

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

Complaints are often made, and surprise expressed by individuals who have never found a blessing rest upon anything they have attempted to do in the service of God. "I have been a Sunday-school teacher for years," says one, "and I have never seen any of my girls or boys converted." No; and the reason most likely is, you have never been really anxious about it. You have never made up your mind that, in dependence on the power of God's Spirit, *converted they should be*; and that *nothing should be left undone until they were*. You have never been led by the Spirit to such a degree of earnestness, that you have said "I cannot live unless God bless me. I cannot rest until I see some of those dear children saved." Had it been so, you would not have been disappointed. I give you an illustration:

A pious young lady was requested to teach a class of girls in a Sabbath-school. She accepted the invitation, and engaged in the work. She was seen to be very earnest, faithful, and affectionate with her youthful charge. In a little while one scholar after another became thoughtful, serious, and anxious, until every member of her class was converted. She was then requested to take another class, and had not been long in it before similar effects were produced, and ultimately every member of this class also believed in Jesus. She was finally induced to give up this class, and take another one of children, in which again she had not labored long, when the same results followed as before, every pupil having been brought into the Shepherd's fold.

Her work was now done. She fell asleep in Jesus. After her death her friends; on examining her journals, found the following resolution:

"Resolved, That I will pray once each day for each member of my class by name."

On looking further into this faithful teacher's journal, they found the same resolution rewritten and readopted with a slight addition, as follows:

"Resolved, That I will pray once each day for each member of my class by name, and agonize in prayer."

On looking still further into the journal, the same resolution is found rewritten and readopted with another slight addition, as follows:

"Resolved, That I will pray once each day for each member of my class by name, and agonize in prayer, and expect a blessing."

RIGHT FEELING.

Dr. Phillips Brooks gives some advice on the question of feeling in religious meetings. He says: "See clearly that you value no feelings that is not

THE CHILD OF TRUTH AND THE FATHER OF DUTY."

Feeling, to be worth anything, must be.

PRODUCED BY TRUTH.

not by music—not by stagy tricks of oratory—not by direct attempts of any kind to work up emotion—not by half-truths, which are the most dangerous and deadly form of error, but by truth—God's truth.

But Brooks says feeling should be the

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as well as the child of Truth. The feeling that does not move a man to give up his sins and discharge his duties, probably does him more harm than good. When he cools off he probably becomes more hardened than ever. The most hopeless man on this earth is one who says he has been converted a dozen times and has fallen from grace each time. The hardest field on this earth to work in is one that has been burnt over half a dozen times by bogus revivals. Feeling there may have been—any amount of it perhaps—but the feeling was not the father of Duty. The people did not come out of the excitement resolving in God's name to be better citizens, better neighbours, better husbands, better wives, better parents and better children. If they did so resolve the resolution did not last long enough to crystallize into duty.

The steam that escapes through the pipe of a locomotive, and hisses and fizzes as it passes into the air, does no good in the way of driving the iron horse. The steam within that moves the wheels and puts the whole train in motion is the power that does the business. Feeling that does nothing but escape is of no use, no matter how much noise it makes in escaping. The kind of feeling needed is the kind that moves the wheels of duty in every department of life. The more we have of that kind the better.