

CULTIVATE TRUE COURAGE.

Masterly Manliness is Only Acquired Through Communication with God. In the ordinary pursuits of life every profession, every avocation calls for the attainment of masterly manliness. The estimates have wrought untold injury. It makes a vast difference whether you measure a man by the square of a fencing master or the golden rule. Then society in general learns that stent leathered, kid gloved lechery is a despicable and dangerous as that which wears a meager garb, foul fiends will less frequently strow the shores of domestic seas with wreckage. On the other hand, when barehanded, sunburned genuineness shall be esteemed at its true worth, churches will cease to be aristocratic religious clubhouses and soul saving will be engaged in with heaven born zeal.

The thin veneer of external polish which will sometimes pass in a drawing room is not manliness. Genius is not manliness. Scholarly attainments do not constitute manliness. It involves first of all complete self control. It demands absolute freedom from mere conventionalities. It especially demands emancipation from fadism. It demands that first of all a soul shall be genuine. It necessitates direction and concentration of natural and acquired power. In large measure it calls for exhibitions of courage, a courage which no persecution, no witticism, no poison arrowed envy can conquer.

A masterly manliness which manifests itself in unrelenting determination, undying persistence, this is the high requisite to pre-eminent achievement in these days of vicious antagonists and licentious indulgence. Armor from the king's arsenal is offered and every equipment needed is furnished the knights of the cross.

Close communication with Prince Immanuel will impart heroic qualities to the honest and earnest of life. The fearless Gordon scored his triumphs less by the flag he carried than by the white handkerchief which lay each morning at the door of his tent, telling the soldiers that "Gordon and God were in communion."

Young men, masterly manliness is never secured by external applications, nor yet by rules and society regulations. The power which can produce it must be within. What can never be accomplished by artificial agencies may develop as naturally as the unfolding of the petals of the flower or the evolution of the seed. The power must be within. It is a matter of the whole soul. True religion, the religion of Jesus Christ, expresses itself in all those graces which go to constitute a manly man.

Have you ever observed the lifting of a ship in the drydock? How tremendous the power employed to raise one ship a single inch! But when the tide rises it lifts the navies of nations as easily as you would blow a bubble into the air. The combined intellectual and social forces of the world can never change a vicious boor into a refined gentleman. But the grace of God can do even this. Let in the water of life, admit the power of Jesus Christ and the elevation to masterly manliness is as natural and sure and mighty as the silent lifting of a forest from germinating seeds, or the uplift of all the navies of the world by the ocean tide.—Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Ph. D.

The True Mastery.

There are two sorts of mastery over men—one is exercised by lordship; the other is attained by ministry. The one is held by the accidents of power, wealth and position; the other is of personal power, a mastery not demanded, yet freely acknowledged. Two of the disciples requested that Christ would give them high place in his kingdom. Jesus replied by enunciating the law of elevation in his realm, "He that will be chief, let him be servant of all." This is the true mastery, best illustrated by Christ himself.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Not by the majesty of his divinity, not by the display of miraculous power, not by the authority of kingship, did Jesus assume mastery among men; but by serving men in a spirit of love, by sympathizing with them, by identifying himself with them in all their experiences, whether of joy or of sorrow. What mastery Lincoln exercised over men! Why? Not because of his position not on account of his intellectual superiority, but because he thrust himself like a strong arm beneath the needy and made all who came to him feel the tender might of his heart.

He became chief because he became servant of all, and this law of supremacy stated by Christ finds illustration right about us every day. Who have shaped and influenced your life? Are they not

those who have invested themselves for us? Who have given to our interests their constant endeavor? Their mastery we recognize when instinctively we turn to them in our overburdening cares and perplexities. Not to the most talented, to the wisest, but to those who have bound us to them by their self denying ministries we go in the crisis hours of life.—Christian Advocate.

The Best Will Prevail.

Since God guides the world, however fierce the battle and however confusing the chaos of opinions, the best and noblest thing will in the end prevail, and its idea in its right and perfect form stand clear at last and be recognized by all. And when all the ideas which are necessary for man to believe and act on have gone through this long series of experiments, and are known and loved by all, then will the race be perfect.—Stopford A. Brooke.

