

to the preceding day. The first month went on all right, and Mr. Griffith came around, an agreement was signed, and I was to remain with Mr. D—. But I must say that my first year in Canada was a trying one. Between my broad English dialect and my corduroy breeches, I was the object of a great deal of ridicule amongst the Canadians. But I learned that the way to win was to take it all in good part, and by so doing I soon won their favour. I made a great many blunders at first, so that my boss got out of all patience with me, and told me I would have to change my ways or I would never do for this country. This set me thinking, and I came to the conclusion that the way to win was to change my ways, which I at once proceeded to do, so that I soon gained the confidence and good-will of my employer, and also the favour and respect of those around.

I completed my term, and received the silver medal for good conduct, which I prized very much. I hired with the same man for three years longer, making in all seven years in my first place. At the end of that time I left Mr. D—, as he did not need me any longer. During the next two years I encountered some pretty tough places and rough, uncultured people, niggardly to the last degree. I was beginning to think that it was a hard way to win, but was encouraged by the thought that there is lots of room at the top, and so plodded on until I fell in with the people I am now working for, in which place I am now putting in the third year.

During my experience in Canada I have found that it is a country which affords opportunities for lads to work their way up into positions of independence, which are not found in any other country; but he must reach out and grasp these opportunities, or he will fail. But it is my honest conviction that the only way to win is to have a Christian character. Nothing in the world can keep a good man down. There are men constantly in trouble lest they should not be appreciated. But every man comes in the end to be valued at just what he is worth. How often you see men turn out all their forces to crush one man or set of men. How do they succeed? No better than did the government that tried to crush Joseph. Learn from the story of Joseph that the world is compelled to honour a Christian character. We find Christian men in all professions and occupations, and we find them respected, honoured and successful. The secret of success and the way to win, then, is to be a Christian. This is a grand age, with grand opportunities, and he who is willing to work with an honest purpose for honest results will make life a success. My experience in Canada has shown me that the greatest men have started in their shirt sleeves. It has also shown me that it is a wise plan to make a practice of saving a little every year, and in course of time I will be found independent.

There are a great many men looking for a good salary and little work. This kind of jobs is rather scarce, and only an idle man will look for them. I remember, a few years ago, when several young men said to me that they would not work for such low wages as I was then getting, they themselves were working for high wages for a few months in the Summer, and in the Winter they were going about in their best clothes idle, spending what they had earned in the Summer, while I was steadily plodding on, always making a little. Where are those men to-day? I do not suppose there is one of them has any more than the clothes on his back. The way to win, then, is to work for the best salary or wages you can command, but work for anything rather than go idle. Necessity is always the first stimulus to industry, and those who conduct themselves with prudence, perseverance and energy, rarely fail. The substance of my few remarks in regard to the way to win, is to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you.

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