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THE UNFOLDING OF LIFE AND APPROACH OF OLD AGE

Great Pleasure and Benefit to Parents Just to Watch That Little Infant Grow and Develop

THE CHARACTER OF THE CHILD IS OUTLINED BY ITS PARENTS

Every Young Man stands at the Open Gates of Life and Must Enter in, Serve and Pass Out

The following is taken from the Cleveland Star and is an essay written by Miss Johnnie May McBrayer of Boiling Springs. It won the Selma C. Webb essay medal.

Infancy is the brief morning hour which precedes the busy day. It may be grand and beautiful and afterward only be dark and threatening or it may be bleak and dreary and at last break forth into full glory of the beautiful summer day. Infancy, the morning hour! How beautiful it is! How filled with great responsibilities. An immortal soul commences its existence and this little spirit begins to note the passing hours. Infancy has its hours of anxiety and trials for the parents but it also has its hours of compensating joys. A sense of responsibility fills the parents' hearts as they realize that in their hands and under their influence is to be molded a character. That they are the ones to carefully watch the unfolding of life, the development of a soul.

Infants influence others. Oft times they are found to influence the whole destiny of a man. Sometimes the feeble clasp of an almost helpless hand is strong enough to turn evil men from the road of ruin. Infants are beams of light, fountains of love. They brighten the home, deepen love and vivify and sustain the charities of life.

Pass into Childhood

They now pass like fleeting moments into childhood, which time seems to us the happiest season of life. It is the season of joy, bliss, strength and pride, but yet this is the time when they receive those impressions or contracts those habits that impel them towards the good and true or towards the evil and false.

A child's soul is without character. It is an existence beautiful and spotless. It is the chart of a man yet to be filled with the elements of a character. These are first outlined by the parents. The soul is soft and the lines they make are not easily erased. It is in childhood that the mind is most open to impressions. The first things continue always with the first joy or the first failure, the first achievement of the first misfortune, pain the foreground of life. The gleeful laugh of children is the best home music and the graceful figures of childhood are the best statuary. Someone has said that the man or woman who has never tried the companionship of a little child has passed over one of the greatest pleasures of life.

The Noon-tide of Life

Children go rapidly forward on their great career. They enter the noontide of life—the life of plans and actions. There is no phase of life more outstanding for good or evil than that of a manhood or womanhood.

Young men should carefully consider what is meant by manhood. When the sun is beaming upon him and when it seems the brightest he should then resolve to have some aim in life. It is the aim that makes the man. At this period he is standing at the open gates of active life. Here he catches the first glimpse of responsibilities in store for him. Every young man should go forward in life with the steady determination to do all the good he can and to leave the world better by his having lived in it. There is within the man an uprising of lofty sentiments, which contribute to his elevation. Though there are many obstacles in the way and many difficulties to overcome, yet with a great determination and truth as his watchword and a noble character he may crown himself with everlasting honors.

Not only can a young man ascend to higher ideals but it should be the desire of every young woman to possess true womanhood. She should have some set purpose in life but should know first what she is, what she is capable of doing and what fields of pleasure and profits are available to her. When she has carefully considered these things, she should set the high purpose of being a true woman and make every instance bend to her will for this unequalled accomplishment. Woman has a power in her moral influence which when developed makes her queen over a wide realm. The work she accomplishes will last forever; the world is moved and civilization moved by the silent influence of a woman. We cannot over-estimate her powers of moral and religious influence.

Evening Approaches

How rapidly the days of manhood and womanhood pass by. The time when the cheery smiles are so many signs of happiness. The day is so fleeting that noontide unconsciously passes into the evening of life. The time of calm repose and holy meditation. Childhood dreams are put away and God's wishes are being fulfilled. It is now that the thoughts of man and woman should be most valuable. They can profit by experiences of the past and foretell the rewards of the future. The evening of life is regarded by some as a dreary season but experiences show us that it is filled with consolations and delights. There is nothing unpleasant in old age.

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- Flatwheeler.—A young man whose idea of entertaining a girl is to take her for a walk.
- Dum-dora.—A stupid girl.
- Brooksey Boy.—A good dresser, or an overdressed young man.
- Given the air.—When a girl or a fellow is thrown down on a date.
- Lollygagger.—A young man addicted to attempts at halfway spooning.
- Did I was.—An exclamation of approval.
- Lowlid.—The opposite of highbrow.
- Smudger.—One who does all the close-fitting dance steps.
- Lens-louse.—A person given to monopolizing the conversation.
- Cluck.—A girl who dances clumsily.
- Dew-dropper.—A young man who does not work, sleeps all day, and gets up at 6 p. m.
- Princess Mary.—A girl who is soon to be married.
- Goofy.—To be in love with or attracted to. “I'm goofy about Jack.”
- Jammed.—Intempered, bolognied, pie-eyed, puffed, shot, shellacked, canned, out like a light, stewed, to the tat, potted, jiggered, tanked.
- Goof.—A fellow, a sap, a guy, a fish, a bird.—New York World.

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