Ps. 121:1-2

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains, from whence shall my help come? My help cometh from Jehovah, who maketh the heaven and the earth.

The land of Israel was a land of hills and mountains. This afforded them great advantages over attacking enemies. Their enemies thought it was because of the mountains that they
conquered. Israel in time came to trust in their mountains. As soon as they did so they were defeated. They came to depend upon Saul, their king, and Gilboa, their mountain, and were defeated. They shifted their dependence from God in Heaven to the material things of the earth, and failed.

Man, be the builder of mausoleums or digger
of potatoes, is a
dependent creature.
No one stands inde-
pendent of all others.
Dependency, if rightly
understood and placed,
is not a weakness
but the finest trait
of human character.
It surrounds weak
limbs with coats
of steel. It transfor-
ms flabby muscles and
hardens them into
unbreakable resistance.
Lack of dependence
makes cowards and
weaklings and results in failures.

Here is nothing in the school of life more profitable to learn than the lesson of intelligent dependence. Many lives are overcast and darkened by doubts, distrust, and despair as the result of an ignorant dependence. Paper clothing may be more beautiful and attractive — even splendid while the sunshines but they cannot be depended
on in a rainstorm.
The man who starts
into a swollen Jordan
expecting the waters
to divide must have
a strong dependence,
nightly placed, or
he will be emersed
without ceremony.
Jack may trust
in his bedwine
to take him to the
moon if he wishes.
No one can compel
him not to do so.
But for wide awake
men and women
Jack's dependence is fully.

Man must have some branch from which he may suspend this rope of life. The failures of life result from misplaced dependence.

We first, naturally, look to the mountains of life for our help. The mountains are big, strong, endurable as far as our experience goes, and filled with precious ore—gold.
Let me trust in Them. I can see Them. They are good. I will trust Them. In such a case I am looking for present help—not aware of the tremendous Subterranean commotion sleeping under the mountains. I may trust to break forth some day in earthquake or volcano to destroy Thems and me. I will lift up my
Eye on the mountains! From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from Jehovah who make the heavens and the earth.

The mountains rising up with beckoning hands before every one of you 9th grades. This beckoningare:

The mountain of wealth: Money is necessary and legitimate. You must secure enough to ensure an honorable life. You cannot display
your duties to others
without money. Vampires
and thieves try to
live on the efforts
of others. No self-
respecting person
will accept some-
thing for himself
for nothing. He
wants to pay for
it. He wants to be
self-respectful. The
mountain of wealth
is calling loudly to
you all. Some will
do anything in order
to become wealthy.
For the love of gain, Achan stole a silver wedge and brought destruction upon himself and family. Hamor and Shechem were destroyed by their desire for gain. Helaszi told a lie to get honey, and was cursed with leprosy; the Elians pretended piety; Senn thought to purchase the power of the H.S. and Judas Hecariet betrayed the first and only righteous man this world ever knew, for 30 pieces of silver.
For the love of this mountain
men call wealth, some
will defraud widows
and orphans, as quickly
as their own government
and country. The man
who has money is respect
by all regardless of
how he became wealthy.
Just in proportion as
corruption grows
will men attach dis-
grace to poverty and
honor to wealth.
If kindness the hard has
given you a talent
for amassing fortunes
pray daily for grace to dispense and use that wealth you may acquire for God's glory and man's good—not merely for your comfort. You will be far happier if like Christian and Hopeful in Pilgrim's Progress, you turn your back on wealth. God in the Bible has said, "He that trusteth in riches shall fall." Prov. 11:28, and again, "If you make riches your gain depend on God who will destroy thee forever." (Ro. 9:27)
The second Mountain in which many look for their help is Position and Popularity. They sacrifice conscience to have their sounds of pleasure. They depart from the teaching of their parents. They profane the Sabbath day and thus grow into gradual rebellion against God. They dance to the strains of music into the Snare of the Devil.
They drink the cup of life sparkling with the fermentation of their own desires and fleshly delights - which are for a while sweet but the end is bitterness and death. They smile in order to heal the place among the people for popularisation. They consent to wrong like Pilate in allowing the Jews to kill the Christ. They do injustice like Felix who left St. Paul bound in prison. And Pilate like the day will come when they will
will climb the highest mountains in search of water in which to wash their hands of guilt. And every drop of water will serve as the reflection of their evil doings.

