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My Help.

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Man, be he a builder of mansions or digger of potatoes, is a dependent creature. No one stands independent of all others. Dependence, if rightly placed, instead of being a weakness is the finest trait in manhood. Weak limbs and timid hearts are surrounded in coats of steel, timid hearts pulsate with renewed assurance, and flabby muscles harden into unbreakable resistance. Lack of dependence makes cowards and criminals.

There is nothing more profitable to learn than the lesson of intelligent dependence in the school of life. Many lives are overcast and darkened with doubts, suspicions, distrusts and despair as the result of an ignorant dependence. Paper clothing may be very beautiful. It is beautiful while the sun shines but after a shower leaves us a little embarrassed. The man who starts into a swollen Jordan expecting the waters to divide must have a strong dependence unless he desires to be immersed without ceremony. Jack may trust in his brau ~~gold~~ wine to take him to the moon if he wishes but for wide awake men and women that will never do.

Man must have some branch from which he may suspend his rope of life. The failures of life result from a misplaced dependence.

When first naturally looks to the hills of this life. <sup>for the hills</sup> are big and strong and within them are veins of precious ore. But we throw myself upon them. I am now looking for present help - not aware of the tremendous subterranean commotion that will break forth in earthquake or volcano and destroy me. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills."

The hills that ~~you~~ rise up with beckoning hands before all are localth, Position, popularity and Learning. Each one is crying out to you today bartering for your dependence. And the one that gets your dependence gets also your life.

Money is a necessary article and we must have enough of it to pay our way. Unless the Lord has given you a talent to amass wealth and gives you also the grace to dispense wealth for His glory, by all means turn your back upon it - I do did Christian and Hopeful. For the love of gain ~~the~~ Achan stole a silver wedge, ~~the~~ Hameor and Shuchem were destroyed by reason of their covetousness; Gehazi told a lie and was cursed with leprosy; Pharisees pretended pity; Simon thought to purchase the power of Holy Spirit and Judas Iscariot betrayed the only righteous person that ever lived on this earth, the Christ. "In <sup>coltan</sup> proportion as ~~the~~ ~~the~~ grow more corrupt, the more disgrace will they attach to poverty & the more respect to wealth." The desire for more money is the curse of this day. Beware that you place not your dependence on it.

"He that trusteth in riches shall fall" <sup>Ps 112</sup>  
If you make riches your dependence "God shall  
destroy thee forever" <sup>Ps 52</sup>? In the face of this  
solemn warning fr. God, <sup>can</sup> men ~~not~~ choose  
to follow after showy.

Some devote all they are to maintaining a  
position and popularity. They sacri-  
fice conscience in choosing their rounds  
of pleasures. They depart from the teaching  
of their parents. They profane the Sab-  
bath day and thus grow into gradual  
rebellion against God. <sup>They</sup> glide amidst  
the strains of sweet music into  
the snare set by the evil one. They  
drink the cups of life sparkling with  
their own desires and delights which,  
for a while, are sweet but the dregs  
are bitter and deadly.

You cannot, my young friends, afford  
to devote a moment of your short life  
to the hills of position and popularity.  
Haman was one day the most popular  
man in the Court of the King of Persia and  
was the next day hung upon a gallows. And  
so do all who trust <sup>in</sup> their position come  
to a bad end.

Study the life of your Master, Jesus Christ,  
who was the most popular man of His  
day. See how withstood its dangers and  
insults Him.

The next hill that is beckoning loudest  
of all to you today is learning or ed-  
ucation in the sense of knowledge. You  
cannot succeed without knowledge any-  
more than you can succeed without  
some degree of popularity and money but  
like Huse you must ever keep yourself

