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REVERENCE FOR GREAT WRITERS.

I wish to give you a hint about reading. All the great writers should be approached with a certain reverence. That is, you should say, "There is something great about them whether I see it or not; I must try to see what it is." If you do not see it, try again. You may ultimately fail. Few people are so large-minded as to admire all that is admirable, and sham admiration is dishonest. But in that case, blame yourself for the failure, and turn all the more earnestly to study what you do admire—what you do see the beauty of. When you read criticisms ask yourself, "Do I agree with this?" and, if not, find out your reasons. I want you so much to think for yourself—to be not presumptuous but independent in your judgment. And I should like you to fall in love with some great writer. That is the true liberal education.

The kindness of silence is great when it withholds the angry speech in reply to vexing words, the bit of current scandal in regard to a neighbor, or when it ends the discussion of an unwholesome topic.

The narrowest street in the world is Webster Avenue in Boston, which is only seven feet wide. One hundred families live on the block.

If there is any person for whom you feel dislike that is the person of whom you ought never to speak.—R. Cecil.

DEPLETION

Every alert business corporation sets aside an annual fund to provide against depletion. From a mine coal is taken, leaving just that much less coal behind.

The supply is never inexhaustible.

Some day the end of the vein or veins will be reached and there will be no more coal mine.

New mines must be found—much money spent in the hunt for them.

If they cannot be found, the company must go out of business.

So the depletion fund is maintained so that at the end of a certain period the operations of a certain number of years will have shown a profit.

There are many businesses which, as far as can be seen at present, will continue on indefinitely.

But the machinery must be kept up, there must be provision for the constant training of new men to step in and do the work when others die or lose their usefulness.

Too often the individual suffers steady depletion without any provision for replacement and repairs.

If he remains in good health he can continue to work for a long time—for the mind will remain healthy if it is kept in good condition and housed in a healthy body.

There are many men and women who are worth more to themselves and to the world at 60 than they were at 40.

But they are exceptions.

Energy is hard to keep up after the years are extended.

And unless some sort of fund is maintained for depletion there is nothing to look forward to save dependent old age, one of the most terrible things in all life.

Of late doctors are teaching people to provide against physical depletion, to keep their minds in sound bodies so that they will still be earners in old age.

To do both, to lay away a little against accidents or illness and still to keep sufficiently healthy, to keep on working to the end, is the best way.

Cooperation between the banker and the doctor in teaching people to care for themselves and their money is doing a great deal toward removing the terrors from old age and thus is increasing human happiness.

BE SLOW TO TAKE OFFENSE

The bigger a person is, figuratively speaking, the slower he is to take offense. One who is always getting angry with one acquaintance and then another proves how small he is. Some persons take offense so easily that their friends are always hurting them in one way or another without intending to. It is understood among their acquaintances that they must be handled carefully—like dynamite.

The hardest work in the world is that which accomplishes least. It is natural law that the larger the result, the less must be the work. Less effort, less time, with more efficiency, gets double and treble the production of wealth for use. Work should be measured not by the motions it makes, but by what it gets done.