

passed in their respective vocations of painter and musician, had hardly reached middle age when they passed away. The great evangelical revival of the last century, the pulses of which are now beating so grandly in the activities of Christendom, was owing, under God, to a few young students who in Oxford met to stimulate each other to saintliness and fidelity. George Washington, the illustrious father of the republican empire of America, and who has been pronounced by a high authority the greatest uninspired character on the page of history, gave signs of the courage, virtue, and patriotism that have made him immortal when quite a young man.

Wherever you look in history you are met by similar facts. "Hannibal at the age of twenty-five led to victory the great armies of Carthage. Alexander had conquered the world and died at the age of thirty-eight. Charlemagne at the age of thirty had made himself master of the whole French and German Empires. Napoleon led his brilliant Italian campaign at twenty-seven, and at thirty-three was Emperor of France. William Pitt at twenty-five was First Lord of the Treasury, and Edmund Burke made his mark as a statesman when young. Byron at twenty-three was the poet and the idol of England." Ours is an age distinguished in Europe and America by powerful names in statesmanship, science, oratory, commerce, and philanthropy. You