that is, your character first. This is the  
purpose <sup>of</sup> education. The development  
of character is the design of all true  
teaching. The more you learn the better  
and more finished character one should  
become. Knowledge acquired without  
the influence of Christ makes one a  
devil, with Christ makes one saintly.  
The more you learn the greater degree of ap-  
preciation of God do you acquire. As-  
tronomy opens up the heavens to you  
and shows the immensity of creation.  
The North Star at an infinite distance from us  
and the star of the South equally as far  
in the opposite direction from us, and  
the planets and stars moving in fixed  
orbits between. Can all this rule one  
God. ~~Geology~~ Zoology will reveal God's  
infinite knowledge in the construction  
of all living matter. Botany will reveal  
His touch of infinite beauty in flowers and  
leaves and branches. Geology will  
show you something in the way God  
created and made this world. Chemistry  
will analyze matter for you, psychology  
will analyze the mind. Language and  
literature will bring you into acquaintance  
with the best men of all ages. Study Latin  
to help you on in ~~your~~ understanding of  
English. ~~Learn Greek.~~ In these two  
two especially the last the Greek are  
wrapped the world's finest and richest  
and best thoughts.

You are at the threshold of the greatest  
life man is privileged to enjoy. Let me  
urge to make it yours. Go on thru college

lay your foundations deep. Of the three hills this last is by far the highest and best. <sup>These are all blessings for this life.</sup> But you are not to place your dependence upon the blessings but upon the one who blesses. "Truly in vain is the help that is looked for from the hills."

You should depend on One in whom lies unlimited ability. You need one on whom you can depend in every turn of life. There are thousands of problems you must needs to face. Man can advise. But no man will presume to decide for you what is the thing for you to do. You will want to follow the life that will bring in the best results at the close. It is a heartrending task to stand by the remains of one whose life was a failure. You want to find the one who takes the greatest interest in you and will do the most and best for you. One of unlimited power and love.

To find this One of unlimited ability you must go back of all wealth, of all position, of all learning to the one who made all things, to God.

Have you ever heard of one single promise of His failing? Have you ever heard of a life that He directed ending in shame? Have you ever heard of anything who would give his life for you?

Lift up your eyes unto the hills, ye lift them! And above the hills of earth see the Rock of Ages cleft for you, and in His river side seek shelter and in His strong right arm place all your dependence.

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Man, & he - No one stands ind. of others -  
Bye ind. if rightly. Weak limbs etc - Lack  
of proper disp.

There is nothing more profitable - Many  
are overcast with sus, dott., dist. disp. as re. of sig.  
Paper clothing. The man who starts into a  
swollen Jordan. Jack may trust in -

Man must have something for wh - The  
failures of life - None first naturally - The  
fruits are - "I am not awake -" "I will lift"

The Hills that rise are - Each is crying  
out -

Money is a nec. article - Unless the Lord -  
For the love of money - Achan, Haman and  
Bluelum - Ahoyi & the Pharisess - Simon -  
Judas Isc. "In Jews. as ~~the~~ more cor-  
rupt the more corrupt the more disgrace will  
they attach to poverty and the more respect  
to wrath" Colton. The desire for money  
is the curse - Beware not to place disp.  
"He that trusteth in riches shall fall" Prov 11<sup>31</sup>  
and "God shall destroy the power" Jer 52<sup>2</sup>.

Some devote all they are & have to position  
& power. - They see conscience. depart -  
desecrate the Sab. They drink the cup of life  
spontaneously -

You cannot, my young feds - e.g. Haman -  
Study the life of ~~the~~ the great pop.

The bill that is crying loudest of all - Knowledge.  
You cannot succeed with it - But you must  
possess character above everything - This is  
the goal of educa. - The more you learn the better  
charact. Know. without X.

And the more you learn the more you appreciate God.

Astronomy - Biology } Zoology - reveals inf. about in cond.  
                                  } Botany :: of the earth  
                                  } Antlugs! ::

Geology will show you creation of the world.

Chem. Psych. - while lang. & literature  
you are at the threshold. Econ. - lay deep found.  
Of the three Hills knowledge is the best - They  
are all blessings in life but place. For as Jer.  
says - "Truly in vain is help sought for yr.  
the hills."

You shd. depend on unlimited power - you  
go out the work. Great problems will confront  
you. You shd. have one of unlimited or  
infinite wisdom, power and love to help you.  
To find this one - go back of the hills to  
God.

Helps T.T.J. - help V to surround, enclose with  
a wall, to protect, to aid.