

THE BOY WHO IS LOOKING AHEAD.

Foundations for Future Greatness Laid in Boyhood—Every To-Morrow Lives in Today—Men who Have Achieved Distinction as Surgeons, Journalists and Merchants Showed Their Tendencies When Boys.

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People have been telling you that you must think of the future ever since you left the primary school. This advice forms the burden of platform speeches from school superintendents and visiting friends, and very often boys hear it and forget it as soon as the words are spoken.

To look ahead is not natural to a boy, unless he is ambitious and has early made up his mind what he means to be when he reaches manhood. You know that you have plenty to do at present, and your life is full of interest about the things of today. To-morrow has not yet cast its spell over you. In fact you sometimes feel a good deal bored when you are asked whether you intend to be a doctor, a lawyer, a journalist, a farmer or a business man in the days that are to come. You have not decided until you shall be older. It is not the easiest thing in the world for a boy to look very far ahead.

Still, every boy has his thoughtful moments. People are not as fair as they should be to boys. Under the gay surface the boy feels stirring within him desires and purposes of which those around him often have not the faintest suspicion. These desires and beginnings of purpose are occasional, and do not occupy much of the foreground. They are in the back of a boy's mind, and when the right time comes they influence him and make themselves felt as factors in what he means to do and to be.

Tennyson founded a true note when he wrote a poem to the melody of "Follow the Glean."

In boyhood, if ever, there should be the dawning of that inner sense which gives one visions of things unseen by the practical and literal person who must weigh and measure everything in actual scales. "Follow the Glean," if it is not yet your motto, may be your motto when you are in college, or later when you have entered the busy world of men.

Longfellow struck the same chord in his famous lyric, "Excelsior," which every schoolboy knows by heart.

"The youth who bore through snow and ice

The banner with the strange device," is as familiar to you as your next door neighbor. I wonder whether you do not want to belong to his company, to storm difficult heights as he did, and send down from some white peak the ringing cry "Excelsior!"

Let me tell you that whether you are aware of it, or whether it has never occurred to you, the boys who look ahead, who follow the gleam, who make Excelsior their watchword, are the boys who are to be in the van to achieve distinction and win success.

Every boy has in him the germ of the man he is to be. The leaders set about making themselves great when they were boys at school. Napoleon as a student in the military school laid the foundation for his magnificent campaigns. Macaulay in his insatiable reading and tireless ardor of study, prepared himself to be the future historian while he was yet a mere boy. Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, each in his degree was looking ahead during the period of his preparation for life.

You see it is with us very much as if we were travelers setting out on an unknown road. We can make ready, to a certain extent, for whatever we find on our journey, but we must take some chances; we cannot tell what a day may bring forth. Every to-morrow lives in to-day. If we are clean, strong, conscientious and resolute to-day, we need not fear anything that may come to us to-morrow. The three periods, yesterday, to-day and tomorrow are all that time gives us, and they all affect our destiny.

When I saw a friend of mine, just past 15, taking care with tenderness and wisdom of a poor, forlorn dog that had broken its leg, when I noticed the skill with which the leg was set, and the care and pains that were bestowed on it, I said to myself, "Here is a future surgeon." I was right. Even then the boy had begun to look ahead, and the profession that attracted him has no member more single-hearted and true worthy.

When I see a boy willing to rise early and sit up late that his work may be well done for the classroom, when I see, too, a bent toward science or mathematics or literature, I am pretty sure a man a future professor or journalist is not far from me.

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Very few boys have much patience with preaching, and I do not want you to think that I am preaching to you. This is not what I want to do. I want you to do your work as well as you can without slighting it, while you are a boy. I want you to pay with all your might when it is time for the game. Look ahead to this extent, that you will be prepared to be honest, thorough and efficient in any line you may choose, or in any line that chooses you by and by.

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STOPPED THE OVATION.

Richard Wagner's Peculiar Experience in Vienna.

When Wagner was at the height of his popularity he visited Vienna. Baron von Beust, then chancellor of the empire, was informed that the Prussian party intended to give him an immense serenade—a serenade which would have the air of German protest against the tendency of the ministry to make the union of Hungary and Austria more intimate. The demonstration promised to arouse strong feeling.

"Your excellency is warned," said the chancellor's advisers. "It is impossible to stop this manifestation unless Wagner goes away, and he loves ovations too well. Nothing will induce him to depart."

"You think so," said Beust, with a smile.

An hour later Wagner was invited to dine with the chancellor. He was flattered by the invitation and accepted it. After dinner, at which Beust was delightfully affable and entertaining, the chancellor remarked: "Herr Wagner, are you interested in autographs? I have some very curious ones to show you." And he opened a portfolio where were letters of Palmerston, Bismarck, Napoleon III., Helme and others.

