SERMON ON THE DEATH

I sometimes hear it said, as a sort of apology for the inconsistencies in business transactions, Commerce is commerce, business is business, religion is religion, politics are politics, pleasure is pleasure ; as if a man's business or pleasure should be divorced the one from the other, or either from his religion; as if commercial dishonesty or professional trickery could by some means be made compatible with the true nobility of a Christian character. No, my dear hearer, your religion should sanctify and direct and regulate all the departments of professional and public lifo, and at the counter, in the office, in the counting-room, and the exchange, at the ballot-box, and in the senate, your Christianity should be felt as your sheet anchor, your strength, Christian principle and not worldly policy, your glory. Christian ethics and not worldly tactics, the law of God and not the law of the day, should be your guide and rule of action. One cause, and the principal cause, of the success of our dear friend in business, was, the noble purpose and high resolve to do right-to dare to be true. Do not all our business men know that E. Jackson's word was as good as a bond ? It was a bond; a word based on true Christian principle. Let your life motto be, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do," that includes pleasure, and business, and politics, "do all to the glory of God.

A gentleman, well qualified to speak on the point, said to me yesterday, "Mr. Jackson so conducted his business as never to make an enemy or lose a friend."

When Mr. Jackson enlisted in the service of Christ he did so for life, and his life was one of increasing usefulness. He never laid by the harness. "He held fast the profession of his faith without wavering." "His leaf did not wither," nor his love grow cold. It is a pleasing fact that speaks