

merit. He may be a quiet boy, a boy who has his future course mapped out and who cares for little else than to silently pursue his way tending to his own business and expecting everybody else to do the same. He is a silent constant force that will in the course of time produce its effect. We look at the man maybe and he meets us with the same simple unaffected expression that he has worn all through life, then wonder where there can be anything great in such a puny piece of flesh, but unless we are close observers we always expect great forces and great effects to be accompanied by noise and bluster while reflecting shows us that the greatest and most powerful forces in the universe are the most silent and noiseless. Again there are many fellows that are thought to be modest deserving fellows that are really good for nothing lazy chumps, a sort of negative characters, so to speak, that have no special will power of their own but just join in with the crowd. They have many friends simply because they never oppose anybody in anything, but good or evil always join in with the crowd. They are like the negative element nitrogen feebly united with most anything but remaining with nothing. The presence of such an element may be necessary but it is a sure sign of moral decay. These have good reputation but not character. It really requires considerable courage to do anything wrong, it requires strong will and vigorous strokes to stem the tide of popular opinion. There are men who for various reasons court popular opinion, and it is doubtful whether or not the men whom the world counts greatest are really the greatest. They may be said to be those who best represent and conform to the wishes of the age. But as popular sentiment, the mediocre, is always to a greater or less extent imperfect and contaminated men that represent it are not the best nor the ones that possess the greatest amount of courage of the age.

There is a class of boys lazy, good for nothing fellows that go through life like a machine, they mechanically live at present and dream of the future. Good fellows, yes truly good for nothing, to many minds a boy that has some vices if