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ROOM AT THE TOP.

The following article from the pen of Dr. J. G. Holland, editor of "Scribner's Monthly" is recommended to the careful perusal of every young man:

To the young men annually making their entrance upon active life, with great ambitions, conscious capacities and high hopes, the prospect is, in ninety-nine cases in a hundred, most perplexing. They see every avenue to prosperity thronged with their superiors in experience, in social advantages, and in the possession of all the elements and conditions of success. Every post is occupied, every office filled, every path crowded. Where shall they find room? It is related of Mr. Webster that when a young lawyer suggested to him that the profession to which he had devoted himself was overcrowded, the great man replied: "Young man, there is always room enough at the top." Never was a wiser or more suggestive word said. There undoubtedly is always room enough where excellence lives. Mr. Webster was not troubled for lack of room. Mr. Clay and Mr. Calhoun were never crowded. Mr. Evarts, Mr. Cushing, and Mr. O'Connor have plenty of space around them.

The first years of every man's business or professional life are years of education. They are intended to be in the order of nature and Providence. Doors do not open to a man until he is prepared to enter them. The man without a wedding garment may get in surreptitiously, but he immediately goes out with a flea in his ear. We think it is the experience of most successful men who have watched the course of their lives in retrospect, that whenever they arrived at a point where they were thoroughly prepared to go up higher, the door to a higher place has swung back of itself and they have heard the call to enter. The old die, or voluntarily retire for rest. The best men who stand ready to take their places will succeed to their position and its honors and emoluments.

The young men will say that only a few will reach the top. That is true, but it is also true that the further from the bottom one goes, the more scattering the neighborhood. One can fancy for illustration, that every profession and every calling is pyramidal in its living constituency, and that while only one man is at the top, there are several tiers of men below him who have plenty of elbow-room, and it is only at the base that men are so thick that they pick the meat out of one another's teeth to keep them from starving. If a man has no power to get out of the rabble at the bottom, then he is self-condemned of having chosen a calling or profession to whose duties he has no adaptation.

The grand mistake that young men make during the first ten years of their business and professional life, is in idly waiting for their chance. They seem to forget, or they do not know, that during these ten years they enjoy the only leisure they will ever have. After ten years in the natural course of things they will be absorbingly busy. There will be no time for reading, culture, and study. If they do not become thoroughly grounded in the principles and practical details of their profession during those years; if they do not store their minds with useful knowledge; if they do not pursue habits of reading and observation, and social intercourse, which result in culture, the question whether they will ever rise to occupy a place where there is

room enough for them will be decided in the negative.

The young physicians and young lawyers who sit idly in their offices and smoke and lounge away the time, "waiting for something to turn up," are by that course fastening themselves for life to the low stratum, where their struggle for bare livelihood is to be perpetual. The first ten years are golden years, that should be filled with systematic reading and observation. Everything that tends to professional and personal excellence should be an object of daily pursuit. To such men the doors of success open of themselves at last. Work seeks the best hands, as naturally as water runs down hill; and it never seeks the hands of a trifle, or of one whose only recommendation for work is that he needs it.

In the realm of eminent acquisitions and eminent integrity there is always room enough. Let no young man of industry and honesty despair because his profession or calling is crowded. Let him always remember that there is room enough at the top, and that the question whether he is ever to reach the top, or rise above the crowd at the base of the pyramid, will be decided by the way in which he improves the first ten years of his active life in securing to himself a thorough knowledge of his profession and a sound moral and intellectual culture.

THE LARGEST OF AMERICAN FARMS. — "Miller & Lux are said to have 700,000 acres in California, an area nearly as great as the State of Rhode Island. There must be at least 400,000 acres in one body, running in a strip ten or twelve miles wide and sixty miles long from Hill's Ferry southward. The canal farm is, therefore, a very small proportion of it. It is covered with farm houses as well equipped in all respects as the canal farm. They own about 80,000 head of cattle, and last year their new-born calves numbered 25,000 head. Of sheep they have a vast number, as well as of hogs, and they furnish the largest share of fresh meat for the San Francisco market. They can start a herd from Kern county and drive it through to San Francisco, and good pasturage on their own land for the cattle to feed on every night on the route." — "Stockton Independent."

Curiosity in children is but an appetite after knowledge. I doubt not but one great reason why children abandon themselves wholly to silly pursuits, and trifle away all their time insipidly, is because they find their curiosity balked, and their inquiries neglected. — Locke.

The forthcoming report of the Commissioners of Internal Revenue will show that last year Ohio paid over 15,000,000 of the revenues collected. New York for a similar period, paid \$14,291,301. Illinois heads the list with 21,000,000, with Ohio second.

Massachusetts Republicans desire that the result of the late election in that State be accepted as an unequivocal endorsement of the Administration and the President's Southern policy.

Pittsburg has 73 glass factories, 33 iron rolling mills, 8 steel rolling mills, 7 white lead factories, and 29 oil refineries, and the coal mines tributary to this market number 158.

John W. Young's property has been seized by the United States Marshal on a judgement obtained against him by a Pennsylvania bank.

The Fishing Commission, sitting at Halifax, has awarded Great Britain five and a half million dollars as against the United States.

The Third National bank of Chicago has suspended; resources \$1,746,907; liabilities \$2,742,907.

Tarophile papers demand that England shall declare war at once against Russia.

Germany is urging Belgium to accept a German Protectorate.

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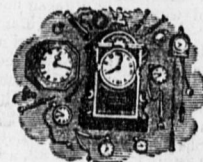
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