



THERE IS A TIME IN EVERY MAN'S EDUCATION WHEN HE ARRIVES AT THE CONVICTION
for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of
nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground
which is given to him to till. The power which resides in him is new in nature, and none
but he knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he has tried. Not
for nothing one face, one character, one fact, makes much impression on him, and
another none. This sculpture in the memory is not without preëstablished harmony;
The eye was placed where one ray should fall, that it might testify of that particular ray;
We but half express ourselves, and are ashamed of that divine idea which each
of us represents. It may be safely trusted as proportionate and of good issues, so it
be faithfully imparted, but God will not have his work made manifest by cowards. A
man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but
what he has said or done otherwise shall give him no peace. It is a deliverance which
does not deliver. In the attempt his genius deserts him; no muse befriends; no inven-
tion, no hope. **Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string.** Accept the
place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries,
the connection of events. Great men have always done so, and confided themselves
childlike to the genius of their age, betraying their perception that the absolutely trust-
worthy was seated at their heart, working through their hands, predominating in all
their being. And we are now men, and must accept in the highest mind the same

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ATION, A SOLACE, A REFUGE IN TIME OF NEED,
THE FOURTH GRACE, THE TENTH MUSE, MAN'S
BEST AND SUREST FRIEND, IS IMMORTAL, AND CANNOT
PERISH FROM THE EARTH WHILE THIS CLUB REMAINS.
MY COMPLAINT SIMPLY CONCERNS THE DECAY OF
THE ART OF LYING. NO HIGH-MINDED MAN, NO
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