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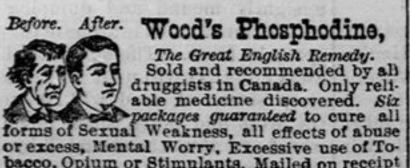
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mage took for his text Romans xii, 11, engagements. Cashbooks and money "Not slothful in business; fervent in drawer will sometimes quarrel. Goods spirit; serving the Lord." He said:

throws more velocity into the wheels of | tion after vexation, and loss after loss. me a man whose honest business has cross, and sour, and queer, and they lost been despoiled by religion.

three groups-producers, manufacturers, ened up under the process. They were traders. Producers, such as farmers and toughened by the exposure. They were miners. Manufacturers, such as those who like rocks, all the more valuable for beturn corn into food and wool and flax ing blasted. At first they had to choke near Carlisle, that I am a slave of the into apparel. Traders, such as make down their wrath, at first they had to Bey of Algiers." The merchant sent profit out of the transfer and exchange of bite their lip, at first they thought of word, employed government officers and all that which is produced and manu- some stinging retort they would like to found who this man was spoken of in factured. A business man may belong to make, but they conquered their impa- this bank bill. After awhile the man was any one or all of these classes, and not tience. They have kind words now for rescued, who for 11 years had been a one is independent of any other.

fell on the Zulu battlefield because the strap fastening the stirrup to the saddle broke as he clung to it, his comrades all escaping, but he falling under the lances of the savages, a great many people blamed the Empress for allowing her son to go forth into that battlefield, and others blamed the English Government for accepting the sacrifice, and others blamed the Zulus for their barbarism. The one most to blame was the harnessmaker who fashioned that strap of the stirrup out of shoddy and imperfect material, as it was found to have been afterward. If the strap had held, the Prince Imperial would probably have been alive to-day. But the strap broke. No prince independent of a harness maker! High, low, wise, ignorant, you in one occupation, I in another, all bound together.

So that there must be one continuous line of sympathy with each other's work. But whatever your vocation, if if into your life there come losses and annoyances and perturbations as well as percentages and dividends, if you are pursued from Monday morning until Saturday night, and from January to January by inxecrable obligation and duty. then you are a business man, or you are a business woman, and my subject is appropriate to your case.

We are under the impression that the moil and tug of business life are a prison into which a man is thrust, or that it is an unequal strife where unarmed a man goes forth to contend. I shall show you this morning that business life was intended of God for grand and glorious education and discipline, and if I shall shall rub some of the wrinkles of care out of your brow and unstrap some of the burdens from your back: I am not talking of an abstraction. Though never having been in business life, I know all about business men. In my first parish at Belleville, N.J., ten miles from New York, a large portion of my audience was made up of New York merchants. Then I went to Syracuse, a place of went to Philadelphia and lived long among the merchants of that city, than whom there are no better men on earth. and for 25 years I stood in my Brooklyn pulpit, Sabbath by Sabbath, preaching to audiences the majority of whom were business men and business women. It is not an abstraction of which I speak, but

a reality with which I am well acquainted. In the first place, I remark that business life was intended as a school of energy. God gives us a certain amount of raw material out of which we are to hew our character. Our faculties are to be reset, rounded and sharpened up. Our young folks having graduated from school or college need a higher education. that which the rasping collision of everyday life alone can effect. Energy is wrought out only in the fire. After a man has been in business activity 10, 20, 30 years, his energy is not to be measured by weights or plummets or ladders. there is no depth it cannot fathom, and

there is no obstacle it cannot thrash. Now, my brother, why did God put you in that school of energy? Was it merely that you might be a yardstick to measure cloth, or a steelyard to weigh flour? Was it merely that you might be better qualified to chaffer and higgle? No. God placed you in that school of energy that you might be developed for Christian work. If the undeveloped talents in the Christian churches of to-day were brought out and thoroughly harnessed, I believe the whole earth would be converted to God in a twelvemonth. There are so many deep streams that are turning no mill wheels and that are harnessed to no factory bands.

Now, God demands the best lamb out of every flock He demands the richest sheaf of every harvest. He demands the best men of every generation. A cause in which Newton and Locke and Mansfield toiled you and I can afford to toil in. Oh, for fewer idlers in the cause of Christ and for more Christian workers, men who shall take the same energy that from Monday morning to Saturday night they put forth for the achievement of a livelihood or the gathering of a fortune, and on Sabbath days put it forth to the advantage of Christ's kingdom and the bringing of men to the Lord.

