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Worked Too Hard.

When Senator Albert J. Beveridge was gathering material in Russia for his book, "The Russian Advance," just published by the Harpers, he had an amusing experience with a native interpreter. Mr. Beveridge has the prime quality of the successful man, a capacity for hard work. Having engaged the interpreter, Mr. Beveridge started in on a good day of American "haste," with the result: After first day's work, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., interpreter somewhat exhausted, Mr. Beveridge fresh and hearty. After second day's work, same hours, interpreter gasping, Mr. Beveridge enthusiastically planning the work for next day. After third day's work, interpreter requesting a day off for rest, Mr. Beveridge regretfully giving his permission. But after that day the interpreter never turned up again. Later the senator heard that he complained he couldn't work with a man who wanted to do year's work in a day. Subsequent frequent relays of fresh interpreters enabled Mr. Beveridge to accomplish his own work in his own way.

The Barking Dog.

The Boston Transcript tells the story of a minister who had occasion very frequently to travel a certain road.

At a house on that road lived a big bull dog, which always came out and attacked him viciously. The minister stood this for a good while, until, finally, as he drove past one day in a low sleigh, a means of correcting the dog by moral suasion occurred to him. He stopped his horse in the road before the house. The dog rushed out madly, barking and threatening to jump into the sleigh. The minister sat in his sleigh and paid no attention. The dog, sleigh, returned to the assault, retired, and a third time rushed out to the attack, but did not touch the man. Then he returned to the doorstep and lay down, apparently utterly crestfallen and disgusted with such a man; and, as he paid no further attention, the dog drove off.

After this the minister drove many times past the house, but the dog paid no attention to him, and never seemed to see him at all. He was cured.

From this we may learn a good lesson. In every community there are people just like that dog.

A Young Critic.

It is often true that a preacher's most honest and discriminating critics are found in his own household. A friend of mine has a rather lively four-year-old, whose remarks are not always characterized by a reverence for the cloth, but do sometimes indicate that he has been doing some thinking. His father had moved from an eastern city to the west. The following conversation between son and father took place recently. Its climax will be appreciated by many ministers and some congregations:

"Fadder, let us move back to C."

"I cannot do that, my boy. I would not have a place to preach."

"Oh, you could preach in your old church and we could live in our old home, and I could play with Fletcher."

"No, I could not preach in my old church, for they have a minister. I do not think I can go back to C, for I would not have anything to do, and you know father does not wish to be idle."

For a moment the little fellow's face wore an air of perplexity, and then, as if the problem were solved, it lighted up, and he said with a triumphant air:

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