

you may help to mould public opinion and help to shape the destinies of your fellow-men. But however self-reliant, there will be hours of trial and disappointment, times when your hopes and inspirations will be defeated. When you meet with the grief and disappointments so sure to confront you, do not grow despondent, and throwing down your burdens seek refuge in idleness and inactivity. In spite of discouragements ever let perseverance and purity be the laws of your life.

Very much lies in the beginning of one's career as is shown by the frequency with which we have occasion to question the wisdom of some one in the selection of a profession or a pursuit. A glance about you will but confirm the truthfulness of the statement. We see men whose lives have been blasted by disappointed hope or ambition; men who have been allured into a profession by the false notion that it will dignify and ennoble, and who after accomplishing nothing find that they are not adapted to the profession, and realize that they are doomed to hopeless inferiority.

With such a possibilities spread before us we should escape such a fate. Follow your own inclinations and tastes, and in choosing a career, be alive to the fact that no calling can elevate you, but you must elevate your calling and yourself with it. We are now enjoying advantages never before offered young men, therefore much is expected of us. If we but master the problems of this generation there will follow an era of steady progress in every variety of active enterprise, in useful industries and business interests which constitute the most vital elements that figure in the estimates of a great and enlightened people. In conclusion I beseech you to remember the words of King Arthur in Tennyson :

“To lead sweet lives in purest chastity ;  
 To love one maiden only, cleave to her  
 And worship her by years of noble deeds  
 Until you win her; for indeed I know  
 Of no more subtle master under heaven  
 Than is the maiden passion for a maid  
 Not only to keep down the base in man  
 But teach high thoughts and amiable words,  
 And courtliness, and desire of fame,  
 And love of truth, and all that makes a man.”