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**"We are building every day,
In a good or evil way ;
And the structure, as it grows,
Will our inmost self disclose.**

**Build it well, whate'er you do ;
Build it straight, and strong, and true ;
Build it clean, and high, and broad ;
Build it for the eye of God."**

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PREFACE.

THE following pages will be found to discuss briefly and pointedly a number of practical topics that are likely to be helpful to young men. They form a selection from the results of many years' observation of life and character. The various themes brought into notice are therefore handled in the light of a long experience, and also, it is hoped, in such a way as to inspire thought and action,—leading to the higher appreciation of truth and honesty, integrity and diligence.

It is by no means claimed for this volume that it presents a complete view of the young man's purpose or progress in life. It is merely what the title "Hints and Helps" would clearly suggest; that is all. But if it prove in any degree a means of setting young men to think more seriously and practically, it will abundantly fulfil its mission. A "hint" is often better than an argument. A

“help” is always timely and welcome. Both together may bring sound instruction and blessing that will endure. It is with such a hope that these brief and varied papers are issued,—blending as they do the breathing example with the less lively but not less pointed precept. If any one gets here a hint of better things or a help on the way, this little volume will not be in vain.

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CHAPTER I.

CHARACTER AND INFLUENCE.

I. THE POWER OF CHARACTER.

THE greatest power which a man wields in this world is the power of character—an influence that emanates from the summary of his sterling virtues. This is substantial and enduring in comparison with the influence that springs from any other cause. That which results from the acquisition of wealth or office is liable to vanish any day, since both the wealth and office may disappear thus suddenly. But power that is based on character is lasting as character itself. It has taken time to develop those sturdy elements of character that command the respect of beholders, and the power which they wield in consequence is not evanescent. It is real worth of soul-qualities, and it will stand. Calumny and scandal cannot rob it of its true value, however virulent and spiteful