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## SAFETY IN SPEED.

Another striking proof has recently been added to the already long list of incidents which make it certain that there is safety in extreme speed on railways. A recent English paper tells how the Great Western express, one of the fastest trains in England, came upon the trunk of a tree fifty feet long which had slid down from the embankment. A timid engine-driver, seeing such a formidable obstacle as a trunk 5 ft. 6 in. in circumference before him, might have shut off steam and put on the brakes, when a catastrophe would have been inevitable. Fortunately they do not employ timid drivers on the Great Western, and the engine, at a speed of sixty miles an hour, cut clean through the trunk with no worse results than a slight jolting to the passengers and some damage to the engine-guards and steam-pipe.

## NO CONDEMNATION.

Suppose a child does wrong and goes to the mother and lays the head in the mother's lap and says, 'Oh, mother, I am so condemned; it is all so wrong, mother!' She will lay that loving mother-hand on the head of that child, and, do you know, she will not condemn it? The lips will be like the lips of the blessed Son of God, they will be unaccusing lips. Not that she is not sorry that the wrong has been done; oh, no. Not that she is not infinitely desirous that it should not continue; oh, no! all that. But if she is an ideal mother (and there are many mothers that are not ideal mothers), if she is an ideal mother she will just simply lay her hand, there will be no condemnation from

her lips; and that was just what Christ showed when He gave the story of the Prodigal Son; He showed us the love of the Father. When the son came and threw

himself down and said, 'I have sinned,' you see there was no condemnation at all from the father, not the least; he ordered that the calf should be killed and the robe made

ready, and he threw his arms around that prodigal son, so glad to get him, so glad. There was no condemnation. Friends, if we can just simply believe it; if we do not

we will never come to Life. We may come to profession, we may come to every thing else, but Life is a wonderful thing, and when we come to that Life there will be no trouble then about walking in the Spirit, we will follow the Spirit. Of course, we will follow where we love and where we know we are loved. How hard it has been for some of us not to follow where we knew we were loved. It is a very hard thing not to follow the person that you know loves you, and there can come times in human life when one cannot follow the one that one knows loves him. It may not be much to you, it is a great deal to me to think that there is One that will never, never find fault with me. I cannot tell you how much it is to me. When I hear of anybody who finds fault with me in these days, since I have seen this, I turn my tired face to the One who will never, never condemn me. I remember a girl once who came to see what I am trying to have you see; I will never forget it.

Do you know we will never come, dear friends, to see sin and give it up, turn from it, until this love has become real to us? We have to be pretty wicked to sin against love; of course, we can, we are sinning against it, but people do not see that God loves them. Certainly, the need in human souls, somehow or other, is not met because they do not believe it. I remember a person once saying to me, I shall love you, no matter what



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