

**CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP SECTION****The Road to Success**

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THERE are two qualities which help one very much in travelling the road which leads to success. These are patience and perseverance. I believe very firmly that in order to become successful one must have these two qualifications—one must be patient and persevering.

What is patience? It is, I think, the ability to wait and wait, hoping and trying to achieve success. One who is not patient becomes discouraged in a little while if his plans are not successful, but the one who is patient is willing to wait for success. He is not discouraged if success does not come immediately.

And what is perseverance? That is the ability to keep on trying—to continue on and on, and never give up.

The world's great men

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have had patience and perseverance to a marked degree. Lincoln, for example, became a great man partly, I think, because he had those two qualities, patience and perseverance. When a boy Lincoln was poor and could not obtain



*Lincoln was one of the world's most successful men.*

a good education. He was taught elementary reading by his mother. He continued studying until he could read good books. He learned arithmetic by the light from the log cabin fire-place. To acquire this

elementary education required patience and perseverance.

You, too, can achieve at least some degree of success if you are willing to keep working and waiting—in other words, if you have patience and perseverance.

I once knew of a boy who failed in his subjects in school. When his father asked him why he had failed, he said, "I do not like to continue a long time in preparing my lesson in one subject. I like to change to something else."

His father answered, "I think your trouble can be remedied. When you return to school next June, have more patience and perseverance in

preparing your lessons, and you will get along much better."

The boy followed the advice of his father, and gradually acquired the habits of patience and perseverance.

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fourth flag to be added to these is the flag of the Philippines—the flag which today floats side by side with the American banner, as a sign of local government by the Filipinos and national protection by the United States.

Probably few of the many people who pass these walls every day stop to think of the history which has been made within them, but a little reflection will bring to mind some of these events. When one remembers that a part of the wall now standing was erected before the first settlement in the United States had been thought of, the historical significance of this old memorial will be realized.

All in all, the old wall of Manila, is, perhaps, the most interesting thing in the Philippines from a historical standpoint, although, to be sure, there are other things of great interest in Manila and elsewhere in the Islands.

QUESTIONS ABOUT  
THE OLD WALL

1. Have you ever seen the old wall of Manila?
2. Did the article about the old wall cause you to become interested in it?
3. Would you like to examine the old wall carefully? Why?
4. Do you think Filipinos should know about the history of the old wall? Why?
5. How long has the old wall been standing?
6. In what year did the Spaniards begin to build this wall?
7. What army made holes in the wall and entered the city through them? When? How were the holes made?

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11. The windows (rattled, moved, were not quiet) when the wind blew.

12. The clock on the mantel (runs, ticks, goes).

13. The cat (sounds, calls, meows).

14. The bell (rang, pealed, sounded).

15. The cow (mooed, called, made a noise).

16. The dynamite (burst noisily, went off, exploded).

17. Her teeth (moved, chattered, touched each other in rapid succession) as she spoke.

18. The bird (fluttered, moved, was not quiet) on the grass.

19. The leaves of the trees (moved, were not still, rustled).

20. The ocean (sounds, is heard, roars).

Check your choice of words with the following key:

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| 1. Croaks       | 11. Rattled   |
| 2. Splashed     | 12. Ticks     |
| 3. Clucks       | 13. Meows     |
| 4. Patters      | 14. Pealed    |
| 5. Howls        | 15. Mooed     |
| 6. Crows        | 16. Exploded  |
| 7. Trembled     | 17. Chattered |
| 8. Strikes with | 18. Fluttered |
| 9. Boomed       | 19. Rustled   |
| 10. Creaked     | 20. Roars     |

8. How long is the entire wall?

9. What is the area of the Walled City?

10. How many people are living in the Walled City?

11. In centuries past how many people found refuge at one time within the walls?

12. Do you think the old wall should always be left standing? Why?

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verance. He completed his course.

Here are some rules which may help you on the road to success:

1. Form the habit of continuing at a thing you have begun no matter how hard it is.

2. Do your best to finish what you begin, even though it is done slowly—little by little.

3. Continue at your task, no matter if you have failed many times. In other words, have patience and perseverance.

*The heights, by great men reached and kept,*

*Were not attained by sudden flight,*

*But they, while their companions slept,*

*Were toiling upward, through the night.*

## QUESTIONS

1. What two qualities help one to become successful?
2. What is patience?
3. What is perseverance?
4. Have the great men of the world been patient and persevering?
5. Who is named in this article as an example?
6. Tell something about Lincoln's early life.
7. Did Lincoln become one of the world's most successful men?
8. Can you name another example?
9. Give the first rule for becoming successful.
10. Give the second rule.
11. Give the third rule.
12. Do you agree with the thought of the stanza? This would be an excellent poem for you to memorize.