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My dear Judge Younger  
I have just  
been reading your "Migma" in  
the "Christian at Work" & do  
not write so much to express  
my sympathy - if that you  
have been sure from the first  
- as to give the best which  
your words suggested, it ap-  
pears to me ~~that~~ the crowning  
~~glory~~ of a man's life is ~~effort~~  
if it be rightly directed, & in  
the record of life may not  
"unsuccessful effort" often  
be more creditable than  
that which attains the goal  
striven for? Are not men often  
greater & more admirable in their fail-  
ures than successes? The  
latter are frequently the result  
of circumstances, of what even  
seems like chance, but not

untary attempts which spring  
from heart & brain muscle  
the man himself. Napoleon  
was accustomed to ask, "What  
can he do?" It appears to me  
that we can usually arrive  
at a truer estimate by  
asking "What has he tried  
to do?" The brave endeavor  
is ~~that~~ which most strongly  
wins my sympathy & ad-  
miration. The men who in  
the war charged against  
odds too great for them were  
not successful, but in the fact  
that they did charge we may  
find something more or  
better than victory. In  
your fearless authorship &  
bold upon popular attention  
you have a field for effort of  
which every man might be  
proud & glad. Your books have  
had & must have in the future a  
powerful influence on the for-  
tunes & character of the Nation.  
Yours sincerely  
G. P. Roe