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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

"RULES OF LIFE"

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You have had some good lessons taught.

I am sure not one of you but have keenly felt what was meant, etc.

I am going to talk in a practical way.

You are growing into young manhood and *soon will be at* from ~~that on to~~ the time in life when the varied interests of our social and economic life will be placed in your hands.

The kind of men you will be is prophesied by what you are as boys between the ages of 14 & 20.

From this group of boys and others like it are to come our lawyers, doctors, preachers, judges, statesmen, engineers, merchants, Presidents of Colleges and corporations, inventors, builders, mechanics and leaders in every walk of life.

It is therefore, essential that you should be sane and safe leaders. Your ideals must be high, your lives pure and clean and your characters founded upon sound principles.

Never did a coming generation have a greater task than that which will come to the generation in which you live and I hope in which every one of you will be a helpful and constructive force.

Dean Brown of Yale University, in speaking to students of Yale said, "No generation in the whole history of the race has ever bequeathed to its successor such a burden of national debts, such a legacy of pain and grief, such an inheritance of bitterness and hatred or such an array of problems, vast, intricate, baffling, as the present generation will pass on to the next".

You see boys you have a big job before you. You must right the wrongs committed by your predecessors. They made a horrible mess of the social, industrial and political life of the world. Prepare yourselves for this great task. If civilization is to right itself and go on to a finer order, it will be only by having the right sort of leadership.

Boys, have a vision and be resolved to make of yourselves, each of you, the most perfect, the most useful man that it is possible for you to make.

You have this task in your own hands. Others may help you but after all, you are to decide your own destinies.

Let each say now and with a firm and determined resolution "I am going to make a man of myself". A manly man, to build a fine character, worthy the esteem and confidence of my fellows, and to develop a personality that will give me power and make me worthy of a useful place in the world, whether that place be great or small."

There are a few well defined rules of life to be observed in the process of making men-real men,- out of boys. A few of these I want to speak of briefly.

You can do much in molding and fashioning your life, however handicapped you may be. A man whose looks were spoken of contemptuously said "You've no right to find fault with my looks, "I'm just what God made me". I know it and that is what I'm blaming you for", said his critic,- "You have never made any improvement on yourself".

Story of Talents by Jesus.

A young man with life before him is like a ship with prow pointed toward the great Ocean as it leaves the harbor for distant shore. Storms may come - will come, for no ship ever sailed the seas without facing storms. If it is strong from keel to top, from stem to stern, well manned and intelligently directed, it rides the storm and goes on its way.

So with a young man. He will meet obstacles - storms. If strong, well poised, clear headed, strong in faith, true to himself and to God he will overcome all.

Boys begin right and begin right now the task of making men of yourselves. The job is a big one, especially in this day of so many alluring temptations all about you. But apply yourselves and you will master the job to the delight of father and mother and win the admiration of friends.

*Just as great opportunities today
as ever.*

First, take care of your body. Every boy should take care to keep his body clean. Cleanliness adds to self-respect. This will make you agreeable to others and often improves your health. Don't think you can violate the laws of health without paying the price, etc.

The time will come when you will need reserve to fight disease, or carry you through some hard long strain. *Known many boys down because didn't have a little more vitality - Army*

We know that alcohol saps and weakens. So does tobacco. Beware of both. Never begin the use of either. Others may want you to smoke. Don't let anyone entice you take the cigarette.

In the great Exchanges they deal in "Futures". Men buy and sell. Some may win and some lose, as the market goes up or down. Others not on the Stock Exchange deal in "Futures", not in wheat or stock but in life. And not with money belonging to others but with their own lives.

Only
These transactions not/uncertain but sure to bring calamity. If you sow to flesh you will reap disappointment. *Perly Pleasant*

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You must discipline your body. So you must discipline and train your mind.

*How we admire fine handsome young men,
nothing Knowledge is power. ~~fewer except a large~~
much better*

If one is to chop wood all day he had better spend the first hour grinding his ax than pass the whole day using a dull ax. So if you are to live 30, 40 or 50 years after you are 21 you will accomplish more by putting in four or five of these years getting a good education.

A trained mind may help the body. One with a trained mind knows how to care for the body. Then what a great satisfaction it is to be able to read in the great Book of Nature understandingly.

You will be able to get positions bringing higher wages if you are educated.

Do not pollute the mind.

With a fine, clean body and a well trained and disciplined mind you must develop the spiritual if you really succeed.

Chicago boys