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[The following address was delivered by
Hon. Warren Truitt at the opening of the
Normal School Tuesday Sept. 11, '88.]

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a brave thing to live a true life. The Greeks and Latins considered human life as consisting of three elements, and designated these elements by words corresponding in meaning with our words, body, intellect or mind and soul. But whatever may be its divisions or essence, we know it abounds in paradoxes and is shrouded in mystery. However, I do not wish to deal with the abstruse or metaphysical phase of this subject today, but rather to briefly present some practical thoughts and suggestions to you, and more especially to these students, who are here to perfect themselves for successful lives, and many of whom expect to enter or continue in the important, and I might almost say sacred calling of teaching the young. We look upon the pyramids, temples and monuments of earth with admiration and wonder. Christopher Wren, the great architect, who built St Paul's cathedral, making its erection his life work, is buried in the crypt, and inscribed thereon is this significant and beautiful epitaph: "If you seek his monument look around." But the work of the school teacher is more enduring than pyramids of stone or monuments of brass; is grander than even the life work of Christopher Wren. You write inscriptions upon the tablets of the heart and build with human lives.

We read history and biography not to learn of the physical man, but of his life as manifested by his acts and by the impress left upon the age in which he lives, and the result of his work upon future generations. When Robinson Crusoe saw the foot prints upon the shore of his lovely island, he knew that a being of his own species had been there, and yet how brief and ephemeral they were! The first sweeping wave or stirring breeze might obliterate them; but the foot prints referred to by Longfellow are spiritual or intellectual imprints which neither waves nor winds nor drifting years can blot out. But the life of man is dual in this important respect that every person has an outward or public life, and an inner or private life, which is not fully known by the world, and is often only dimly understood by its possessor. In that strange philosophical poem, the Essay on Man, Pope expressed a profound truth when he says:

"Know then thyself presume not God to scan
The proper study of mankind is man."

How little we really know of ourselves and how much less we know of those about us in every day life! What we see is only the shadow of the eagle upon the grass, what we hear is but the whisperings of the lofty pines or the murmur of distant waters.

"Within this daily life another life runs deep
Like some vast river its current flows,
Beneath this mask-life of death and sleep,
And sometimes its murmuring throes
On our ears the rhythmic echoes of its power;
Like far-off harmonies at twilight's hour."

We too often, in our judgement do great wrong to others because we do not understand them, and thousands fail of success in life because they do not understand themselves.

The life of a man is expressed by his acts and influence upon the world should spring outward from a well cultivated mind and a pure heart within, and not surround and cover a poor shrivelled mind and base heart, like a tinselled cloak over the wretched form of a diseased beggar. Environments and circumstances have a potential influence upon what the world calls success, and for that reason fatalism has had many believers in every age, and among all nature, but they have but little to do in making or marring our inner life. The doctrine that a blind fate rules and directs the destinies of nations and the lives of men is a dangerous heresy, and should especially be avoided by the young. Fate or what some call luck may give you wealth or place in life, but it cannot give a cultivated mind nor a pure heart, and therefore it cannot give you real happiness nor real success. Dare then to live a brave true life. Look not to the outward alone, but learn to know yourselves, your capabilities and your aspirations; form a bright ideal and strive to reach it. In this respect let your theories reach the stars though your halting feet may only reach the hill tops. The mere lapse of years is not life. To eat and drink and sleep and pace around in the tread-mill of habit is not life. In all this but a poor frac-

tion of the consciousness of humanity is awakened, and the sanctities still slumber which make it worth while to be. Knowledge, truth, love, beauty, faith, alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence. If you cultivate and secure these you have a fair domain within more lovely than the fabled valley of Rasselas. When Cyrus the distinguished founder of the Persian Empire, whose education is so minutely and graphically set forth by Xenophon, was asked what was the first thing he ever learned, he replied: "To tell the truth." Every teacher and every parent should remember that the first, leading and last lesson to be impressed upon the minds of the young is not only to tell the truth but to cherish admiration for it and live it. If this could be so then the outward and visible life would only be a reflection of the bright pure life within. Goethe, whose opportunities for observing men has seldom been exceeded, and who was possessed of rare discrimination has said, "It is not uncommon for men to be more ardently desirous of a noble recompense than studious to acquire the means of deserving it." Herein is seen the fatal mistake of multitudes of men of today. They fail to learn this lesson that the only sure way to succeed is to become deserving of success.

