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Success

You know, often we hear a man raving about what a success he has been, or what a success his friend has been; and we sometimes wonder just what that success is. Success is not what you win, but how you win it. There is no prize in life, no reward that is worth one low deed. There is no compensation for dishonesty, even though that dishonesty be not revealed. There can never be true success that is founded upon a foundation that is made of lies and deceit and cruel deeds. The greatest successes of life come often through apparent failure. The man who makes a million dollars and ruins his soul and the souls of all he touches is not a success in any eyes save his own. His life is a failure that is worse than failure; it is ruin. To live this life simply, to take the fruits that we have earned simply and with honor, to take our losses smiling, even though it hurts—that is success. Success can never be measured in the results but in the motives and methods employed to get results. Oh, yes, the world looks at results, but you can see what the world fails to see, and if you see there nothing that you would not have the world see, then you are a success, and until then you had best not be too bold. W. C. C.

Procrastination

Procrastination, or just plain laziness, to put it bluntly, is not only the thief of time but of genius. The things that are planned and never completed don't count in these times of results. There is no limit to the mind of man save in the activities of that mind. The only limitations that are placed on it are placed at the behest of the man himself. All too often the student who is the best equipped mentally for a certain work fails to do it as it should be done simply because he put it off, and when he finally did get around to it he was in too big a hurry to deal with it properly. That is what causes the brilliant student to often lag far behind the plodder. It is a fact that the brighter the student the more apt he is to procrastinate. When a student knows that he must work in order to pass, he will be more apt to study than the pupil who is brilliant enough to pass with very little study. The ones who have accomplished the most in the world, though they were endowed with average intellect, are the ones who have trained their minds by study and concentration to be keen and alert. These minds are kept constantly alert to respond to each problem as they should.

Seeking the Truth

Seek the truth! Seek the truth about all things. In this day and in this age there is propaganda of all kind being spread. There are statements that we have heard from childhood. There are things in our lives that have influenced us from an early age. There are ideas that have been instilled into our very beings. We got many of them from our mothers, many from companions, many from other sources. But because we have had these ideas all these years is no reason we have to hold to them. Some of them are good. Many are not true. We will be broadened, strengthened, and life will be more worthwhile if we seek the truth about all things. Search for it; don't be content to live longer without it. And when you have sought the truth it may be that things you have clung to from childhood will shatter. But in the discovery that some of your beliefs are not correct, be sport enough to be glad that you have at least found the truth.

Class Privileges

The members of each class have certain privileges granted to them. Those who granted the privileges knew what was best for us. We have rules for the good of the school. Many of them were made as a result of someone's failing to appreciate the privileges somewhere in the past. Let's all think seriously about these things and be on our guard at all times in order that we may not betray the confidence placed in us. The privileges are ours to enjoy as long as we seem to appreciate them, so let's use them properly.

An Open Letter

Nashville, Tenn., September 30. Dear Teachers and Students:

The purpose of this letter is not to get a good opinion formed, to "broadcast" or advertise myself; I only love you, and since I cannot write you individually I ask if I may express myself about my school and its work through your college paper. I have not only fallen in love with the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School and my work in particular, but also with Nashville and the location of her schools in general. Nashville is a city of some 185,000 people. Even though our school is two or three miles from the business section of town the only disagreeable feature at present is the dense smoke during the early morning. I wonder some mornings until about nine o'clock whether I am living in a fog, clouds or just smoke. Nashville is a very bee-hive for education. The Y school is between and adjacent to George Peabody and Scarritt College for Teachers. Just across the street, and alongside these three schools, lies the large and beautiful Vanderbilt campus. When one looks at their large medical school and their well-equipped hospital he is led to say that theirs is the coming Johns Hopkins of the South, and if Vanderbilt's Theological Library is any medium of measurement their School of Religion must be one of the very best.

I am matriculated in the Y.M.C.A. Graduate School, but will be doing some work with affiliated institutions. At present I have two courses here and two over at Vanderbilt. The two here are Physical Education and (2) Sociology. The two at Vanderbilt are Hygiene and Prevention of Diseases, and Anatomy.

The physical education course is various physical activities in the gymnasium as: pramid building, tumbling, parallel work, marches, drills, club work, and calisthenics. The anatomy is a study of the human body; while hygiene is a study of public health in general and of contagious and non-contagious diseases and their prevention in particular. At present we are studying smallpox and hydrophobia. My sociology is a study of life in a typical community with its comon, every-day problems.

