

Tough Kepsie, N. Y.,
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My Young Friend:

Permit me to call your attention, at this great period in our history, to the following words of Sallust:

"I have often heard that Quintus Maximus, Publius Scipio, and other renowned persons of the Roman Commonwealth, used to say that, whenever they beheld the images of their ancestors, they felt their minds vehemently excited to virtue. It could not be the wax, nor the marble, that possessed this power; but the recollections of their great actions kindled a generous flame in their breasts, which could not be quenched till they, also, by virtue, had acquired equal fame and glory."

Yours respectfully

Perdore Hosmer.

Master O. K. Brooks.