



SCHOMMER'S MESSAGE

The world has many Fagins and Bill Sikes still trying to ensnare the Oliver Twists and the Nancys. Do not take everything for granted. Listen, analyze, deduct, then act.

Read biographies of great characters for their shining examples.

Do not create alibis which you can find in all second-rate characters.

Plan to amount to something. What you like to do best, is usually what you are best fitted for. Whatever it is, try to be expert at it. If you wish to be a blacksmith, be one of the best. If a lawyer, be an excellent one.

If an engineer, try to be the best in your profession.

Do not neglect to store up a surplus for rainy days—not of money, but of those reserves that count most in time of adversity: health, courage, loyalty, love of truth, courtesy and chivalry (the desire of honor and to aid the weak, generosity to foes, and gallantry). Lead clean lives and strive to constantly advance intellectually, morally, and in your ability and willingness to give service. All this may be best attained by keeping yourself in good health at all times.

—J. J. Schommer.