Every Y.M.C.A. graduate student has to work twenty-eight hours a week to help defray his school expenses. My weeks are divided into a regular schedule. Eight hours is in the building at the telephone switchboard and at the front desk. I detested the switchboard work very much before beginning, but somehow I'm enjoying the work now and am gaining valuable experience. No work is valueless however little the task or however remote it might be from your own field of work. Another eight hours of work is with the Blakemore Methodist Church boys. A Baptist working in a Methodist church? Yes! Why let denominationalism or creed hinder? We should all be a big army, working as one, serving the Lord. This work at Blakemore includes the leading of the boys' play activities on Saturday afternoon or night, generally in the "Y" gymnasium, and the teaching of their Sunday School class at their church on Sunday morning. They want football at present for their physical activity. In the between times we have already planned the following recreations: picnics, opossum hunts and fishing parties. During my remaining fourteen hours another physical student and I will be down in the locker room and in the gymnasium working with the "Faculty Health Club." This Club is composed of not only Y.M.C.A. Graduate School professors but also of those in the nearby institutions. A part of our time will be given to aiding in their exercise, swimming, and games; then part to massaging their bodies, electrical baking of sores and bruises, ultraviolet ray treatment, etc.

Besides these twenty-eight hours of manual labor a week the physical majors have the opportunity, as far as they have time, of officiating at various inter-athletic games during the school year. Only Friday another physical student and I were given the Central High-Franklin High football game to work. What money we can make at this kind of work, usually ten dollars per game, is ours. My! how that helps. We hope to do a game every week or two here among

the various high and prep schools of Nashville.

Our meals are served cafeteria style. Five-dollar meal tickets are issued and placed in our mail boxes each week. The average student eats twenty-five to thirty dollars worth of food per month.

Our Y.M.C.A. building is very nice, roomy, and well arranged. Every activity is carried on within the one building. Besides what you see in a regular "Y" we have an auditorium, classrooms, dormitory space for over a hundred students, three big gymnasiums and a standard-size swimming pool. All rooms for the students are single, but very nice and well furnished. Each is furnished with a walnut dresser, table, rocker, and straight chair. The floors are cement, with a foot-light as well as overhead light in each room. Within is also found window curtains for the double windows, a rug, and clean linen.

I have had several people ask me why I did not go to Columbia, Illinois, or other university for my physical training. No doubt I would finish there a more highly trained technician, a more finished product in physical development. Here the classes are small, rotation or repetition in the same activity is rapid, contact is more ready, and actual practice work is had, since the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School directs all the physical education of the Vanderbilt students, both boys and girls. Then what would a highly trained technician at Columbia be worth at graduation if he cannot interpret and apply the principles of the Christian religion? Besides the unusually high type of fellowship manifested here, character development goes hand in hand with body development.

I extend my regards and hope for you and Mars Hill College the happiest and most profitable year ever. My heart is in the work. May His blessings be upon you as you try to serve him through the college.

Most sincerely, J. Frank Furches, Y.M.C.A. Graduate School, Nashville, Tenn.

Thoughts for Boys

There are many things ahead that you can strive for—many things that even fools can win. But ask yourself what goods are worth the gaining. Because everyone of you has strength inside you, you will not wish to waste your substance. And, when you ask yourself this question, there will come, like the sap to the limbs of a tree, from within not without, something that tells you in so many other words, "Seek Manhood. If riches will help you, use them; if poverty your goal is Manhood. For all things will depart from you, like flesh off your bones, when the end comes; but your Manhood is the robe of your Soul, shielding it from shameful will assist you, us that; but be sure waste. J.

And then there's the Scotchman who bought a lifetime fountain pen in his baby's name.

ARS POETAE

School for Chaperons

Anonymous

Since schools to teach one this or Are being started every day I have a plan, a notion pat Of one which I am sure would pat

'Twould be a venture strictly new, No shaking up of dusty bones; How does the scheme appeal to you? A regular school for chaperones!

One course would be to dull the ear, And one would be to dim the eye, So whispered love they'd never hear And glance coquettish never spy;

They'd be taught somnolence, and Ofttimes closed eye for sleep alone Had I a million, I'd endow A regular school for chaperones!

The Literary Societies at Mars Hill College

No factor in college activities more important or has more reaching benefits than close attendance at, and participation in, the literary society work.

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In the literary society program splendid opportunity is afforded members to engage in debates, present talks on various topics, to make addresses. This training is invaluable, and every member of the literary societies should take this part of college work seriously and participate eagerly in all the doings of his or her particular society.

"So you think it would be foolish to marry a girl who is my mental inferior?" "No. Impossible."

The foliage on the hillsides is beginning to take on its fall coloring, and from now until the fall nature's handiwork will be at its best.

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Paragraphics

Black and Blue and Gold. Those boys are fighting for you! Let's see you fight for them. Last week's game was lost, but that's past. Tomorrow is another day and another game. Let's go, students! Back that team!

The first month has turned back into that space reserved for such things and exam time is here. A lot of us are going to fail this first month. We may as well face the facts as they are presented to us. Merely because we are failing this first month does not mean that we are going to fail the other eight. Take a grip and "keep everlastingly at it."

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