

show you a person who is never in constant demand,—a person who is not going to be very valuable to humanity.

A person cannot succeed in anything without a good, sound body—a body that is able to stand up under hardships, that is able to endure. A great many of our young men, especially in the larger cities, undermine their constitutions, and to a great extent throw away their usefulness, because they do not understand how to take care of their bodies. Do not keep late hours. Have a time to go to bed, and have enough self-control to say to those who persuade you to dissipate, "My time for rest has come and you must excuse me."

Learn all you can, but learn to do something, or your learning will be useless.

You will gain a great deal if in all the work that you perform, whether cleaning a lawn, laying off a furrow, building a chest, drawing a plan or studying a lesson, you are perfectly conscientious. If you choose these three lines on which to rest your lives,—truthfulness, honesty conscientious performance of duty,—your future success is assured.

A person must be able to earn his living before he can be of much benefit to himself and the community in which he lives.

If you are at the head of a stable or barn, plan day by day how best to provide for your horses and cows. When you make yourself master of these humble positions, you will find that the higher calls will soon come to you.

We should not permit our grievances to overshadow our opportunities.

It is not very hard to find a person who will speak good and kind words and be unselfish when speaking before an audience; but the way to test a person's real character is to notice his treatment of those who come into daily contacts with him, how he speaks to his companions when his voice is heard by the public.

It is a good practice for a person to get in the habit of making an examination of himself day by day, to see to what extent his thoughts have dwelt on those things which are high, and to what extent he has permitted himself to yield to the temptation of being low, in his thoughts and imaginings.

There is no better test by which you can judge of a person's culture, civilization, or whatever you may call it, so quickly and so accurately as by the way in which that person respects authority and obeys orders.

The average boy usually has the idea that if he were just somewhere else, in another state or in contact with somebody else, he would succeed, forgetting too often to utilize the forces that are about him and in hand.

Get hold of the spirit of helping somebody else. Seek every opportunity but make somebody happier and more comfortable. Never get to the point where you will be ashamed to ask anybody for information. The ignorant will always be ignorant if he fears that by asking another for information he will display ignorance. Better once display your ignorance of a certain subject than always know nothing of it.

The boy who goes to school with no special plan, who has no time to study this or that, who has no regular hour for eating or sleeping, you will find that very soon that student will be left behind. No matter how brilliant or active a mind he has, success can only come by planning work.

I have often thought, especially when traveling from city to city through the north, what a good thing it would be to establish a chair in some strong university for the art of scrubbing, yes, the common, homely art of scrubbing. Seldom do we see clean floors, the art seems to have passed away.

If you want to put yourself in demand, make up your mind that you are going to give as few excuses as possible.

If you are milking cows and feel that you know all that there is to be known about it, you have simply reached the point where you are useless and unfitted for the work.

It is not very hard to find people who will thoroughly clean a room that is going to be occupied, or wash a dish that is to be handled by strangers; but it is a hard thing to find a person who will do a thing right when the eye of the world is not likely to rest upon whatever is done. The cleaning of rooms has a great deal to do with forming one's character.—Ex.