

sides. Such diligence is one of the first fruits of grace, and the church should toil and seek for it. Formerly the church was charged with being partial to the rich. Against this a reaction has set in, and the reaction has swung too far, for the church often allows her pity for the poor to lead her into unjustifiable denunciations of the rich. Now she must be careful not to put a premium on failure; not to let the world imagine that so long as a man is down he will have her sympathy and aid, but that whenever he rises to the height of prosperity he must expect her to side against him in everything. The man who, working along lines of righteousness, is truly successful in the pursuits of earth is nearest the example of Christ whose success was the highest in the history of the world.

We must not forget that, in a multitude of cases, poverty is due to vice, unfaithfulness or wilful inefficiency. This is strikingly illustrated in a book lately published by Prof. W. A. Wyckoff, of Princeton, entitled "The Workers." Professor Wyckoff desired to study the social problem at first hand, and in 1891 started out from the Eastern States to work his way across the continent as an unskilled labourer. This book is a record of his experiences. Not only did he succeed in finding work everywhere he went, but in every occupation he entered, he found good chances of promotion. Yet, as his had been a student's life, he was absolutely unskilled in these branches of industry, and gained these opportunities simply by honest effort. In a little booklet issued recently in their "Four Track Series," by the New York Central Railway Co., entitled "A Message to Garcia," the same truth is emphasized more strongly. Among other pointed comments, he says: "No man who has endeavoured to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well-nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man—the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it. Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference and half-hearted work seems the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook, or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness sends