

Special Writing Exercise 44

The following exercise has many of the preceding contractions woven into sentences and should be written carefully over and over and read repeatedly until all the contractions are familiar to the student.

1. He acknowledged the matter was of grave importance.
2. Numbered among the guests were the aristocracy of Boston and men prominent in national affairs.
3. We were surprised to learn that the man who had made such magnificent gifts was of foreign birth and unable to speak our language intelligibly.
4. The widow was appointed executrix.
5. The magnanimity of the ruler was an example to his subjects and was influential in bettering conditions throughout the republic.
6. Notwithstanding the many disadvantages under which the Archbishop labored, he embraced every opportunity to advance the cause of the Episcopalian church.
7. We magnify our troubles when we allow our mind to dwell upon them.
8. The scoundrel was unable to explain the discrepancy in his accounts and thus proved himself irresponsible.
9. By living moderately we may avoid many so called misfortunes.
10. After a careful perusal we found the publication contained much that was instructive regarding the origin of the Anglo-saxon race.
11. The railroad is universally recognized as one of the constructive forces in the development of a new country.
12. A crowd congregated around the eccentric old gentleman, who showed no signs of intimidation as he auspiciously began his extemporaneous speech in which he told of the wonderful possibilities of the Alaskan Territory.
13. They were loath to relinquish their property holdings, which had been acquired through years of sacrifice.
14. In the disaster which visited San Francisco in 1906, the fire proved to be more of a destructive agency than the earthquake.
15. The farm proved to be very productive after all constructive features had been removed and the land properly cultivated.
16. He who cultivates self-control and equanimity stores up a reserve force which will carry him through any emergency.
17. After the preliminary proceedings were over the business of the meeting was soon attended to, after which