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Very Truly Yours, P.

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Yours, *Star's* Editor.

Home—

Sir: The acceptance of your proposition will be found in the forwarding of the following article on the

**Importance of Habits of Attention.**

The importance of habits of attention, of the due exercise and development of this faculty of the mind, is too obvious to require special comment. The power of controlling one's own mental activity, of directing it at will into what ever channel the occasion may demand, of

excluding for this purpose all other and irrelevant ideas, and concentrating the energies of the mind on the one object of thought before it, is a power of the highest value. An attainment worth any effort, and which in the different degrees in which it is possessed, goes far to make the difference between one mind and another, in the realm of thought and intellectual greatness. While the attention is divided and the mind distracted among a variety of objects, it can apprehend nothing clearly and definitely; the rays are not brought to a focus; and the mental eye, instead of a clear and well defined image, perceives nothing but a shadowy and confused outline. The mind while in this state acts to little purpose; It is shorn of its strength.

The power of commanding the attention and concentrating the mental energy upon a given object, is, however, a power not easily acquired, nor always possessed. The difficulty of the attainment is hardly less than its importance. It can be made only by earnest effort, resolute purpose, diligent culture and training. There must be strength of will to take command of the mental faculties, and make them subservient to its purpose. There must be determination to succeed, and a wise discipline and exercise of the mind with reference to the end in view. This faculty like every other, requires education in order to its due developments. P.

An eminent physician says:—If an end were put to drinking the number of diseases would be far less. Twenty years' experience has convinced me that, were ten young men, when of age, to commence drinking one glass of ardent spirits, or a pint of port or sherry, and continue to drink that quantity daily, the lives of eight of them would be abridged twelve or fifteen years. Would that every young man in the land could read this!

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