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THE VIRUS OF INJUSTICE.

King Edward gave an order for the building of a yacht, which was to cost \$1,750,000, but upon completion the cost had run up to \$3,000,000, and on top of this the royal yacht was found to be unworthy and will have to be rebuilt, which will involve another half million or so.

Of course, King Edward is doing all of this with his own money, with the representative value of his own labor, of his own worth to society. If he is, there should be no criticism of his mistakes, no condemnation of the extravagance and waste in connection with a real king providing himself with a play thing.

The question arises, how did the king obtain the power, the right to waste so much labor of other men and wealth for his own amusement? If he got it through his own honest efforts, or through the honest efforts of others, who transferred their earnings to him voluntarily, he has a right to spend and squander as he chooses. But if his wealth were gotten from others, without their consent, indirectly or otherwise; gotten from those who earned it by the sweat of their brows, then and there a crime was committed, and from such injustice human creatures, with such souls as that of the Assassin Czolgosz, have their issue.

While putting to death the human flies and vermin and protecting society against their attacks, would it not be in order for us also to remember that robbery and injustice in even legal form bears the same bitter fruit as that which falls outside the legal pale?

Those who obtain much for doing nothing, it matters not whether they are king or millionaire, must ever keep in mind that it cannot be done unless a corresponding burden is placed upon others who will fall and grow desperate in carrying it. So far as society permits the perpetration of crime, on the part of prince or pauper, to that extent its foundation is weakened and its doom hastened. There is but one star to steer by, justice, and but one way to reach a safe port, and that is through the enforcement of laws that fall upon the guilty, either high or low, with the same irresistible force.

We simply hasten our own destruction by exalting one man and enslaving another, by giving a privilege to one and denying a right to another. Only by guaranteeing equality of opportunity and equal rights to all men, can we hope to protect and strengthen society. It is an old, old question, but one that never will be settled until it is settled right!

ROOSEVELT'S FIRST BREAK.

It is characteristic of Theodore Roosevelt to be impulsive and to act almost before he has time to think. It is this characteristic which he will have to curb as president. If indulged in it will bring him trouble and defeat his re-election to the high office which he now fills.

These reflections are entitled to weight, because of an incident which occurred in Washington, in which President Roosevelt was the principal actor, last Sunday. The president had been to church and was on the threshold of the edifice, when he caught sight of a 15-year-old boy, just in the act of taking his picture, of snapping his kodak with Theodore Roosevelt as his subject. At once the impulsive nature of Roosevelt was aroused and, without thought of the position he occupied and the eyes of the whole world upon him, he rushed at the youngster and shook menacingly at him his presidential finger. The boy was only terrified, but Theodore Roosevelt had made himself ridiculous!

Although the president of the United States is recognized as being only a human being, it is expected of him that he will retain his presence of mind on almost any occasion, extraordinary or otherwise, and act with due dignity, even if an anarchist attempts to take his life.

The late President McKinley set him a grand and glorious example in this respect, and it will be well if Theodore Roosevelt as president will follow in the footsteps of the brave and heroic William McKinley. No man ever had a grander opportunity to display control over himself than Theodore Roosevelt and no man ever had a larger and more attentive audience to pass upon his acts.

CHARACTER.

In his address to the students of Princeton on the occasion of the McKinley memorial exercises, ex-president Cleveland made use of this language:

The man who is universally mourned today achieved the highest distinction which his country can confer on any man; and he lived a useful life. He was not deficient in education, but with all you will hear of his grand career and his services to his country and his fellow citizens you will not hear that the high plane he reached or what he accomplished was due entirely to education. You will instead constantly hear as accounting for his great success that he was obedient and affectionate as a son, patriotic and faithful as a soldier, honest and upright as a citizen, tender and devoted as a husband, and truthful, generous, unselfish, moral, and clean in every relation of life. He never thought any of these things too weak for his manliness. Make no mistake. Here was a most distinguished man—a great man—a useful man—who became distinguished, great and useful because he had and retained unimpaired qualities of heart which, I fear, university students sometimes feel like keeping in the background or abandoning.

Much has been said of the high character of President McKinley and many lessons have been drawn from the fact that he maintained such a high standard, but the ex-president, speaking before that student body, has made a more direct application of the great lesson of the life history of the murdered statesman than has been made by any other writer or speaker. He drew the direct contrast between character and mere learning and did it in such a manner as to make a profound impression on the mind of every thoughtful person who reads his words.

And this suggests that, after all, character is the best equipment with which a man can face the world and its streets. Without it, no man can be truly successful, no matter what station he may reach or how much wealth he may accumulate. Men without high character are never deeply mourned outside of their families when they die, and during life they never enjoy that respect among their fellow citizens which is the wine of life.

So, when we educate our children, let us more and more deeply impress on their minds that they must strive to maintain character of such a standard that it cannot be successfully assailed. Teach the boy that learning, station and wealth will all prove as ashes in the hand unless they be accompanied by genuine character—the kind that has its roots in the heart and shapes every thought and act of the individual.

How is character to be developed? That is a question that should enlist the attention of every one engaged in the education of youth, either in the home or in the school. There is certainly much in teaching the young man to keep aloof from that which is debasing. The Idaho Statesman believes that the uniforming of the cadet corps in the high school is a powerful factor in inspiring the boys with that self-respect which contributes so much to the building up of character. As one observes any of the young men walking the streets he cannot fail to notice that the lad has a carriage that was not so general before the uniforms appeared. The uniform proclaims the wearer a member of the school, and the influence on him is always appreciable and in many cases very striking. It is probable that there is no boy in the school who would disgrace that uniform by appearing in it in any place where he would be ashamed to be found by his teacher. He takes pride in it and what it represents, and the effect on his own character is unquestionably highly beneficial. If, before, he were careless about his companions or the places he frequented, or the language he used, he is less so now in the uniform of his school. He finds no commands more respect everywhere, and thus he absorbs the great lesson that character is the chief thing after which he should strive.

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"I would rather spend my life in a penal settlement than be a lighthouse keeper," declared a man to the writer, after a visit to the Bishop lighthouse, off the Cornish coast. "A convict sees at little of the world he lives in but a lighthouse keeper sees nothing but a dreary expanse of water. I am not surprised that many of them should lose their mental balance."

The visitor to the Bishop lighthouse did not see the picture. It was only the other day that the convict there rose to a height of 300 feet and swept right over the waves. To those cooped up inside the sound of these waves is like that of a battery of guns at close quarters. "At such times the house shakes like a tree with a man on top of it," was the graphic description of one who spent many years of his life there.

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