Only they who by patient painstaking and persevering labor, seek to fit themselves thoroughly for the faithful performance of the duties belonging to the positions to which they aspire, have any good reason to expect to attain them. Special excellence is an essential requisite for special prominence in any department of life, and there is no excellence without great labor. The general rule is that the unsuccessful are the underserving. But they are wont to excuse themselves and attribute failure to unfavorable conditions and unpropitious times after the manner of Hamlet:

"The time is out of joint; O cursed spite
That I was ever born to set it right."

I do not sympathize with the thoughts of T. Buchanan Read expressed in that deliciously dreamy unpractical poem—Drifting:

"My soul to-day
Is far away,
Sailing on the Vesuvian bay,
My winged boat,
A bird aloft,
Sails round the purple peaks remote."

But rather with the grand sentiments of Longfellow in that poetic gem, which I have thought reveals to us the secret of his own earnestness and success—Psalm of Life:

"Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.
Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

We are not destined to float and drift through life. There is a great work before us, and if we live up to our God-giving capacity we can make it sublime. The real causes of failure are interior, and not exterior; not in our condition, but in ourselves lie the mean impediments over which we cannot get the mastery. He who would win success must first become the master both of himself and his surroundings, and of time and things. He who has not the fortitude and courage to accomplish such a task, must relinquish all hope of ever attaining large success in any department of work. It is also a law of life that men succeed only according to their average ability. Here in school you test and mark scholarship by that rule and it holds good in the world's broad school. Hence it is of the first importance for those having an honorable ambition to excel, to secure for themselves a symmetrical development of character and intellect, and thus become full-orbed men. The lack of this has been a fatal obstacle to the progress of many men in every department of work. Conscious of great abilities in some elements of their being, they have ignored a corresponding degree of weakness and deficiency in other respects and hence their career has been a disappointment, both to themselves and to their friends; and the positions and honors they hoped to secure, have fallen to the lot of other men who, though less notable for marked ability in any one particular, have developed a well rounded symmetrical life.

This age wants men and women of broad roundabout common sense; of cultivated minds, sound bodies and symmetrical characters. For these we must look to our schools, and over and above the schools we must look to the teachers. Some one has said that the school teachers rule the world in this, that they rule the children, and the children rule the mothers and the mothers rule the fathers and the

fathers rule the world, and this is an epigrammatic statement carrying with it a good deal of truth. Napoleon Bonaparte when standing on the sands of Egypt in front of the Pyramids exclaimed, "Forty centuries are looking down upon us!" And the teachers of the present, while standing in the presence of their schools and looking upon the bright young faces before them might well exclaim, "We are looking forward over forty centuries." For the work which they are doing and shall do, will go down and be felt to the end of time. The Germans have a maxim that if you want a sentiment or principal to appear in the nation put it in the school. How important then that our schools should be presided over by those who are thoroughly trained for their work. The teacher of this age should have a comprehensive idea of the condition of modern thought in all its departments, and the power and skill and learning of a master in that which he assumes to teach. He should be able to go behind all text-books and manuals, make his own analysis of his subject; be capable of bringing out fresh and original conceptions of his field of study. But the profession is one of hard work and small pay, in a pecuniary sense, and many whose natural talents and dispositions fit them for teachers are unable to prepare themselves for the brightest and best work; what then? Why, the state should come in and assist them. This question was debated and settled as a principal long ago, but the extent of the assistance and manner of giving it is still a question. The states and the general government expend large sums of money every year in training soldiers and keeping up military organizations, to protect against armed foes; but there are dangers threatening us more deadly and more destructive than any armed foe which can come against us, that can only be kept back and over-come by proper education of the masses. Education in its full sense includes the right training of the moral faculties as well as the intellect and the state can afford to contribute liberally to support schools where teachers can be fitted and qualified to do the highest and best educational work. Whenever any great evil has fixed itself upon a nation unless it had moral force and intelligence to purge itself of the evil that nation has declined and died. Jacobinism in France, Chartism in England represented phases of thought in those countries, and Anarchism in the United States to-day is only a manifestation of the seething wicked thoughts of a portion of the people within our borders. This wicked lawless spirit is bred in saloons, in dance halls and haunts of sensuality and vice; it is fostered by Sunday picnics, Sunday parades, a general disregard of the laws of the land and the teachings of Christianity. And in view of the rapid increase of our population and the constant tendency of the ignorant toward vice and lawbreaking, we may still repeat the language of that bright example of American manhood, and earnest friend of education who said, "We must educate or we must perish." This being true we must have trained teachers and these teachers should go out to their labor fully prepared and equipped in head and heart to do the great work demanded of them. Thus they can succeed and reap a rich reward, in making the world wiser and better.

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