

in a more serious and more momentous sense, to face obstructions that may mean much in determining the welfare of a community and of individuals as well.

Obstructionists, did you say? Yes, they are of various aspects, depending very much upon conditions and surroundings. There is the obstructionist in the home, who impedes the progress of comfort, of enlightenment, of intelligence, of civility, decorum and a general regard for the happiness of others, or of the moral and religious development of the members of the family. This may be shown in carelessness, in a lack of comprehension, in a love for hoarding money, or in an innate depravity of soul.

The public obstructionist always believes in doing things in the old way, and has no eye to modern inventions and improvement. He is always on the "objecting" side of things and cannot be convinced that he is wrong. In politics he always votes his party ticket; the party can never be wrong, for was it not his party that saved the country? No change of circumstance or place can change his mind.

Then there is the obstructionist in the church, who, by his ideas, hinders the effectiveness of any effort to advance the interests and make more powerful the influence of true godliness.

Obstructionists! How they spring up where least expected, and always, as in the illustration, plant themselves right in the middle of the road. Forward they will not go, and backward they cannot be forced. Sometimes it is best, as in a railroad wreck, to build a track around them, or even over them. As a rule they are a hopeless class.

"To err is human." That is sound doctrine: nor is it hard to live up to.—Ram's Horn.