

YOUTH

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YOUTH IS NOT a time of life; it is a state of mind.

It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotion. It is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Years wrinkle the skin; but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Worry, doubt, self-interest, fear and despair — these are the long, long years that bow the heart and turn the greenening spirit back to dust.

Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and at star-like things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing, child-like appetite for what next, and the joy of the game of living. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart is an evergreen tree; its name is Love. So long as it flourishes you are young. When it dies you are old. In the central place of your heart is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, grandeur, courage and power from God and from your fellow-men, so long are you young.

THE CALM MIND

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger

TO COME into the presence of a tranquil spirit is like finding the deep silence at the heart of a forest or beside the still waters of a pond that mirrors mountain walls.

Existence, for too many of us, resembles the erratic, fruitless agitation of gnats in the summer sunshine. They dart hither and thither while the brief day holds, but the power of wings has taken them nowhere. They keep with the same crowd, repeating the silly gyrations. "A fly," says Emerson, "is as untamable as a hyena."

Every human being is on earth with a prospect of usefulness before him, though adverse circumstances may seem to constrain and fetter his volition. He has a work to do. By his mere example of mean or valorous performance he changes the aspect that life wears for those around him.

Conscious of a charge to keep, the leaders of mankind are those who with serenity and self control face whatever the day brings. None of us enjoys immunity from pain or a monopoly of pleasure. Look behind the scene in the life of one apparently carefree and you may easily find burdens that the world knows not, carried with unfaltering hope and faith and in tranquility that never cries rebellion or despair.

There are no riches in a bank vault or a jewel casket that compare with the treasure of a mind at peace though beset with vexing problems and loud

alarms. The man who rules himself can rule his fate. To such it is safe to intrust the administration of affairs in private business or the statecraft of a country. Those who consume their energy in fret and worry need to observe and follow the way of those who abstain from turmoil, conserving their strength for any crisis through an equanimity that nothing can destroy.

THE DEFEAT OF THE TWENTIETH AMENDMENT

From "Christian Work"

THE PROPOSED Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution received its coup de grace when the legislatures of Ohio, Kansas and North Dakota refused to agree to it. Popular thought had expected the southern states to oppose it more than the northern, and to be sure, Georgia, Louisiana, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas appear in the list of the thirteen states which voted against it. But in addition to the three northern states already referred to, South Dakota and Washington contributed to its defeat; the legislature of Wyoming postponed action on it indefinitely, and the Massachusetts legislature will scarcely pass it after its condemnation by a great majority in the state referendum last November. The result is the more surprising since both great political parties committed themselves to the Amendment. The wording of the Amendment greatly weakened it. It suggested to the man in the street that under it Congress might forbid parents to make their own children work about their own homes. He clearly did not take it for granted that Congress would always use common sense. The fate of the Amendment suggests that for a while it may be more difficult to amend the Constitution than it has been for the past sixteen years. The great amount of talk that the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted contrary to the will of the people is making legislatures desirous to learn the actual sentiment of their states before they accept other changes in our fundamental law. Other state legislatures have been talking of imitating Massachusetts by submitting the Child Labor Amendment to the people for advice. Senator Wadsworth and some others of the standpat leaders would like to alter the federal Constitution so as to compel such procedure in the future. They believe it would make Constitution changing a more difficult sport.

THE SUCCESSFUL MAN

Elbert Hubbard

A SUCCESSFUL man is one who has tried, not cried; who has worked, not dodged; who has shouldered responsibility, not evaded it; who has gotten under the burden, not merely stood off, looking on, giving advice and philosophizing on the situation.

The result of a man's work is not the measure of success.

To go down with the ship in storm and tempest is better than to paddle away to Paradise in an Orthodox canoe.

To have worked is to have succeeded — we leave the result to time.

Life is too short to gather the Harvest — we can only sow.