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**"To Have Succeeded"**

To laugh often and love much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people  
And the affection of children;

To earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false  
friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To give of one's self;  
To leave the world a little better, Whether by a healthy child, A garden patch, Or  
a redeemed social condition; To have played and laughed with enthusiasm And  
sung with exultation; To know that one life has breathed easier Because you  
have lived . . . . This is to have succeeded!