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The Power of a Good Example

Joubert once said that "We are all of us more or less echoes, repeating involuntarily the virtues, the defects, the movements and the character of those among we live."

This is referring to the power of a good example in every walk of life. Let's not make any mistake about this, a good example will work silently and speak in a powerful voice. The reverse is equally true in regard to a bad example.

Many of us wish to see our young folk participate more in the activities of the Swiss Club life and movements and are finding it hard to register a waning interest in what the parents think to be of importance.

There are many facets of life which seem more important to them at times and they drift away temporarily from ideas and ideals. Integration into a new way of life can get preference when young people think it not necessary to go the way of their parents, or find it preferable to ignore their principles. Lack of the right company at the Swiss functions can also be a deterrent. You will find many more reasons to add to this.

Our first duty is to create the right atmosphere at these functions, to attract and to hold our youngsters, try to give them a say in the activities, but above all, we must participate ourselves, for them to see time and again the way we would like them to be. As they grow older it will become more and more important to them what they can see in us.

Herodotus, the old Roman philosopher, once said: "I am satisfied that we are less convinced by what we can hear than by what we can see. You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips."

—W.R.