Dr. Duff visited a man who had inherited a great fortune. The man said to him: "I had to be very busy for many years of my life getting my livelihood. After awhile this fortune came to me, and there has been no necessity that I toil since. There came a time when I said to myself, 'Shall I now retire from business or shall I go on and serve the Lord in my worldly occupation?" He said: "I resolved on the latter, and I have been more industrious in commerctal circles than I ever was before, and

since that hour I have never kept a far-TRADE AS A TEACHER | since that hour I have never kept a lara great shame if I couldn't toil as hard for the Lord as I had toiled for myself, and all the products of my factories and my commercial establishments, to the last farthing, have gone for the building of Christian institutions and supporting the church of God." Would that the same energy put forth for the world could be put forth for God. Would that a thousand men in these great cities who have achieved a fortune could see it their We Should Put Forth the Same Energy duty now to do all business for Christ and the alleviation of the world's suffer-

Again, I remark that business life is a school of patience. In your everyday life how many things to annoy and to disquiet! Bargains will rub. Commercial Washington, Aug. 27 .- Rev. Dr. Tal- men will sometimes fail to meet their ordered for a special emergency will come Industry, devoutness and Christian too late or be damaged in the transportaservice-all commended in that short tion. People intending no harm will go text. What, is it possible that they shall shopping without any intention of purbe conjoined? Oh, yes. There is no war chase, overturning great stocks of goods between religion and business, between and insisting that you break the dozen. ledgers and Bibles, between churches and | More bad debts on the ledger. More counting houses. On the contrary, reli- counterfeit bills in the drawer. More gion accelerates business, sharpens men's debts to pay for other people. More meanwits, sweetens acerbity of disposition, nesses on the part of partners in busifillips the blood of phlegmatics and ness. Annoyance after annoyance, vexahard work. It gives better balancing to All that process will either break you

the judgment, more strength to the will, down or brighten you up. It is a school more muscle to industry and throws into of patience. You have known men under enthusiasm a more consecrated fire. You the process to become petulant, and cholcannot in all the circle of the world show eric, and angry, and pugnacious, and their customers, and their name became a The industrial classes are divided into detestation. Other men have been bright-When the Prince Imperial of France | ior now for unmannerly customers. They are patient now with unfortunate debtors. They have Christian reflections now that patience? By hearing a minister preach concerning it on Sabbath? Oh. no. They got it just where you will get it-if you ever get it at all-selling hats, discounting notes, turning banisters, plowing corn, tinning roofs, pleading

Oh, that amid the turmoil and anxiety and exasperation of everyday life vou might hear the voice of God saying: "In patience possess your soul. Let patience | Men who toil with the hand are not apt have her perfect work."

I remark again that business life is a school of useful knowledge. Merchants do not read many books and do not study lexicons. They do not dive into profounds of learning, and yet nearly all through their occupations come to understand questions of finance, and politics, and geography, and jurisprudence, and ethics. Business is a severe schoolmistress. If you have a multiplicity of engagements. , pupils will not learn, she strikes them over the head and the heart with severe losses. You put \$5,000 into an enterprise. It is all gone. You say, "That is a dead loss." Ch, no. You are paying the schooling. That was only tuition, very large tuition-I told you it was a severe schoolmistress-but it was worth it. You learn ed things under that process you would not have learned in any other way.

Traders in grain come to know something about foreign harvests; traders in fruit come to know something about the prospects of tropical production; manufacturers of American goods come to understand the tariff on imported articles; publishers of books must come to understand the new law of copyright; be helped to say what I want to say I owners of ships must come to know winds and shoals and navigation, and every bale of cotton and every raisin cask and every tea box and every cluster of bananas is so much literature for a business man. Now, my brother, what are you going to do with the intelligence? Do you suppose God put you in this school of information merely that you might be sharper in a trade, that you at school, and we remember the rod, and might be more successful as a worldling? we remember the hard tasks, and we immense commercial activity, and then I Oh, no. It was that you might take that complained grievously, but now we see useful information and use it for Jesus | it was for the best. Business life is a

with foreign lands and never had the missionary spirit, wishing the salvation | the fire the better the refining. There are of foreign people? Can it be that you have become acquainted with all the outrages inflicted in business life and that you have never tried to bring to bear that gospel which is to extirpate all evil and correct all wrongs and illuminate all and save men for this world and the world darkness and lift up all wretchedness to come? Can it be that understanding all the intricacies of business you know nothing about those things which will last after all bills of exchange and consignments and invoices and rent rolls shall have crumpled up and been consumed in the fires of the last great day? Can it be that a man will be wise for

time and a fool for eternity? what he will do until he is tempted. There are thousands of men who have never have been tested. A man was in disgrace. Distinguished for virtue before. Distinguished for crime after. You can call over the names of men just like that, in whose honesty you had complete confidence, but placed in certain crises

of temptation they went overboard. Never so many temptations to scoundrelism as now. Not a law on the statute book but has some back door through which a miscreant can escape. Ah, how many deceptions in the fabric of the goods! So much plundering in commercial life that if a man talk about living a life of complete commercial integrity there are those who ascribe it to greenness and lack of tact. More need of honesty now than ever before-tried honesty, complete honesty-more than in those times when business was a plain affair and woollens were woollens, and silks

