How to overcome handicaps

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To prove his point, Maugham cited the testimony of other lives and made a convincing case.

THE POET Byron had a clubfool. Novelist Dostoevsky suffered from tits of epilepsy. Scientist Pasteur was crippled by a paralytic stroke. Beethoven, the genius of music, became dead, Milton, a supreme puet, was blind. Moses, the highest of

Tyndale sets open house

William Tyndale College in Farm-ington Hills will hold open house from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, for prospective students and their

parents.
The exangelical Christian College is at 35700 Twelve Mile.
Faculty and admissions officers will discuss financial aids, transfer rodit and academic programs. The office offers 31 backelor, associate degree and certificate programs in liberal arts and the Christian minis-



moral perspectives

Rabbi Irwin Groner

the prophets, was slow of speech.
So runs the record of biography—
much of the predatest in the world is
the product of handlecapped people.
How did they do 17 Each of us
needs to learn their techniques because all of us are handlecapped in
some way.

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Rare indeed is the person who does not feel a sense of inadequacy, failure of deficiency in some aspect of ability or function. To slik into self-pity is not the answer. It simply means deterioration and barrenness.

WE MUST ACCEPT ourselves,

WE MUST ACCEPT ourselves, our powers and our limits, not gradsingly, but graciously.
Since we all have difficulty in accepting the given and are reluctant to face facts, we engage in hypothetical thinking. If things were all till different. If my nose were not so if my parents were not so poor if I had chosen a different profession or vocation. If I had

seized the right investment opportunities . . . if I had not made the mistake of marrying Harry (or Gwendolyn)

lyn).

How much better the whole prospect would have been if some of the "details" were different.

MATURITY involves acceptance. Each person enters into life with handicaps and imperfections. A central task each of us faces in the formation of any identity is ac-

the formation of any identity is ac-ceptance of those defects and limita-tions that are our destiny.

Self-acceptance is a prelude to responsibility and creative change. It is impossible to delete those deformities and weaknesses that we are all tempted to despise, without completely altering the person. If we do not like our lot in life, there are many others like us.

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ways in which we cripple ourselves by rejecting the given terms in which life is granted to us. Furthermore, there are usually some parts of any particular given world which can be changed or mastered by our will. There is almost always an area of freedom available to everyone.

Those creative personalities indicated above — the ones who have suffered from obvious handleaps but succeeded in the arts — have shown us how great and useful life can be despite apparent limitations. What counts is the spirit in which we live — our courage, determination and imagination, our mastery of our selves and our sympathy for the plight of others.

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Wheelchair-bound volunteers needed

Wheelchair-using volunteers are needed for a research study at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.
"I am in desperate need of additional subjects," said Dr. Barry Franklin, director of cardiac rehabilitation and exercise laboratories, and author of this newspaper's fitness column.

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"The study is designed to develop a field test — that is, wheelchair ambulation distance in a given time period — of heart-lung fitness," Franklin said.

"We are seeking healthy male wheelchair users, ages 20 to 50, classes II-V paraplegies, amputees and those with selected lower ex-tremity disabilities.

"Wheelchalt users of varied fit-ness levels are encouraged to partic-lipate. You need not be a "wheelchalt athlete or "marathener." All labora-tory testing will be provided free to appropriate candidates," he said. To inquire about participating, call Karen Johnstone at Beaumont, 288-8148.

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