You cannot, my young friends, afford to devote a moment of your short life to the hills of fashion and popularity.

Haman was one day the most popular man in the court.
The king of Persia and was the next day hung upon a gallows by the same king. Popularity like that of your master Jesus Christ is the kind you should strive to achieve. He became popular by being pure, clean and humble. Others sought the highest seats, Jesus took the lowest. Others refused to associate with any but the rich, Jesus was found with the poor. Others turned
Their back on the sick.
Jesus cured them.
Others sought out
the best hotels in
which to sleep. Jesus
slept on the ground.
Others forgot to do
anything but eat
and play. Jesus
in his bashfulness
to help and to be of
service forgot to
eat and spent days
without food. Others
spent nights in
dancing and merrily.
Jesus slept in nights
in prayer. Climb the mountain of Popularity with Jesus, whose popularity is continually increasing with the years. It is the only enduring popularity.

The next mountain that offers its help to you is that of Learning. You cannot succeed without knowledge anymore than you can succeed without some degree of wealth and popularity, but like these you must earn.
keep yourself, that is your character first. This is the purpose in education - the development of character. The more you learn the more finished and refined should your character become. Knowledge acquired without the influence of Christ permeating it all makes one a devil; with Christ makes one saintly. The more you learn the greater degree of appreciation.
tion of God do you enjoy. Astronomy opens upon heavens above and shows the immensity of God's creation. The Polar Star at an infinite distance to our North, the Southern Cross hung out over our South in another direction of infinite distance, while around in all directions are other stars and planets moving by the hand of their Creator. Zoology reveals God's infinite knowledge in
The construction of all living beings. Botany reveals the touch of infinite beauty in flowers, leaves and branches. Geology shows you something of the way God created and made this world. Chemistry atomizes this creation for you and puts it into distinct parts. Psychology does for the mind what chemistry does to the material. Language and literature brings you into an ac-
quaintness with the
stored-up knowledge
of all ages; Study
Latin and Greek. In
these two, especially
the Greek, are wrapped
up the world's finest, richest
and best thoughts.

Young people of this
year, you are at
the threshold of
the greatest privilege
man knows—that of
choosing for yourself
the life you are to live—
whether a life of college
education or of whole
education. Let me urge you to think clearly to go through college. Lay your foundations deep, if you want to erect a large life over it. A tent— which corresponds to the grammar preparation— needs no foundations— only ropes will hold it up. A woman is a step further, requiring wooden posts for a foundation. A reinforced concrete building represents a
college preparatin
for lifes work. This
ym can g't any by
hard work and diggin
down deep till you strike
rock. Nothing less than
the best should be
your consuming desire.
Of the 3 mountains
this last is the best.
They are all, however, blessig
for this life. But ym are
not to place your dependance
upon th blessings but
upon th one who blesses.
As Jeremiah says, "Truly
in vain is the help of
men.
from the hills—truly
Jehovah our God is
the salvation of Israel.
You should depend
on One in whom lies un-
limited ability. You need
One on whom you can de-
pend in every turn of
life. There are 1000s of
problems you will have
to face alone. Man
can advise. But no one
can make your decisions
for you. You want to
follow a life that will
bring in the fullest and
best returns at its close.
It is a heartbreaking task
to stand by the side of
the grave of one whose
life was a failure. You
want to find someone
who will take the greatest
interest in you and will
do the most and best with
your talents. One of un-
limited power and love.

To find this one of un-
limited ability, you must
lift your eyes up above
all mountains of
wealth, Position
and Popularity and
all learning to the One
who made all things.
no one has ever yet found
a promise of God made
in the Bible to fail of
fulfilment. No life that
Christ has been allowed
to direct has ended
in failure.

God will, if you allow
him, surround, and
enclose you with a
wall, to protect and
to aid you. That is
the root meaning
of the Hebrew word
"Help.

Lift up your eyes into
the mountains, you lift-
Turn up. Above all, the mountains of earth see the Rock of Ages, Jesus, the Saviour, who is your only sure help and reward. In Him place all your dependence, and your success is guaranteed.

My help cometh from Jehovah.