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Buried Talents.

What is Time's best gift to thee?
Not failing pleasures or fading honors nor riches fair—
Their ministry is not abiding;
Her gifts to thee are richer far—
Thou hast a mind to think, a heart to feel and a hand
to toil;
And golden opportunity is thine also.
Let not failure rob thy soul forever.

By talents, we mean ability to think and speak and work for the glory of God and the good of men. Nineteen centuries nearly have come and gone since the dawn of the Christian era, and it is yet true that the "Harvest is great and the laborers few." Vast multitudes are still treading the dark ways of sin. Where will be found those who will garner in these harvests from the "fields of sin"? Many within the fold of the church have buried their talents, so far as the cause of God and the prosperity of the Church is concerned. This will appear evident, when we recall the fact that only a small percentage

of church members by prayer and testimony witness for Christ before dying men. Only a limited number may be regarded as workers in the church. It ought not so to be. It is not because God has withheld the ability to do these things from all but a few, but it is rather because the few only have exercised their gifts and graces, and by the use of these talents have developed them. The ability to speak and do will increase by exercise just the same as any other gift. Is it uncharitable, to say that a large share of the churches' talent is yet buried in the sense that it is unused? There are prayers wrapped in dusty human heart which should cleave the sky. There are sermons that are hidden away in the chambers of the human mind, which remain unwritten and unspoken. There are testimonies which should thrill and move the human hearts which are hindered from passing the door of the lips.

There are those who have magazines of power within them, and yet seem all unconscious of it. Let these latent talents that are now buried be fully developed, and let them be harnessed to the enterprise of the church, then greater victories will be achieved for truth and righteousness than in any time that is past.—W.

Fidelity and Fellowship.

"Words are things, and a little drop of Ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands and perhaps millions think."—Byron.

These words happily convey the idea of Dr. F. E. Clarke's opening address before the thousands assembled at Minneapolis Convention and read by many thousands more, through mediums of American and Canadian newspapers. The theme was—Fidelity and Fellowship—these are the wings that will bear the Christian Endeavor cause upward and onward to final victory. The very principles of our Society necessarily increase church loyalty and denominational fidelity. It makes the young Methodist a better Methodist, the young Baptist a better Baptist, etc.