

### The Building that Forever Stands

The house built on a sand falls when the mighty storm beats upon it. The house built on the rock will withstand storm after storm, but it, too, must at last yield to the destructive hand of time. Yet we may build a building that can defy storms and tempests and may even laugh at the power of time. This building is character.

Emerson says: "Character is more than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as to think. Goodness outshines genius as the sun makes the electric light cast a shadow."

Wealth is not character, but is, on the other hand, very often the cause of a ruined one. Learning is not character. Largeness of mind, love of truth and honesty, delicacy of manner, tact and energy, may all be lacking in a person who is well educated. Reputation is not character. You may be held in very high esteem by the world, still your character be worthless.

Character, therefore, is not what a man has in the way of wealth, learning or fame. It is what the man really is. In other words, it is the image which he cuts upon our life.

Now, there are some things which are essential to the building of a genuine character. One of these is industry. Idleness is the author of all mischief. In the race of life, industry always wins.

Another element in the building of character is cheerfulness. It is a fine art to be able to get comfort and sweetness out of all circumstances, and he who has formed the habit of looking at the right, happy side of things has a great advantage over the person who is always finding the dark side.

Purity and truth are still other elements in this building of character. Everything that corrupts the heart should be avoided. Pure thoughts refine the countenance, and there is nothing which the world admires so much as truth, for it at once shows that strength of character in which all are willing to confide.—Ex.

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#### GOOD RULES FOR BOYS

Don't wear your cap on the back of your head.

Don't wear your cap over your ear.

Don't wear your cap askew.

Wear it firm and square on the top of your head.

Keep your shoes polished like a mirror.

Wear a linen collar, and keep it clean.

Wear a dark necktie.

Crease your trousers.

Brush your clothes.

Wear a smile, and live up to it.

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WOOD SHOP SHAVINGS—This torrid zone weather causes Mr. Woods to perspire and look fierce, but the wagon shop gang are happy; we know this because Martin Sampson sings, Lee Evans smiles, Apis Goudy doesn't say much and Will Watkins is willing to "roast" visiting a baseball team.

Charles Cutter is singing with the Kendall Opera Company in Portland at the Heileg Theatre. The "Heileg" is the principal theatre in Portland and only first class companies go there. In a letter to Mrs. Campbell Charlie says that he has a twelve weeks engagement with the company, and that he is with them on account of the practice it gives him. They produce a new opera every week, and he says it keeps him busy learning his part. We should think it would.