Suddenly turning to a paper, dated 1848, he said: "Ah, look at this. It is very curious. What would your friend his highness the king of Bavaria say if this paper, which would be significant in connection with the political serenade which the Germans are going to give you, should be published tomorrow in the Vienna papers?"

The composer examined the paper and recognized, with surprise, an old proclamation of one Richard Wagner, an ardent revolutionist in 1848, had proposed to the youth of that time to set fire to the palace of the king of Saxony. He saw his autograph and that it might be the means of getting him into serious trouble.

"Very curious, is it not, Herr Wagner?" said the minister.

"Very curious, your excellency," replied his guest.

The next morning Richard Wagner left Vienna, recalled to Baireuth by urgent business.—Strand Magazine.

MAKING WAMPUM.

A Process That Requires Both Patience and Skill.

With certain tribes wampum is still highly prized and necklaces are worn by men, women and children when they are the fortunate possessors of them. To make wampum various kinds of shells are used, white and those having a lavender hue being most prized.

The thin shells are broken into little pieces and by aid of nippers are made as nearly round as possible. When such pieces are drilled in the center, the old time fire-kniding style of drill being used, the shells are then strung and rolled with the hand on a flat stone, which grinds them until they are smooth and even.

Comparatively few Indians among those who prize wampum beads most highly have the skill or patience to make them, even though they had the materials. The fact is there are but few wampum bead makers in the country, and it often happens that long pilgrimages must be made to secure the requisites for really fine beads, and, as with the white man's trinkets, that which is "far fetched and dear bought" is most sought after for ornamentation.

Around some of the ancient ruins in the southwest the little disks of wampum are often found in the sand, and it is probable that they were deposited in the graves in very early times and washed out or exposed by the wind's action. These ruins are in the best state of preservation of any in the country. Absolutely nothing is known of their builders, and the origin of these ruins was as much a mystery when Coronado first saw them in 1540, when he made his famous invasion, as it is to the people of the present day.—Indian's Friend.

Oxygen and Mushrooms.

A singular way of removing oxygen from the air by the aid of a plant is as follows: Inside a glass bell jar, suspended over water, is placed a mushroom, and sunlight is allowed to fall upon the plant. The mushroom absorbs the oxygen from the air in the jar, and the carbonic acid formed during the process is absorbed by the water, which gradually rises in the jar to one-fourth of its height. The mushroom now dries up, but its animation is only suspended, as may be proved by introducing beside it a green plant, when it will recommence to vegetate, being nourished by the oxygen exhaled from the fresh plant.

Hope.

"Mr. Merchant," said the new clerk, preparing to ask for more money, "I think I understand the business pretty well now, and"

"Yes?" interrupted his employer. "Well, keep at it four or five years. Perhaps you'll understand it then as well as you think you do now."—Philadelphia Press.

Taking Papa Down.

First Daughter—Oh, papa, dear, two young men we've met down here have asked us to marry them. Father—They'd better see me first. Second Daughter—Oh, they've seen you, papa, and they love us notwithstanding.

A Fashion Note.

Doctor (to female patient)—You've got a slight touch of fever. Your tongue has a thick coat. Patient (excitedly)—Oh, doctor, do tell me how it fits!

Reading is thinking, with some one else's head instead of one's own.—Schoenhauser.

Blackburn Dead as a Door Nail.

The downfall of Representative Blackburn gives Republican State Chairman Adams undisputed control of federal patronage in the State. Blackburn has headed out the federal patronage in the Eighth district for the past six years, but he is no longer considered a factor in the North Carolina Republican equation by officials here. It is stated that the Post-office Department has already begun to refer contests over post-offices in the Eighth district to Chairman Adams. This action is most unusual, for retiring Republican Congressmen who are succeeded by Democrats are generally granted the privilege of making patronage recommendations.

Blackburn has admitted during the past few weeks that he never had any idea of contesting the election of Dick Hackett. In justification of his conduct he said that he could not afford to quit cold. In making his bluff over a contest the belief prevails here that he thought such a course of action would help him in his application for a federal appointment. No well-informed person in Washington has any idea that Blackburn will be able to land a federal job.—Pros. J. PEXCE.

Harvesting Sugar Cane.

Sugar cane crops are harvested by hand in Cuba no successful machinery having been devised for this. The cane cutters sever the stalk from the roots just below the ground so as to leave the root protected. It is not necessary to plant new cane for a number of years. As each crop is cut off another appears. This is kept up to good ground for ten, fifteen or more years. Field hands transfer the cut cane to the ox carts, drive it into the field, then it is taken to a scale, weighed and transferred to cars on a switch of the railroad.—The Travel Magazine.

The lumber plant of Whitcomb and Owen, the Johnson Publishing Company and the Southern Paper Company, of Richmond, Va., were destroyed by fire last Thursday. The loss is placed at \$332,000.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

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