

THE CONFIDENT-COURAGEOUS LIFE.

Having Confidence in One's Source Is Often an Aid to Gaining Confidence in One's Powers. — The Confident-Courageous Attitude, Like Muscle Power, Develops Through Use.

Every day the news dispatches convey the stories of men and women who have lost their grip. These suicides have not been confident of their ability to eventually overcome their handicaps or difficulties.

One of our readers recently wrote and asked how he could attain the confident-courageous attitude toward life. He also wished to know how he could gain more personal power.

The recipe is simple, although a thousand pages would not exhaust a detailed elaboration. The difficulty comes in following it.

Having confidence in one's source is often an aid to gaining confidence in one's powers. The finest flowering of many religious systems of thought is the idea that the soul of man is of the same essence as the Infinite Creator. Those who need to gain confidence in their inherent powers would do well to think of this several times a day. They should read all they can supporting this idea.

When they have firmly fixed in the mind who and what they are they will very often find that the cringing, fearful attitude has been crowded out in much the same manner as light

pushes back darkness. Having gained an inner confidence a man may still lack the force to express it outwardly, courageously.

In similar mental mood a man may be confident in his own mind that he can lift two hundred pounds of sand. However, when he has actually done it he isn't afraid to tackle any two hundred-pound sack of sand, no matter who is looking. Then he has confirmed courageous-confidence. But, how can he get to do it? Easy! By practicing at every opportunity on twenty-five pounds of sand and then fifty and then an hundred and fifty and finally on the two hundred. If he never masters the two hundred he will come much nearer doing so than as though he had not followed this method.

The same method will do much in the matter of developing untried confidence into confirmed courageous-confidence. One should begin the developing process by doing and saying things of which he is only a little bit timid. When he has accustomed himself to that he should tackle with a greater appreciation of his own ability something of which he has always been quite afraid and so on up the climb to mastery when he will easily address himself and his abilities to things and conditions of which he was once positively fearful.

The confident-courageous attitude, like muscle power, develops through use.

—John Edwin Price, in the Royal Neighbor.

EDUCATING FOR CHARACTER

A significant development in education within recent years has been the renewed emphasis on character training. Educational authorities have somewhat belatedly acknowledged that one of the primary duties of the school is to develop and foster the acquisition of those traits that make for moral worth.

The program at present, however, is suffering from the lack of fundamental principles to which specific activities may be anchored. Succumbing largely to demands, courses in character education have been included in the program of university schools, and some institutions have featured numerous courses of this type. Some good will undoubtedly be derived from these courses, but there is also the danger that any deficiency will lead to the collapse of the whole program, founded as it is on little more than training in social adaptability rather than character training in the proper sense of the term.

One of the fundamental considerations should be whether or not there is any possibility of teaching character. It is well established that the most important condition affecting the development of character is the home. There is little evidence to indicate that the school exerts any substantial influence on the development of character. It can supply information, it can present principles of conduct and an intellectual appreciation of the desirability of certain forms of behavior, but it only indirectly strengthens those tendencies that are to be fostered and sublimates those that are undesirable. In the case of the public schools, there is no criterion for choosing what tendencies are to be encouraged except the concep-

tion of social adaptation, for it is compelled to exclude from consideration those religious principles on which morality is founded and Christian character is based.

Probably the only real influence that the school can exert is through the adaptation of the learning task to the capacities of the pupils so that discouragement and false sense of pride are alike suppressed. A student's reaction to success and to failure are the situations to which adequate and inadequate adjustments are made, and these through repetition are the immediate sources of the trends which are loosely considered as character forming.

Many of the recent trends are actually countenancing the development of selfish tendencies that character education is supposed to counteract. The distortion cannot be remedied by the means suggested, and it is not minimizing either the function of the school nor the importance of character training to say that some of what passes for character education is very likely to prove to be a fad that will be quickly given up when something new appears.

CAMPAIGN MANAGERS!

You represent an organization that's built on a solid financial and spiritual foundation.

Your work for the Union is work for yourself, for every member is a part owner, and has a voice in the management of the organization.

Your friends should be informed.

Your society should play a part in making your community a better place to live in!

AVOID TROUBLE! KEEP YOUR "EYES FRONT!"

If you would drive an automobile without mishap you must keep "eyes front." You can't do "sightseeing" and drive a car at the same time, unless you want to get into a whole peck of trouble—and suddenly.

Many are poor judges of distance and are absolutely ignorant of the amount of ground an auto covers, going at average driving speed, in one second's time. An accident in traffic is the price of just a moment's carelessness, and the driver is absolutely negligent. Bent bumpers, dented fenders and smashed headlights are usually due to the driver's failure to gauge his distance or "look where he is going."

