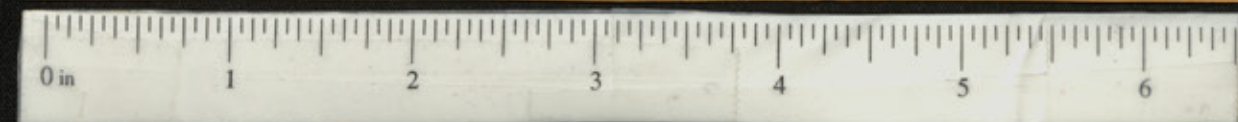


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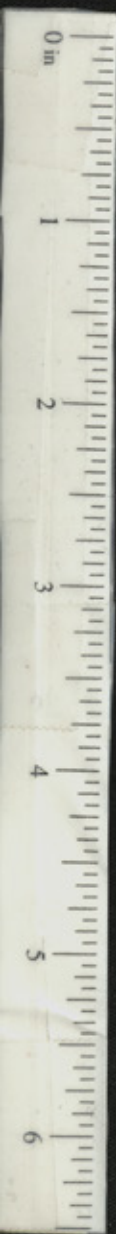


Ollie R. or the mother - & words
of encouragement to a boy.

^{immediately}
~~soon~~ after the battle of Fair Oaks
Va. which occurred the first day
of June 1862, having been severely
wounded, I went to Maine my native
State. During the short period of my con-
valescence at the request of Governor, Hon
Israel Washburn, I undertook to
visit different parts of the State
with a view of ~~solid~~ holding public
meetings & soliciting volunteers to
push to the front & fill the
vacant ^{places} ~~the~~ which disease & disastrous
war were constantly multiplying.

At the town of Rockland I was entertained
by a worthy family. In the household
was a bright little boy of some ^{four} ~~five~~ or ^{eight} ~~ten~~
years. He sat ^{near} ~~with~~ me & was much
interested in any story or incident of the
war that I ~~might~~ ^{might} chance to tell.

Probably noticing the fullness of his eyes



and the ⁵¹marked expression given
to his handsome face when they
were raised. I told him that I
would give him a motto:— it was,
"Look up!"

One evening
Ten years afterward, ~~one evening at~~
in a social assembly, a remarkably ^{fine} looking
young man, straight & tall with head
~~erect~~ approached ~~me~~ and accosted me
with a pleasant smile of recognition.

"Why General Howard, you have
forgotten me! I am Ollie H., don't
you remember giving me a motto
during your visit at my father's in
1862."

I could not ^{then} recall the incident, so shook
my head. ~~How~~ one dislikes to forget who
another seems so plainly to remember.

You gave me the words "Look up!"
They are my motto.

It is wonderful how a word, a smile, a
gesture ^{often} affects the character of a child.

Find a child in deep grief. The child's
grief is real & often deeper than we who measure

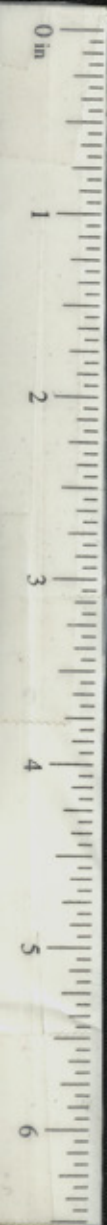


the apparent cause on ^{would} ~~not~~ to think), take him by the hand, lift him up & turn his mind away from his sorrow by your tact. You have given a new direction & impulse to that young heart.

Give a bright boy a good maxim, get it fixed in memory and it becomes of more value to him than gold.

It is good for the body to look up. It gives dignity & grace to the carriage.

It is better for the spirit to look up. David said: I will ^{lift up mine eyes} ~~look~~ unto the hills ^{from} whence cometh my help.



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