

New Paths Only Way to Success.

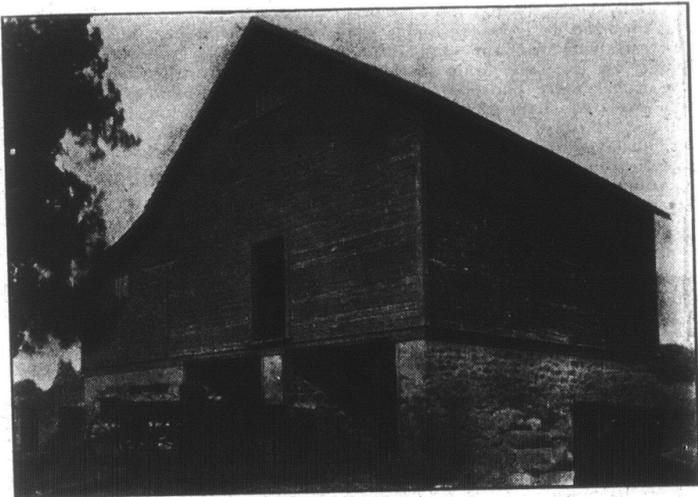
John A. Howland, in the Chicago Tribune, says that the young man considering his life work and the chances for success must not lose sight of the fact that this success must be made in the future. It will have had no connection in all probability with the past; it may have little connection with the material present. The young man who stops at 20 years old to consider these chances of his must realize that he is fortunate if success can be attained within ten years; fortunate, indeed, if at 40 years old his ships are coming in laden. Many another man has not wearied at 50, scanning the horizon for the first glimpse of their sails.

We are confronted every day with the trite expression that "times have changed." The observation always is in the past tense. Many persons giving

cess at 40 years, or perhaps 50 years. That man is pointing back twenty or thirty years, showing the young man the course, when the young man is needing to look twenty or thirty years in exactly the opposite direction.

It is not worth the paper it might be printed on for a young man to read how, fifty years ago, a person buying a lot at the corner of two down-town streets, made \$150,000 in the transaction. "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country" is as obsolete and impossible in some of its possibilities to-day as would be the advice to climb a telegraph pole to examine a star. One might as well advise a young man as a start to go out west and engage as a pony express rider, or take a whip hand at driving an overland stage coach as Mark Twain saw it done.

It is only in a limited sense that even the ethics of the successful man of yesterday will be applicable to the



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voice to the truth forget that times are changing even as they talk, and changing more rapidly perhaps than ever before in the history of the world. When an atlas of the world, drawn to a scale of perfection in one year, is obsolete in another twelve months, one may have a suggestion of how deeply the spirit of change is written upon all things.

It is a pretty true observation that when a man begins to turn back into reminiscences he has stopped growing and is letting the present forge ahead of him. The field of reminiscence is a poppy field, where the senses are lulled and soothed and where fancies wander regardless of present.

Just here lies the danger to the young man in setting his compass by the course of the man who made his suc-

cess to-morrow. Just as the luxuries of yesterday are the necessities of to-morrow, so the traditions and manners and customs of yesterday are obsolete. Here "times have changed" again.

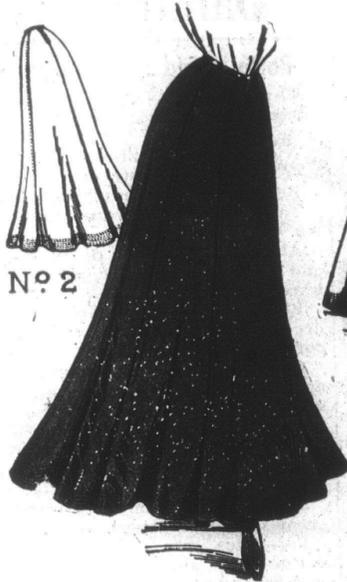
Considering these changes which confront the young man venturing into life, it may be said that the old, half stultified virtues that have come down through the ages as enduring truths are enough of the past for him. Perhaps these virtues need accentuating. Honesty, intelligence, a sane degree of earnest application in his work and a sane observation of the principles of the golden rule will be found requisite to the right kind of success. Beyond these virtues, the young man has need of a strict application to the work of to-day and a keen eye for the condi-

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tions that shall rule to-morrow. The greatest failures that have been marked in the world are the failures that have come of shortsightedness. Men who have been sufficient for to-day have fallen hopelessly short of the morrow.

Nothing in this blase age is quite so striking to the world as a new idea. Never before was the world more ready to leave the old and turn to the new. Yet these whimsicalities must be observed, as much so as its deep seated demands and prejudices and necessities. The young man seeking success at the hands of the world must be in an attitude of rendering it the things it wants to-day. It will dream itself of the things it had yesterday—and al-

ways will it refuse to consider the coming needs of to-morrow.

Here, in this shortsightedness of the world, the young man with that rare quality, foresight, will find his opportunity. With a situation given to the ordinary man, there is every chance that, with the least preparedness and the least of originality in the emergency, he can make shift and meet the conditions in a fairly satisfactory manner. But he is a mere cobbler in the work of life. It is the man who can foresee a situation and prepare for it out of hand who is to be the genius of his time.

Taking the man of yesterday who made his success in the business world it will be discovered that conservatism was his chief virtue. He held fast by the traditions of his father. Most of these were good in his career. Change was not so strongly marked upon everything. To-day the young man in the scientific world, in medicine, in surgery, and in many of the newer lines of the world's work—as in electricity—must be in the attitude of accepting an overturning of all that has been taught him as gospel. Only a few years ago the doctors treated a boil by dosing the patient for his blood; to-day the surgeon lances it and destroys the germ that caused it. Radium and the knowledge of radio-activity may upset the "laws" of all physics. Electricity is a household necessity, while the man who produces and harnesses it has yet to learn what it is.

Receptiveness in the young man must always be essential to his success. But he should receive the new things that are proved and not nurse the old things that are obsolete. Let yesterday take care of itself. To-day is big with opportunities and to-morrow is richer still with unlisted things. Look ahead and not behind.

In Burma and Brittany, yellow is the color of mourning; in Persia pale brown, in Ethiopia grayish-brown, in Syria and Armenia blue, in China white.



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