The driver has had his attention distracted from the wheel for just a moment. In that split second another car has crossed his path, either coming out from a parking station or from a side street. Each driver will blame the other and there will again be brought up the old traffic bromide as to which had the "right of way." The net results: damage to cars, damage to tempers and court costs. This is just another instance of where it would be far better to think first—and avoid that hazard.—Fraternal Monitor.

Brothers Set for Jugo University Club Concert

Cleveland, O.—Interest is gaining momentum for the concert which will be given by the Maksimovich Brothers, under the auspices of the Yugoslav University Club of Cleveland, on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 8:30 p. m. at the Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave. and E. 65th St. The club's portion of the proceeds will go toward the scholarship fund.

The four brothers are of Serbian extraction; students at the University of Belgrade, who under the leadership of Mr. Popovic have made concert tours through almost all the larger cities in Europe and have now come to the United States to do likewise. They are also known as the International Quartet, for they sing not only Yugoslav folk and classic songs but also sing in several other foreign languages. The boys have made few appearances at the International Circle of the Great Lakes Exposition.

You are all strongly urged to attend this concert, for by so doing you will not only treat yourself to a very lovely evening, but at the same time will help to put some deserving young man or woman through college by being donors toward the scholarship fund. This point alone is, and should be, enough to induce everyone to attend, for who knows, but maybe some day your children, or perhaps their children will benefit through this fund. Is it not true that by giving the boys and girls an opportunity to better themselves by further education that we are laying down the foundation for better young men and women; young men and women who will be a pride to the American-Yugoslav people?

You'll not be sorry for keeping this date, but will remember it for the nice time you have enjoyed and for the good cause you have helped along.

Campaign Managers!

Quota societies and their managers make the headlines and the first page. — When will you make it?

KNIGHTS PREP FALL SOCIAL

Brooklynites Plan First Event of Season

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preparations are in full swing and no stones unturned to make the coming fall dance of the Knights of Trinity a successful affair.

The night set aside for this event is Saturday evening, Oct. 17.

The dance will be held at the American Slovenian Auditorium, 263 Irving Ave., Brooklyn.

This will be the Knights' initial affair at the Dom since the new directors have taken hold, and from all indications a large crowd is expected.

Music will be furnished by Jerry's Starlight Orchestra under the direction of Jerry Koprivsek, one of the Knights.

The price of admission has been set at 40 cents, a price within everyone's reach.

Now that differences have straightened themselves out with the smooth and harmonizing way the Dom is being operated under the new deal, we can all expect fairer and better treatment at the Dom at all future affairs, so come on, all you dance and merriment lovers, and show the Knights and also the executives of the auditorium how much you appreciate their hard and successful work. Start off the fall season right by attending the Knights' dance.

John P. Staudohar.

CALENDAR KSKJ LODGE EVENTS

Picnics, Anniversary Celebration, Jubilee Events

SEPT. 13

Sheboygan, Wis.—25th anniversary celebration of St. Cyril and Methodius Society No. 144.

SEPT. 20

Greater New York—Allied societies, picnic at Feldman's Park, Maspeth, L. I.

OCT. 3

West Allis, Wis.—Entertainment and dance, Mary Help of Christians Society, No. 165, in Labor Hall.

OCT. 10

Girard, O.—Play and dance, St. Patrick's Society, No. 250.

OCT. 15

Joliet, Ill.—Card party, St. Genevieve's Society, No. 108, Slovenia Hall.

OCT. 17

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Knights of Trinity, fall dance, Slovenian Auditorium, 263 Irving Ave.

OCT. 18

New York, N. Y.—30th anniversary celebration of St. Ann's Society No. 105.

Lorain, O.—30th anniversary celebration of St. Cyril and Methodius Society No. 101.

OCT. 25

Joliet, Ill.—25th anniversary and blessing of the new flag of John the Baptist Society, No. 143.

Chicago, Ill.—Play and amateur program sponsored by Mary Help Society, No. 78.

OCT. 31

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Halowe'en party of St. Mary's Society, No. 50.

NOV. 7

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Entertainment and dance, St. Joseph's Society, No. 57, at Slovenian Auditorium.

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COMMANDMENTS FOR SAFE DRIVERS

The latest decalogue for the driver comes from Bishop George Craig Stewart of the Episcopal Church. The bishop's ten commandments of safe driving bring the old biblical moral law strictly up-to-date. Here is how he commands the driver of the automobile:

1. Thou shalt keep "safety first" ever before thee.
2. Thou shalt not make of thyself a dangerous nuisance, nor the likeness of anyone that grabbeth the road beside and road ahead and cutteth in and out of line. Thou shalt beware of such and slow up for him and look out for him, for he is a wild and zealous fellow visiting the iniquity of his follies upon the children in school zones from generation to generation and showing off unto thousands of his betters who are trying to keep the commandments.
3. Thou shalt not take the laws of the state in vain, for the cop and the judge will not hold him guiltless that taketh the laws in vain.
4. Remember thy brakes and tires, and take curves slowly.
5. Honor the red lights and the green lights, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not stop abruptly.
8. Thou shalt not steal—past a street car, loading and unloading.
9. Thou shalt not flash big lights against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not shove it—thy neighbor's car, nor his fenders, nor his bumpers, nor his locks, nor his glass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.—Public Safety.

