



Pastor and People.

Failure and Success.

There were seven thousand seven hundred and forty failures in business in the United States during the year 1875...

There is nothing parallel to this enormous and continuous ratio of failure in any other line of active life.

Whatever the causes may be, the facts remain. Some men gain ultimate success by previous failure.

We need the discipline of failure in order to secure the best success.

In these trying times, this lesson of the failure of the many and the success of the few, is like the preaching of John the Baptist...

If we had accurate statistics of the proportion of religious failures to the successes in any given Church or denomination...

Broken fortunes may be mended, business may be resumed or changed, prosperity may follow adversity...

But in our times Providence is making so many great opportunities, and Christian life has such noble incentives...

the pilgrimage, under the cloud and through the sea and all over the wilderness...

Dwelling in God.

Let a man set his heart upon obedience—simple obedience to the commands of God...

The natural man does not know what God's commands are. He thinks they are very grievous...

We will find out that God's commands, as has been said to us, are so many promises.

Then, keeping His commandments, you will dwell in Him. If not, if we think that we can have a bareless walk...

Missions in Japan.

"The Japanese are a most inquisitive people. Whatever is new, as well as whatever is very old, has a great attraction...

"Time, work, continuous instruction, and all the things necessary to produce Christians at home are necessary here.

"Naturally (if the word may be allowed) the Japanese are a worshipping people. They are eminently capable of becoming a peculiarly religious people...

"There can be little doubt that Christianity will make rapid progress here, but I trust that, to all our other burdens, the churches will not lay on our backs the heavy burden of an expectation of hundreds, if not thousands, added to our churches in a year.

Christian Candor.

In all the Scriptures, a premium is set on frank openness. Deceit, treachery, and all the practices that grow out of a want of candor...

Thoughts about Preaching.

Feel that this sermon may be your last. It is not enough that the preacher know how to lead; he must know how to fire.

"Vigorous consecutive teaching of leading truths" is one of Dr. Hall's recipes for making a "sustained pastorate successful."

He who can always find the word which is appropriate and adequate to his emotions, is not the man whose emotions are deepest.

Some one compares a text to "a gate opening into the Lord's garden," and says that many ministers "instead of unlatching the gate and leading their hearers to pluck the fruit and flowers...

"To how many people did your pastor preach last Sabbath?" asked an exulting Christian of his neighbor.

It is said of Dr. McAulane, of London, that he "always on a Sunday morning, divides his sermon into two parts—one for the little ones, and the other for the adults in the congregation."

Mr. Moody's success in Great Britain began with a prayer meeting, at which only four persons were present.

When all is over, and our feet will run no more, and our hands are helpless, and we have scarcely strength to murmur a last prayer...

Dr. Hawes used to say that his style of preaching was moulded by the criticisms of Dr. Emmons on a single sermon.

The Rev. Rowland Hill used to like Dr. Ryland's advice to his young academicians: "Mind, no sermon is of any value, or likely to be useful, which has not the three R's in it:—

- "Ruin by the fall." "Redemption by Christ." "Regeneration by the Holy Spirit." "The discourses of our Blessed Saviour when on earth, were personal in their character, such as:—" "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world." "If thou bring thy gift to the altar." "If thy right eye offend thee," etc.

Any number of quotations could be made, showing the direct, earnest and personal manner in which the Lord Jesus addressed His hearers.

Three Steps to Perdition.

There are three steps to the lost world. The first is neglect. All a man has to do is to neglect salvation, and that will take him to the lost world.

The second step is refusal. There are many who have got on the first step, neglect. If I met you at the door, and pressed this question upon you, you would say, "Not to-night, not to-night."

Then, the last step is to despise it. Some of you have already got on the lower round of the ladder. You despise Christ. I see some of you looking at me with scorn and contempt.

Now, on which step are you, my friend, neglecting, or refusing, or despising? Bear in mind that a great many are taken off from the first step; they die in neglect; and a great many are taken away refusing; and a great many are on the last step, despising salvation.

I wish I could settle this question for you. I wish I could believe for you; will you not come? Everything that is pure, and holy, and lovely, is beckoning us to a world of love and peace; everything that is polluted, and vile, and hellish, and carnal, beckoning us down.