were silks and men were men. How many men do you suppose there are in commercial life who could say truthfully, "In all the sales I have ever made I have never overstated the value out every day. The coins, however, are of goods; in all the sales I have ever made I have never covered up an imperfection in the fabric; in all the thousands of dollars I have ever made I have not taken one dishonest farthing?" There are men, however, who can say it, hundreds correspondent London Standard. who can say it, thousands who can say it. They are more honest than when they sold their first tierce of rice, or their first firkin of butter, because their honesty

come out triumphant. But they rememter a time when they could have robbed COIIOO a partner, or have absconded with the funds of a bank, or sprung a snap judgment, or made a false assignment, or borrowed illimitably without any efforts at payment, or got a man into a sharp at payment, or got a man into a sharp corner and fleeced him. But they never corner and fleeced him. But they never Rigg's Store is well supplied with for Good Dentistry. Store is well supplied with for Good Dentistry. fire. They can say their prayers without hearing the chink of dishonest dollars. They can read their Bible without thinking of the time when with a lie on their soul in the custom house they kissed the book. They can think of death and the judgment that comes after it without any flinching--that day when all charlatans and cheats, and jockeys and frauds shall be doubly damned. It does not make their knees knock together, and it does not make their teeth chatter to read "as the partridge sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not, so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."

What a school of integrity business life is! If you have ever been tempted to let you integrity cringe before present advantage, if you have ever wakened up in some embarrassment and said, "Now, I will step a little aside from the right path and no one will know it, and I will come all right again, it is only once." That only once has ruined tens of

thousands of men for this life and blasted

their souls for eternity. A merchant in Liverpool got a £5 Bank of England note, and, holding it up toward the light, he saw some interlineations in what seemed red ink. He finally deciphered the letters and found J. RIGGS. out that the writing had been made by a slave in Algiers, saying in substance, "Whoever gets this bank note will please inform my brother, John Dean, living sarcastic flings. They have gentle behav- slave of the Bey of Algiers. He was immediately emancipated, but was so worn out by hardship and exposure he soon after died. Oh, if some of the bank Excursions for sudden reverses. Where did they get | bills that come through your hands could tell all the scenes through which they have passed, it would be a tragedy Aug. 29th, Returning until Oct. 28th and eclipsing any drama of Shakespeare, Sept. 12th. mightier than King Lear or Macbeth!

As I go on in this subject, I am impressed with the importance of our having more sympathy with business men. Is it not a shame that we in our pulpits do not oftener preach about their struggles, their trials and their temptations? to be very sympathetic with those who toil with the brain. The farmers who raise the corn and the oats and the wheat sometimes are tempted to think that grain merchants have an easy time and get their profits without giving any equivalent.

Plato and Aristotle were so opposed to merchandise that they declared commerce to be the curse of nations, and they advised that cities be built at least ten miles from the seacoast. But you and I know there are no more industrious or highminded men than those who move in the world of traffic. Some of them carry burdens heavier than hods of brick, and are exposed to sharper things than the east wind, and climb mountains higher than the Alps or Himalayas, and if they are faithful Christ will at last say to them: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We talk about the martyrs of the Piedmont Valley, and the martyrs among the Scotch highlands, and the martyrs at Oxford. There are just as certainly martyrs of Wall street and State street. martyrs of Fulton street and Broadway, martyrs of Atlantic street and Chestnut street, going through hotter fires, or having their necks under sharper axes. Then it behooves us to banish all fretfulness from our lives, if this subject be true. We look back to the time when we were school, and the tasks are hard and the Can it be that you have been dealing | chastisements sometimes are very grievous. But do not complain. The hotter men before the throne of God this day in triumph who on earth were cheated out of everything but their coffin. They were sued, they were imprisoned for debt, they were throttled by constables with a whole pack of writs, they were sold out by the sheriffs, they had to compromise with their creditors, they had to make assignments. Their dying hours were annoyed by the sharp ringing of the doorbell by some impetuous creditor who thought it was outrageous and impudent that a man should dare to die before he paid the last half dollar.

I had a friend who had many mistortunes. Everything went against him. He had good business capacity and was of I remark also that business life is a the best of merals, but he was one of school for integrity. No man knows those men such as you have sometimes seen, for whom everything seems to go wrong. His life became to him a plague. kept their integrity merely because they When I heard he was dead, I said, "Good -got rid of the sheriffs!" Who are those elected treasurer of the State of Maine lustrous souls before the throne? When some years ago. He was distinguished for | the question is asked, "Who are they?" his honesty, usefulness and uprightness, the angels standing on the sea of glass but before one year had passed he had respond, "These are they who came out taken of the public funds for his own of great business trouble and had their private use and was hurled out of office robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb."

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