

with that spirit of knowledge and compassion that comes to him who has analyzed human weaknesses and has learned much of the ways of men. He was smiling and his smile seemed to be the wisdom of centuries.

“You won,” he seemed to say with a distinctness which I could not doubt. “Your earnest, instinctive wish was to recover your manliness in a man’s way by the use of manly weapons. Had Carmarthen won, it would have been the gratification in the moment of excitement of a test wish. Would that have been a victory for you? Could such a start as that ever have led you up that trail to manhood which you so desire?”

In my heart I knew the answer to be No,” and I passed the charm on to a friend.

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CHOOSING A VOCATION

ONE of the most critical times in the life of a young person is when he comes face to face with the vital matter of choosing his life’s work. It is something that no one can do for us. It is a matter that has to be decided between the man and his inner self. Advice, tho given in all sincerity, may be the most harmful.

We need only to go back as far as the time of our fathers to see that very little thought was even given as to what the young person should do for a life’s work. Vocation was a word quite unknown to them. True, in a great many cases, the youth of the country were needed at home to help carry the burdens under which the parents were laboring. The young man had little to say as to what he would do for a living. From a sense of duty, he felt obliged to give of his help to the support of “the old folks”. He was given “the place” for his services, and he just naturally came into his life’s work. Generally the young man followed the same occupation as his father. There were exceptional cases, however, as there are in everything.