

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

The truest politeness comes of sincerity.

There is no joy like the joy of resolved virtue.

Men often conquer difficulties because they feel they can.

Vice is fed and gathers strength by its very concealment.

The man of experience learns to rely upon Time as his helper.

The life that rejoices in solitude may be only rejoicing in selfishness.

Spite and ill-nature are among the most expensive luxuries in life.

He who thinks his place below him will certainly be below his place.

Thy yesterday is thy past; thy to-day thy future; thy to-morrow is a secret.

History tells of illustrious villains; but there never was an illustrious miser a nature.

What men want of reason for their opinions, they generally supply and make up in a rage.

Words may be neither false, nor fierce, nor fool, and yet may be "corrupt" and wholesome.

The home is the heart of the nation, from which there pulses through the arteries of the national existence its very blood.

If any one should say, though the water the bucket brings up be stinking, that which is in the well is all sweet, would you believe him?

Character is not cut in marble—it is something solid and unalterable. It is something living and changing, and it becomes diseased as our bodies do.

It is indeed it is to be misunderstood and undervalued by those we love.

It is, too, in our life we must learn to endure without a murmur, for it is a lesson often repeated.

Men's lives should be like the days, beautiful in the evening; or like the spring, aglow with promise; and in the autumn, rich with golden harvest, where good works and deeds are ripened on the field.

Lawyers are of more importance than men. Upon them in a great measure laws depend. The law touches us here and there, now and then.

There are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, barbarise or refine us by a steady, uniform, insensible action like that of the air we breathe. They give the whole form and color to our lives.

Every honest work thoroughly and carefully performed, from the laying of a road to the administration of a government, has a beneficial effect on the world. Just as a stone thrown into the water makes ever-widening circles which we can set no limits, so the good and intelligent labor of head and hand extends its influence far beyond its point of contact or knowledge.

So much of the wrong-doing of the world arises from ignorance and carelessness. Temptations are everywhere, and the weak and unwise judgment is easily led to consent that there is no great harm in yielding to them, and the character is formed rather wrecked, by self-indulgence. It might have been saved, elevated and strengthened by more knowledge and better training.

There is a vast deal of grace for people in the year in and the year out, and there must be some natural or something more than ordinary whim or convenience to things even and preserve that and sympathetic consideration

hat are absolutely necessary to make home-life worth the living. Therefore, whatever else you do, never urge a marriage. Marriage is one of the things that must be desired, and that ardently, by the contracting parties. No one has a right to interfere, and to do so is to multiply sorrows for those whose affairs are meddled with in this way.

Truth considered in itself, and in the effects natural to it, may be conceived as a gentle spring or water-course, and warm from the genial earth, and breathing up into the snowdrift that is piled over and around its object. It turns the obstacle into its own form and character, and it makes its way increase its stream. And should it be arrested in its course by a chilling season, it suffers delay, not loss, and waits for a change in the wind to awaken and again roll onwards.

There is a greater difference both in the stages of life and in the seasons of the year than in the conditions of men; yet the healthy pass through the seasons, from the clement to the inclement, not only reluctantly but rejoicingly, knowing that the worst will soon finish and the best begin anew, and we are desirous of pushing forward into every stage of life, excepting that alone which ought reasonably to allure us most, as opening to us the Via Sacra along which we move in triumph to our eternal country. We labor to get through a crowd. Such is our impatience, such our hatred of procrastination, in everything but the amendment of our practices and the adornment of our nature, one would imagine we were dragging Time along by force, and not he us.

Those persons who criticise society not for the purpose of doing it any good, but only in a captious and fault-finding spirit, will not be likely to be debarred by the fact that their course is fruitless. But there are many who are not of this stamp, who really and earnestly desire to see certain evils removed, certain improvements made, and the whole social fabric rise to a higher plane. They would gladly, if they could help on this good work, but it seems too vast and too vague for them to attempt. Let such persons never lose sight of the truth that only by influencing the individual can society be influenced. Just as the gardener who would improve his grounds must patiently cherish each separate plant, so the patriot who would improve his nation and the philanthropist who would elevate the race must devote their energies to the improvement and the elevation of the individual members of those communities.

"I promised never to say anything about that, so you must never mention it." How often after some particular confidence do you hear this remark, the speaker evidently not seeing how his own words are accusing him of a lack of loyalty and a breach of trust. He has given his word that what was told him should go no further, and yet at this, perhaps his first opportunity he tells the whole story to some friend, without ever stopping to think whether he has the right. His advice or help may have been sought, and that only after much hesitation, his friend fearing to intrust his secret to any one, but encouraged by the thought that no one else need know it. Yet this unworthy confidant without a second thought, betrays his trust. Even if told that he was doing so, he probably would look very much surprised, and say "Oh no! I made Jones promise to say nothing and of course he won't. But why of course?" In all probability what he himself has done is exactly what his friend will do. So the story goes, until the poor man to whom it means so much might just as well have called together a large company of his friends, and some who were not his friends, and confided in them in a body.

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