

The Upward Look

Good Gifts May Be Ours
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A reader of this department has sent me a copy of the September, 1910, issue of *The Independent*, published in New York. It contains an article entitled "To the Seekers of Success." The friend who sent it thinks that it contains the same thread of thought that has been brought out in "The Upward Look" during the past few weeks.

The article in question refers to the great amount of literature that has been published telling how success in life may be obtained, and all claiming that "no matter how fierce the strife, no matter how many suitors throng the gates, you can, through courage and persistence and fortitude and abstinence and thrift, attain the goal." The writer then points out, as we have done in *The Upward Look*, that the writers of these articles invariably have in mind the attainment of material success only and ignores the more worthy desire to become rich spiritually, by helping mankind in general, rather than to exalt self.

A vein of argument is then, struck, however, which would be most discouraging and disastrous were we all to accept it. An effort is made to show that the facts are against those who claim that success is within the

reach of all those who will strive for it. In support of their contention the writer uses the following among other arguments:

"Let us take a single industry—that of the interstate railways. Of the 1,435,274 employees in the United States (1908), how many can hope to be numbered among the 5,767 'general officers? You are an employee, we shall say, and in mere numbers you have about one chance in 252 of reaching your goal. No matter how efficient you become, no matter what hours you give to study and plan and fit yourself for 'higher' things, it is not likely that the number of general officers will be greatly increased. If all of you become the executive equals of the 5,767 general officers, there would still be places for only one in 252 of you."

To believe such a doctrine would strangle all our God-given impulses to improve ourselves and to progress. Like a flower, we are ever reaching upward for better and greater things. To take away from us the hope that there may be obtained—as long as the motive that impels us to strive for them is worthy, would have about the same effect as to deprive the flower of the sunlight on which it depends for existence and further growth.

It is true that the great majority of the 252 employees referred to, will never advance much, if any, beyond their present station. This, however, is not because they could not if they would, but because they either do not strive at all or because they do not put forth their efforts in the right di-

rection. The power of Satan is ever playing on our lives, striving to keep us back and to draw us down to lower levels. Those of us who pay heed to what he says are soon led to give up for us. Habits of slothfulness, and other forms of evil grow upon us and unless checked they in time rob us of our greatest and best opportunities. It is inevitable that the voices of the thousands of lives, and in all such cases the heights that might have been reached can never be attained. We have only to look around us to see how few, how very, very few, are really striving as they might, to attain the larger measure of development of which they are capable. Instead, they are snatching at the transitory pleasures that surround them, and thereby they lose the larger vision that might be theirs.

It is true that we cannot all be railway magnates, merchant princes or great evangelists. That does not mean, however, that our lives will be failures. True success comes only when we continuously strive to live up to the highest and best of which we are capable. It is because so few try that those who do may expect to advance beyond their fellows. A great law ordains that they should, for they cannot advance—unless they adopt unrighteous methods—without drawing others with them. By progressing themselves, they set examples for others to follow.

When all of us strive after true success, instead of it becoming impossi-

ble for us all to obtain it, the millennium will have come, love will prevail on earth, and neither shall there be weeping nor sorrow any more.

In considering this great subject we must ever remember that God is love, that He loves us, that He is our Heavenly Father, and that much more than any earthly father can, He desires to shower good gifts upon us. Jesus Himself hath said, "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good gifts to them that ask Him?" (St. Matthew, 7:11.) When we ask Him, however, we must be sure that the motive that prompts the asking is not a selfish, but a worthy one.

When we feel that God has called us to any given line of work, then we have the right to expect God's blessing upon that work. It is then His work, even more than ours, and when we know that we have God as our partner all things become possible to us, if we will only believe. (St. Mark, 9:23.)—I. H. N.

Hints for Housewives

Don't put damp towels and napkins in the hamper. Dry them first or they will mildew.

Don't use good knives for scraping the table. A cheap knife will answer the purpose.

Don't make bread into large loaves. The centre is apt to be underdone, and spoils easily.



Peep again in your oven.

See those loaves, those *pleasing* loaves you've made.

How *fat—rounded—substantial*.

No, they *won't* fall when colder.

Because the *Manitoba strength* that is in FIVE ROSES will hold them up till eaten.

This sturdy *elastic* gluten has kept them from dropping *flat* in the oven.

No unsightly holes 'twixt crust and crumb—*never*.

All risen *evenly*—to stay risen.

Never heavy—sodden—soggy—indigestible.

Yours are the FIVE ROSES loaves—

Crinkly and *appetizing* of crust.

Golden brown and tender.

Snowy of crumb—*light* as thistledown.

FIVE ROSES helps a lot.

Try it soon.

Five Roses Flour

Not Bleached



Not Blended