#### VALUE OF EXPERIENCE

ONE CANNOT USE THAT OF ANOTHER BUT JUST ONE'S OWN.

DAVID'S NATURAL WEAPONS

Will the Experience of Every Man Hand Him in Stend in the Day of Bat-

less Angeles, Cal., Jan. 22.—A wholesome philosophy, which may well be applied by every one who desires success in the battle of life, is that which the preacher outlines in this sermon, taking his text from I Samuel zvii, 39. "I cannot go with these, for I have not proved them." A weaponless soldier is a defenseless and a helpless soldier is a defenseless and a helpless soldier. Neither personal strength nor heroic valor can avail him without effective weapons in a conflict against an armed foe. The military chiefs have learned that the issue of a campaign depends as much on the perfection and precision of the weapons as on the vigor and prowess of the soldier. In the Austro-Prussian war it was not so much the valor of the soldier or the strategic skill of the generals that gave Prussian the victory as the fact that the Prussian army had the needle gun while the Austrichts carried the old fashioned muzzle loader. Nor can moral qualities take the place of modern equipment. "Thrice armed," says the dramatist, "is he who hath his quarrel just." but neither justice nor righteousness can cave a cause if the champions of it neglect the material appliances of military science. No general ever I more implicit faith in divine ver than had Oliver Cromwell, but the he did not ignore the necessity for human precautions. "Trust in

fer than had Oliver Cromwell, but wen he did not ignore the necessity for human precautions. "Trust in God," he said to his valiant Ironsides, "and keep your powder dry." Fortitude and courage are needed now as ever in an army, but the soldier without effective arms is mere food for powder.

This fact was recognized in ancient times. Before the discovery of gunpowder had made hand to hand.

gunpowder had made hand to hand condicts so rare as they are now soldiers were clad from head to foot in armor to protect them from the in armor to protect them from the blow of the sword or battleax or the thrust of the spear. Thus when David, the shepherd boy, went out to sight the Philistine giant it seemed a aght the Philistine giant it seemed a matter of ordinary precaution that he be covered with such armor as was then in use. It seemed the rashest temerity for him to go into the fight wearing his ordinary shepherd dress. King Saul said: "I will let him go forth and fight in my armor. My helmet shall protest his forehead. My coat of mail shall cover his chest. My sword, keen as a Damasous blade, with its jeweled hilt, shall be in his hand. Come, armor bearer, place my armor upon the champion."
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This offer of Saul's was an embar-rassment. The young shepherd buy was unaccustomed to the cumbrous armor. But the king's offer must not be rejected by a loyal subject, so he submitted to be girded with the coat of mail and the helmet to protect his head. He must have looked as ridi-culous as the pale, thin, consumptive Alexander H. Stephens, that giant of mental power and great heart, ap-

Alexander H. Stephens, that giant of mental power and great heart, appeared in his multitudinous wrappings of outer garments. When Lincoln saw him at Hampton Roads he said to his secretary of state, "Seward, did you ever see in your life such a pile of corn huskings wrapped about one thin ear?"

"Why," said David, "I cannot fight in this armor. Saul may use these weapons, but I am not Saul. Give me my sling, with which I am accustomed to protect my sheep. Let me choose my own stones out of the busk for ammunition. Let me fight state with the talent God has for ammunition. Let me fight srael with the talent God has to me to use." My text says: "Lat David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these, for I have not proved them. And David put them of him."

to him will win. The man who tries to fight the battle of life in some other man's armor will fail every time. The purpose of this sermon is to point out some of the useless weapons with which men go forth to battle—not useless weapons perhaps for others, but useless for ourselves, because they belong to another's armory and not to ours.

A young man, in the first place, makes a great mistake in trying to fit his father's helmet upon his head and cover his chest with his father's coat of mail and unsheath his father's even for the battle of life merely because they once belonged to his father. When a man has made a big success as a minister or lawyer or doctor or artist or musician or merchant, or mechanic that does not necessary prove that his boy is fitted by mental and physical temperament to walk in his father's footsteps. And yet, strange to say, we find many fathers almost compelling their

And yet, strange to say, we find many fathers almost compelling their unwilling boys to be doctors or lawyers or even ministers or merchants because they themselves have made successes in those professions or busi-nesses. And we also find many young men forcing themselves to take up a line of life work for which they are

line of life work for which they are entirely unfitted merely because their fathers won fame and fortune in those walks of life.

Saul's armor was appropriate to his magnificent frame. His son Jonathan may have been able to wear it. There is no reason why if a man is fitted by nature and mental power to follow in his father's footsteps he should not enter the profession his father adorned and fight in his father's armor. There are men who have made a greater success than their fathers in the same field. When we

made a greater success than their fathers in the same field. When we study history we find that men whe were great ministers, lawyers, doctors, artists, authors and merchants have had sons who became even greater ministers, lawyers, doctors, artists, authors and merchants. Hamilcar was a great Carthaginias general. He was the parent of Hannibal, who was a greater general than his noble sire. There were two great Scipios, father and son. Which was the greater it is impossible to was the greater it is impossible to

great Scipios, father and son. Which was the greater it is impossible to tell.

