARE REQUESTED FOR Edward J. Hearn As ALDERMAN for 1904

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE Respectfully solicited For the Election of JOSEPH OLIVER AS CONTROLLER. ELECTION JAN. 1ST, 1904

WARD NO. 4 Your Vote and Influence Are Requested For the Election of S. A. JONES AS ALDERMAN

WARD 4 WARD 4 RE-ELECT Ald. Stephen W. Burns POLLING DAY JAN. 1st, 1904

THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 1 and 26, which has not been homesteaded or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES Under the present law homestead duties must be performed in one of the following ways, namely: (1) By at least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years, or— (2) If the father (or the mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of the law as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother, or— (3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by himself in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of the law as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT Should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so. INFORMATION Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at the Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion lands in the railway belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

JAMES A. SMART, Deputy-Minister of the Interior. N.B.—In addition to Free Grant Lands, to which the Regulations above stated refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from Railroad and other Corporations and private firms in Western Canada.

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