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"THE ONLY WORTH WHILE THING TO STRIVE FOR"

As he stood before 3,000 people in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Sunday last, and spoke for a few minutes on his ideals in life, Jack Miles, the 20-year-old winner of the famous Marathon race, who had been thought of up till then as little other than a remarkable runner, showed that he was much more. For he showed that he knew something of that other race to win in which is the prerogative of every one, but the goal of which is often lost sight of in the midst of material success, and that he recognized the importance of that race. The only great prize, he urged, is eternal life, and the only worth while things to strive for are the love, belief, and service of God.

It was a simple message that he brought to his hearers, but it made them forget the Marathon winner in the more forectul preacher of the gospel. "Since Monday I have had a wonderful-time," he declared, adding:

"I have met your prominent men, your Governor, your high officials; visited your historic places and been greeted by crowds of people. But this is the greatest honor I have received, the one of which I sam most proud, to be here with you in God's house in the fellowship of those assembled to declar work."

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A little later he spoke to some young men along the same general lines. "It is wonderful to win—to enjoy the publicity and short-time glory," he said. "But after all, what does it amount to? Today you win, and you are a hero—tomorrow you lose, and you are nothing and forgotten. But when you run for God, you are striving for one who never forgets, who is always steadfastly with you." With that spirit in this thought, Jack Miles should be heard from in the vitues as a winner in another and be heard from in the future as a winner in another and a greater contest than he won the other day.

—Christian Science Monitor.

HOW DO YOU READ?

Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you

"Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are," has cried a publicist so often that he has coined a household axiom. Well might another say: "Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are!".

The mind is the house in which we live more truly than is the body. If we furnish the mind garishly we must live in a slovenly house. If we take our mental furniture only from the past, we shall live in the past alone. If we take it only from the fadish notions of the present we shall live amid fads and folbles, which vanish e'er we know them. e'er we know them.

But if, on the other hand, our mental diet is balanced, comprised of the foods tested by time and sauced and spiced by the piquancy of the present, we may live a balanced ordered life.

We can with impunity pour poisons and dark, wild, disordered thoughts into our minds no more than we can day after day find strength and health, from spurious foods, hastily prepared, indigestible.

To read well, read discriminatingly, widely, thor-

What we read becomes part and parcel of us.

SEASON OF FLOWERS

Looking about for the reason why summer is so satisfying to the soul one cannot fail to fall upon the flower garden as the most logical explanation. It is the one phase of summer that captivates every bundle of humanity pos-

sessed of at least one good eye and a capable nose.
Unfortunately the best gardens are not for the masses.
Planned and loved by the wealthy they are too often shutoff from a beauty-starved world by high hedges and for-bidding walls. Less opulent persons must gratify their summer-hunger for the color and aroma of flowers in public parks, covert glimpses through iron fences or brief and infrequent excursions into the country—the natural home of the flower.

It's a wrong road that has no turning back.

Picnics are spoiled by someone drowning or falling in

ome day somebody will invent a safety razorback

The differences which cause most trouble are indif-

Most men sitting around waiting for their ships to come in haven't sent any ont.

If they ever catch a rum runner in a bay we have a crack about bay rum.

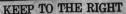
Scientists say the earth is an accident. So don't kick. They are bound to happen.

The man usually takes all the credit for catching a girl, forgetting she co-operated.

Professor says society girls are ignorant. Then it's ... They say professors are ignorant.

A million years of bold adventure resulting in civilized man, who sits on a stool and pores over a ledger.

When the maid says her mistress is out, at least she doesn't jerk an insulting thumb the way an umpire does.





bargains. All other paths are rough, uncertain and revenesty are We can always see where the former leads, the place in which we are sure of getting dollar for dollar and good service. In the shops of Birmingham we can see goods before we purchase them and if by chance something proves unsatisfactory there is not tended to the provide of the provided of the provided of the provided of the when trading among friends.

The home-town merchant must please his customers in order to say here and do business among them. Those who do their buying her contrast these privileges and advantages with the uncertainty of buying from pedders and rail-order houses, who demand spot cash, provide no service and against whom there is little or 30 redress for quastifactory goods.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Married at Royal Oak. Mr. Fred Ashby of Detroit and Miss Minnie McFadden of this place.

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