Samuel D. Gross and H. L. Pancoast and Lewis A. Sayre were the great American surgeons of their times. They all had sons who became just as great as they were. Lyman Beecher's fame is no greater than that of his son, Henry Ward Beecher. Thomas Moran belongs to a family of artists who are all masters of the brush. Charles Wesley, the hymnologist, had a son who for years was the most eminent organist of all Europe. Walter Damrosch and Frank Damrosch are treading in the footsteps of their gifted father. Dr. Leopold Damrosch. Because a father is a great musical genius that does not prove that his son or sons may not become as great musical masters as their sires. Lord Chatham was Premier of England. His son, William Pitt, was Premier also. But though genius in one line of work may pass from father to son and be inherited that does not prove that all sons are fitted by brain and temperament to fight the battle in their fathers's armor or to achieve with the same sword victories such as their fathers won.

What is true in reference to law and poetry is also true in reference to the ministry. Great ministers have had sons who became great ministers, but that does not imply that all boys born in a parsonage should fellow the profession of their fathers. John Mitchell Mason was the greatest pulpit orator of New Yerk city in his day. He died Dec. 26, 1829. A contemporary gives this powerful description of this king of multiteers who waved his audiences.

York city in his day. He died Dec. 26, 1829. A contemporary gives this powerful description of this king of pulpiteers who swayed his audiences for Christ: "Taken altogether no American preacher has combined more impressive qualities. His aspect was on a scale of grandeur corresponding to the majesty of the mind within. Tall, robust, with a head modeled after neither Grecian nor Roman standard, yet symmetrical, combining the dignity of the one and the grace of the other, with an eye that shot fire, especially when under the excitement of earnest be ok for ammunition. Let me fight strate with the talent God has to me to use." My text says: "And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these, for I have not proved them. And David put them of him."

David did right. The man who fights the great battle of life with the natural weapons God has given

trations from the incidents of daily life and introduce those fresh illustrations into our practical sermons, as Christ did when he talked about the thieves on the Jericho road or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather our materials from past ages and from the writers of old and from the sins of the Jewish people and not from the sins of the American people, who live at our very door." There are many doing this. The result is there are hundreds of preachers who do not wield any modern "slings." They do not preach as Christ would have them preach. They are ready to talk about the lily of the valley and the rose of Sharon and the grapes of Eschol, but they are not willing to utter a philippic against commercial sins in our own day, against the groceryman who has false weights for his pound of sugar and tea as well as against the wealthy millionaire who is living a double life and is breaking the marital vows which he once made to the young girl when the twain at the marriage altar became one.

What we say about church work

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What we say about church work we say about every other kind of work. Young man, do not do a thing as a lawyer or doctor or merchant merely because other lawyers or docters or merchants have been accustomed in the past to do that thing and in that way. It was the novelty of onslaught which David used that was able to overthrow the mighty Philistine. If you are going to make a success in life you must have independent ways of doing your work. You must get out of the ruts. Do not use Saul's sword to fight your Goliath merely because all other soldiers are using swords to fight their Goliath. Develop your markmanship by swinging your natural slings. David fighting his battles in an original way was a conqueror; David using Saul's armor would have been a failure.

them a failure.

There is another caution to the young man who is going out to fight the battles of life. He must be careful about the quality and temper of his weapons. If we should discard the obsolete weapons with which our ancestors fought their battles, how much more should all of us refuse to go forth to battle in life with the glittering blades of sin in

with the glittering blades of sin in our hands which again and again have proved impotent when the heat of the struggle is on. When we take the blades of sin we have false weapons in our hands. In the heat of life's battles these blades of sin will fail us every time.

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"Well," says some one, "you have been telling us what kind of weapons not to use. Now tell us the kind we can go forth to fight God's battles with, How do we know with what David's sling we are to fight? How did David know? What was his best sling?" Well, my friends, I am not here to tell your particular "sling." but I am here to tell you how you can find out about that "sling." As a rule, the sling which you are to use in the battle of life is the one that you can wield the easiest.

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Let me illustrate my thought in a simple way: When you were a little child the first, intellectual passion your parents recognized in you was your love for music. If some one sat down to play at the piano and you were crying you immediately ceased to cry As agon as you were able you climbed upon the music stool and began to pick out the different notes with your chubby fingers. For hours and hours you can sit and listen to music. People say your are a born musician. If I were you I would develop that talent for Christ. I would go and sing and play in every cick-roam I could enter. I would go to hospital and mission hall and another hoir loft. To sing and to play is for you to wield a David's sling. Develop that talent, brother. Develop. It for Christ.

What is your talent for Christ? You think you have not any? You say "I cannot write or sing or play or preach or make money I am useless. I have not even one talent, let alons ten." Oh, yes, you have, you Let me illustrate my thought in

that, dis father Rev. John Mason was just as great. John Mitchell Mason without doubt inherited the pulpit genius of his father. But as I read history where I find one minister's son who became a great minister I also find a dozen ministers' sons who won their fame in other walks of life than in the ministers' sons who won their fame in other walks of life than in the ministers' sons who won their fame in other some of us use after our professions and career in life have been selected. We then show no more commonsense in our choice of weapons with which we ser to accomplish that work than if the explorer Robert Edwin Peary should try to reach the North Pole in a sailhoat fashioned after the hull of the Santa Maria, the flagship of Christopher Columbus, or to fight a modern war with out of date weapons like some of those antiques to be found in the British Museum.

It would be a mistake for ministers to say: "We will not talk to the people in a plain common sense way, as Christ talked to his audience in parable. We will not draw our illustrations from the incidents of daily life and introduce those fresh illustrations into our practical sermons, as Christ did when he talked about the thieves on the Jericho road or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or about the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or a down the woman who lost a part of her wedding dowry. But we will gather or a second will be sound the work of the work of the w

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