

This is the kind of opposition you must be prepared for if you seek to serve your country, or your town, or your township, in any public capacity, and the effect of this state of things is, in many places, that the men best fitted to serve the people keep entirely aloof from all public affairs. Nehemiah, however, vindicated himself. But when he had repelled his enemies in one direction they renewed the attack upon him from another quarter.

They could not bear to witness his success. His success in defending his poor fellow countrymen, would mean loss to them. So always the building up of the Church is the breaking down of the powers of evil. The church that does no harm to the cause of Satan will meet with no opposition from him.

He will allow it to enjoy peace and what it thinks is prosperity.

But this man was too active and too successful to be left alone. Therefore they devised means to get him out of the way.