MEETING NOTICE

South Chicago, Ill.—The regular monthly meeting of the St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Society, No. 80, will take place Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p. m., in St. George's Hall.

All members are urged to attend.

Louise Likovich, Sec'y.

THE PARISH UNIT

"Credit unions will not achieve the best of which they are capable in the United States until they are organized along parish lines as they are to such a great extent in Europe and Canada."—Purpose of Credit Union as Related to Unemployment (N. C. W. C., Washington, D. C.).

A new KSKJ member today means a bigger KSKJ tomorrow. A bigger KSKJ tomorrow means better KSKJ. A better KSKJ should be the aim of every member!

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WISE UNLEARNING

The memory plays a significant role in the educative process. There are those who are not in agreement as to how prominent a part it should exercise, but none can doubt that its training is very important. Before we can reason about facts, a certain amount of data is required and the memory supplies these. While this consideration holds true also in the education of the moral man, we must recognize the limitations of a prodigious memory and so in the spiritual life we have the mortification of the memory as an important factor in the formation of character. The secret of this memorial self-denial consists in a studied effort at times to forget. While teachers aim generally at teaching you how to learn, it is within the scope of every effective teaching to show how to unlearn and how to be oblivious

betimes. In teaching we have to consider the content and the question is logically asked what makes up the content of a blessed forgetfulness.

Experience is an interesting teacher and for those who are not endowed with a great deal of wisdom, an expensive one. Among the things taught by experience, there are valuable lessons to be assimilated and there are some that must not be absorbed. This teacher is not always so easy to dismiss once found. In fact, the lore meted out by this pedagogue is often compulsory in so far as circumstances beyond our control sometimes force attendance at the schooling. A great boon in this educational process is the art of knowing how to forget. Then again all the courses are not compulsory, many being elective. In regard to those latter, the chief art consists in knowing how to avoid filling the memory with facts that serve no useful purpose. Some of this memory education will consist in selecting what is useful to retain and some of it will have to be concerned about unlearning things foisted upon our attention. Forgetfulness then becomes a valuable achievement that in this case at least would do credit to a learner of long experience.

Among the things we must learn to forget are the injuries we receive from others. This belongs to the pardoning power we can exercise perhaps oftener than we think. This is very necessary and the more proficient we become the better will be our condition for a favorable answer to the prayer "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Coming to a more personal application, we must learn to forget to a certain extent our own failures, keeping mindful of that which caused the failure only to serve as an antidote against repetition. This must not be done in such a fashion as to hinder one from renewed effort due to lack of courage. Very important is the lesson of spiritual masters that we should learn to banish from the mind the remembrance of past sins after they have been confessed, except in a general way to keep us humbly mindful of our condition when future difficulties along similar lines might arise. In this connection, it is interesting to note that we even ask God to forget. A beautiful example of this is the prayer of Tobias: "And now, O Lord, think of me, and take not revenge on my sins, neither remember my offences" (Tob. 11:3). From all of this we can gather what a blessed thing it can be to know how and when to forget.

SOCIAL ACTION

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PIUS XI'S "AMPLE SUFFICIENCY." The laborer's wages must be sufficient "for the support of himself and his family"; "to meet adequately ordinary domestic needs"; to enable him "to bear the family burden with greater ease and security"; to free him from "hand to mouth uncertainty"; "to support life's changing fortunes"; to make "some little provision for those who remain after him"; to "acquire a certain moderate ownership."—The Message of the Encyclicals for America Today.

A PROVED SUCCESS. "There is nothing new, strange or experimental about the parish credit union either in the United States or in Europe."—Parish Credit Unions.

INSTEAD OF WAGES. "In 1929, fifteen billion dollars were saved, but only five of these fifteen billions were able to find a profitable place in new instruments of production. The other ten billion dollars were wasted in worthless securities and various other forms of speculation."—The Message of the Encyclicals for America.



In Memoriam

IN LOVING TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR SON AND BROTHER

Anton J. Halle

who passed away one year ago, September 17th, 1935.

We are sad within our memory. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Has forever been called away.

We think of him in silence, No eye may see us weep; But many silent tears are shed When others are asleep.

Sadly missed by his father and his three sisters, Marie, Evangeline and Ann.

Sheboygan, Wisconsin, September 15, 1936.