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Admiral Dewey is one of the kindest of men, but his courtesy and goodwill never cover a heart absolutely loyal to duty. A newspaper correspondent says:

I know of more than one man who has mistaken Admiral Dewey's affability for weakness, only to regret it bitterly. A well-known instance in Manila was that of a prominent newspaper correspondent who was permitted the freedom of the flag-ship. One day this correspondent, who was frequently in the habit of chatting informally with the admiral, sauntered into Dewey's quarters and, interrupting him in his work, blurted out, "Well, admiral, what are your plans regarding future action here?"

"Plans? Plans?" the admiral replied in surprise. "How dare you ask the plans of action for publication? Get out of this ship, and don't let me see you here again until you know more."

The correspondent realized his mistake, but too late. He got off, and has since been allowed to resign from the paper he represented.

The *British Weekly*, in a considerate notice of the excellent record which Wesleyan Methodism is making, says:

"Hugh Price Hughes, more than any other man, has restored evangelism to its proper place in Methodism. As one of the most brilliant of the younger Methodist ministers put to us the other day, he has made evangelism respectable. We should prefer to say that he has helped Methodists to understand better that evangelism is the great work of the Christian ministry; that the article of a standing or falling church is Lie care for outsiders, and that no church can live or deserves to live that is not continually assailing the world of the indifferent and the ignorant."

THE persuasive powers of Mr. Hugh Price Hughes are known to be very great. An interesting sketch of him in the *Home Magazine* states that he has raised something like \$1,250,000 for Methodism. His first great effort was a very striking illustration of his gift in this direction. While at Oxford he made a stirring appeal at a University conference for increased financial support. The little gathering was greatly moved, and \$20,000 was promised on condition that Mr. Hughes raised another \$20,000 at a meeting in Exeter Hall two days hence. Mr. Hughes had twenty-five minutes to get the money. He carried his great audience completely with him, and as the tick of the clock told that the twenty-five minutes had gone, Mr. Hughes received the last sovereign. He once raised \$150,000 in eighteen months.

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