

## An Easy Place.

A large number of young men spend a great deal of time looking for a position and the reason they are so hard to please is because they are seeking an easy place, where they will have very little work to do and receive a large salary.

To all such we would say that places of that kind are very scarce and hard to secure, even if you were to obtain such a place it would, in nine cases out of ten, prove the very worst thing for you.

We would call attention to the fact that the things that come to us in this life without working very hard for do not amount to much. If this be true, then we should accustom ourselves to hard work in order to secure those things which are of benefit and value, and the only way to do this is by putting strenuous efforts in the positions in which we are placed, remembering that success means sacrifice, self-denial and a determination to do our best.

We were very much surprised a few years ago in conversing with a young man who was considering the question of a change of position. In the course of our remarks we referred to the contemplated change and he said that he was desirous of making it for the reason that the new field was one of the hardest in the district in which to work, and that there was very little to do in his present plans. We afterward learned that he was receiving \$1500.00 per year for his services at the old place but he was willing to accept the new, with greatly increased work, for \$900.00 per year, in order to accustom himself to hard work.

Truly he had the correct idea of work and although we have not been enabled to

keep in touch with him since that time, we have no doubt that he is to-day occupying a position of high trust and responsibility because he has learned to love hard work.

Put far from you the thought that the easy place is the best place; hard muscles and strong brains are not developed by shunning the difficult tasks, and seeking your own ease and pleasure; of course it is well to be choosy in the selection of a position, but always ask yourself: "What development am I to receive? will the duties create a debt for difficult work? will it bring to the surface my best endeavors?" and if those questions can be answered in the affirmative you had better accept the position even at a low salary at the start, for if situated in duty you will soon become valuable to your employer and your salary will be increased as you increase in usefulness.

Seek, therefore, the hard place instead of the easy ones, learn to "wear your business as a good soldier," cultivate the strenuous life instead of the life of leisure, and be secure that development of mind and stature necessary to success.—E.

## Storm and Sunshine.

Can't have rain all the year—  
 Got to come a frost;  
 But spring'll bring the sweetest snow  
 For every one that's here!  
 Can't be stagnant all the year—  
 Life is half a sign;  
 But Hope'll bring the sweetest song—  
 And sing it, by and by,  
 Storm and sunshine day by day—  
 Sorrow can't destroy  
 While we're hearin' 'em the way  
 All the bells of joy!

—[Atlanta Constitution]