When Pilate had Christ in his hands, he said, "What shall I do with Him?" And the multitude cried out, "Away with Him! Crucify Him!"

HARD, horny hands, embrowned by the sun and roughened by labor, are more honorable than white ones that never reached out to help a fellow creature, or added a dollar to the world's wealth.

Church Fairs.

Mr. Moody comes down severely on Church Fairs, as a means for swelling church funds, and we cordially agree with him.

"I am a sworn enemy to them. I never knew one yet but the devil got in before we got through. Just conceive for a moment Paul going down to Corinth to open a fair.

On the same subject the New York Witness speaks as follows: "Among many other important questions put to Mr. Moody at the late Christian Convention in this city, was one concerning fairs for the swelling of church funds."

"How would you get members to work?" A. "Well, keep them out of fairs. (Loud laughter.) I don't think you can move the church in a mass; you have got to work with them privately and personally."

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When a rebellion breaks out, spreading debt and distress over the entire people, it is called a little unpleasantness. When an official has been found stealing from the public treasury, his accounts are pronounced somewhat irregular.

"Mr. Moody tells us that the devil is sure to get into the fair in some way or other before it is ended. Observation fully verifies his opinion."

"And who are the managers of these affairs? In many cases it is not the frivolous and the giddy, on whose persons is found great value in jewels and apparel, and who are at the fair on exhibition."

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The Open Door.

"I AM THE OPEN DOOR."

The mistakes of my life are many. The sins of my heart are more, And I scarce can see for weeping, But I come to the open door.

The Works of the Church.

The Church must grope her way into the alleys, and courts, and purlieus of the city, and up the broken staircase, and into the bare room, and beside the loathsome sufferer; she must go down into the pit with the miner, into the for-castle with the sailor...

Religion in Business.

Christian men must not attempt to separate their religion from their business. No doubt there may appear, even to an honest mind, to be some reason for trying to do it.

So far, perhaps, no fault need be found. And where, exactly, the wrong begins, it may not be easy to say. But it does begin somewhere. And the beginning may be near at hand.

The Bible rule is, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Certainly this must cover the doing of our regular work, which is the main thing we do.

Random Readings.

I SHOULD say sincerity, a deep, great sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.—Carlyle.

If there be tossing and doubting, beloved, it is the heaving of a ship at anchor—not the dashing of the rocks.

We often speak of being settled in life. We might as well think of casting anchor in the midst of the Atlantic ocean, or talk of the permanent situation of a stone that is rolling down hill.

THERE are hundreds of good people who cannot tell the difference between a prejudice and a principle. They will contend and deny themselves for one as well as the other, and their grief over the giving up of an obsolete notion will be as deep as that with which they contemplate the sacrifice of an article of faith.

AN English lady observed an aged yeoman peasant, stooping in his little patch of ground, all his earthly possessions, to pick the pear which fell from its one tree, and said to him, "you must grow weary in such labor, at your time of life, so bent and burdened with infirmity."

It was a quaint saying of a dying man, who exclaimed, "I have no fear of going home; I have sent all before; God's finger is on the latch of my door, and I am ready for Him to enter."











As an illustration of the way in which extremes sometimes meet in the same individual, the Edinburgh Review states that some years ago a sermon was sent to the late Bishop Thirlwall, maintaining a modified purgatorial theory. In reply, the Bishop expressed his entire and unqualified acceptance of the views which the writer had maintained. It might be a curious question as to whether his friend, Dr. Colenso, entertains the same opinions.

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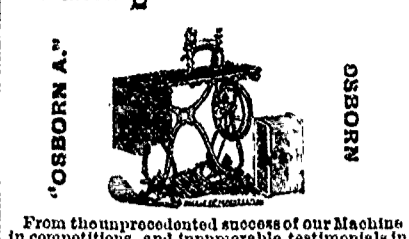
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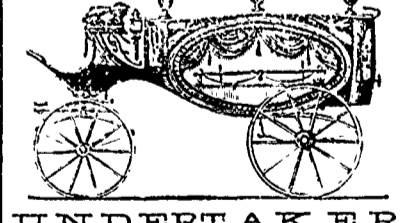
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