Truth Is Divine.

Truth is divine, and howsoever Her voice disturb the quiet air, He is a craven who for peace Shall bid that singing voice to cease.

Stand up! Be thou erect and free, Care not what others' paths may be; See only that thou faithful art To the clear voice within thy heart! —W. L. Jaquith.

Gough and the Cigars.

The least meddling with liquor or tobacco should be avoided. A famous temperance lecturer, who once in awhile indulged in a cigar, tells us that on one occasion he had engaged to attend a meeting of children. Before he went a friend said to him:

"I have some first rate cigars; will you take a few?"
"No, thank you."
"Do take half a dozen."
"I have nowhere to put them."
"You can put half a dozen in your cap."

I wore a cap in those days, and I put the cigars into it, and at the appointed time I went to the meeting. I ascended the platform and faced an audience of more than 2,000 children. As it was out of doors I kept my cap on for fear of taking cold, and I forgot all about the cigars! Toward the close of my speech I became much in earnest, and after warning the boys against bad company, bad habits and the saloons, I said:

"Now, boys, let us give three rousing cheers for temperance and cold water. Now then, three cheers. Hurrah!"

And taking off my cap I waved it most vigorously, when away went the cigars right into the midst of the audience. The remaining cheers were very faint, and were nearly drowned in the laughter of the crowd. I was mortified and ashamed, and should have been relieved could I have sunk through the platform out of sight. My feelings were still more aggravated by a boy coming up to the steps of the platform with one of those dreadful cigars, saying, "Here's one of your cigars, sir."

It is hardly possible to taste liquor or have anything to do with it without being found out. Indeed all secret sins sooner or later come to light.—Temperance Battlefield.

Alcohol as a Factor of Crime.

Alcohol as a brain poison is conspicuous as a factor of crime, says The National Temperance Advocate. This is strikingly illustrated in connection with the results of license and no license under local prohibitory legislation in the several states. Worcester, Mass., which licensed liquor saloons in 1891, is now without saloons, and recently completed the first month under the new regime of no license. It is stated that for the month of May, 1892, there were 238 arrests, of which number 128 were for drunkenness and 21 for keeping liquor. During the month of May, 1891, there were 293 arrests, of which number 415 were for drunkenness. These figures are full of significance as to the influence of alcoholic indulgence in relation to crime and the great practical value of the no license method of dealing with the drink traffic.

Rum's Awful Work.

Houston has had an object lesson which has startled the whole community. A young man under the influence of liquor and morphine murdered his mother and aunt in a drunken frenzy, cutting their throats with a razor. He was well educated and cultured, but whisky, morphine and their attendant evils have done their work, and now he occupies a felon's cell.

He was pure as morning dew,
As he knelt at his mother's knee.

Same Thing.

She did not want a bonnet new,
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—New York Herald.

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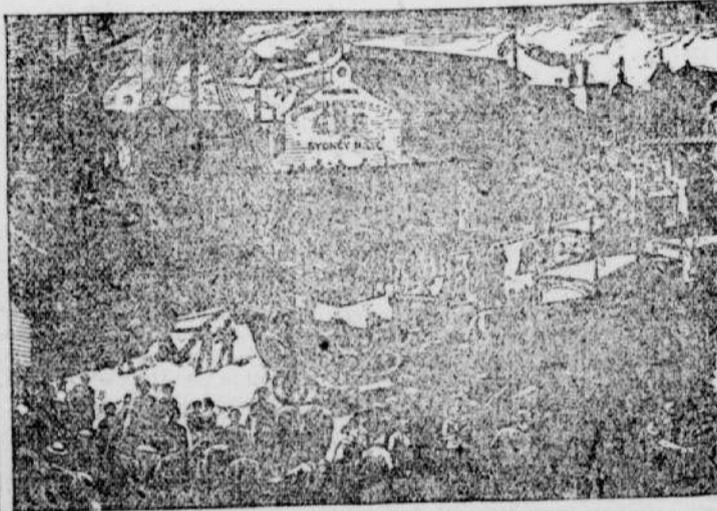
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