

I believe it is Mark Twain who tells us of a man who had worn out two or three consciences and was then using a threadbare one; what of the man who has come here to get a character or to hide one that is from ill usage already threadbare? Plainly, this will be no place for him. Why, the gray uniform in which he expects to disguise himself, if he stays here long enough to put it on, will be the very means to make him known.

But, the studies—the mathematics, the chemistry, the languages, the mechanics, the agricultural topics and applied science—now are these to be effectual in developing a man's individuality? What have they to do with character? I answer again. It is not what you get here that is to make you a man, but it is the discipline of what you are already and of what you bring here that will tell upon your wellfare now and hereafter. (Do you think that the putting on of that uniform, and the gift of a gun, and the learning to move in military procession at a given command, make soldiers of you? No, and that is not the intention of those exercises. If they do not reach the inner life in their efforts, so as to make you alert in conscience, dignified in temperament, true in motive, ready for the prosecution of honest arms brave enough to retreat when moral ruin is ahead, you might drill in them from now till Doomsday and not possess the first element of the soldier. Just so, your mental capacities are the tools of your moral character, and these studies with which you are now to busy yourselves are the grinding, sharpening, molding, strengthening processes which you apply to those tools. You bring here with you, for example, an unformed reasoning power. These instructions show you how to use it in laboratory work, black-board work, mental work that has stood the test of experience. As moral agents, fighting for right and contending against wrong, you will use that tool reason hereafter at every turn of life's pathway. So, again, we try to harmonize your imaginations, your emotional nature your likes and dislikes, with what is pure and true and benevo-

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