

nor would have been even in his time at the hands of almost any other preacher; that, however, be it noted, was when there was no afternoon discourse to follow. And during a long ministry of a quarter of a century it was greatly delighted in by the majority of the large congregation that waited upon him. Surely no better proof could be given of the excellence of the matter and of the manner of his ministrations.

He died suddenly, on the 3rd Nov.,

1859, in the fifty-third year of his age, having been arrested by severe illness on a day of public thanksgiving, when preparing to go to a neighbouring church to preach, and found in the afternoon lying lifeless on his bed. Dr. Willis leading in prayer at the funeral, made an appropriate accommodation of the scriptural eulogium, "There is a prince and a great man fallen . . . in Israel." And it may be added that "he being dead yet speaketh."

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN STUDY.*

BEFORE proceeding to consider how success is attained, it will be necessary to examine somewhat carefully into its nature, and to distinguish between that which is real and that which is only apparent.

What then is success? Success is made up of two elements. It implies an end viewed as desirable, and the attainment of that end. Without a definite end before one—some goal towards which the energies are directed—some object upon which all the powers are concentrated, there is no more possibility of a man becoming successful than there is of a vessel, which sets sail without any particular port in view, arriving at the end of her voyage in safety. Unless there is a definite purpose in life, the attention is divided, a large amount of time and energy is wasted, and that concentration of thought which produces strength is wanting. The man who would be successful, therefore, must begin by deciding upon some definite course of action upon which he shall bring to bear all the powers of his body and faculties of his mind; and then when he realizes in some adequate mea-

sure the purpose which he formed he may be said to be successful. It matters not what the character of the end desired may be, so long as it is attained, there is success. The man whose aim is to fill a certain position in the State is successful if he reaches that position. The man whose great desire is to alleviate the sufferings of his fellow men is successful if he accomplishes his purpose. The man who measures success by a monetary value is successful if he amasses a certain amount of wealth each year. On the other hand, although the term success is generally used in a good sense, yet the man who sets a sinful end before him and attains it may in a certain sense be termed successful. The man whose highest object in life is to rob a bank is successful if he accomplishes his object. He is a successful robber. Thus every man who attains the goal towards which his efforts have been directed may be termed successful. The quality of the success, however, depends on the character of the object desired. If that object be a low and worthless one, the success will have a similar character; whereas if it be noble and exalted, the success will be honourable and praiseworthy.

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