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SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

Delivered in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bedford, Sabbath evening, Sept. 12, 1858. BY REV. ROBERT F. SAMPLE.

In Shushan, the palace of the Persian King, we first meet with Nehemiah, a man honored in the providence of God with the accomplishment of a work which contributed greatly to the honor and safety of the Jewish people.

When he arrived at Jerusalem he first took a survey of the city in order to satisfy himself of its real condition, and then made an earnest appeal to the Jews to repair its ruins.

These words suggest a train of remarks which, though general in its application, I trust will not be inappropriate at this time.

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burned with fire. There is a great want of fervent piety, of holy zeal, of persevering action on the part of the church.

Here is a work to be done: a work which God will accomplish through the instrumentality of men.

"Arise and shine," is the voice from heaven. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is the commission of Christ to his church.

The conversion of the world we have said is God's work. He is the efficient author, we are the instruments he employs for the accomplishment of this end.

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A few christian men in this community, comprising ministers and laymen, the young and those of mature years, actuated by a desire to promote evangelical religion among young men, residing in, or visiting Bedford and its vicinity, have formed themselves into an Association having for its object, as expressed in their Constitution, the improvement of the spiritual, mental, and social condition of the class just named.

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It is not to be wondered at if an institution having in view the glory of God and the spiritual improvement of men, should meet with opposition from those who are themselves destitute of every principle of godliness.

are the friends of truth and righteousness may misapprehend the character and object of Young Men's Christian Association, and withhold from it their influence and support.

If God approves and works by the instrumentality of a Bible, Tract, or Missionary Society, or Sabbath-School Union, whose active members are in connection with different branches of Christ's Church, we have, in the opinion of Speaker, reason to believe that God smiles upon an Association of christian men which seeks to promote evangelical religion among the young.

The Christian Association seeks out young men, surrounds them with religious influences, leads them to the house of God, and invokes upon them the blessing of the great Head of the church.

With a cordial recognition of your dependence upon God you must engage in his service. Without divine assistance we can accomplish nothing.

In reference to this Association I would say, as did an eminent Minister, still living, of one similar in its organization and aims: "I can feel no jealousy of an institution which has pleased God to clothe with so beneficent a mission, and to crown with so rich a blessing."

But here, perhaps, I have dwelt too long already. We have been endeavoring to show that God's people have a work to do, and that the Christian Association of Bedford has before it a sphere of usefulness which it may, and should occupy.

III. I shall speak, in the second place, of the spirit with which we should enter upon and prosecute the work of the Lord. We will arise and build. 1. Determination of purpose is one element of success.

firm determination to put forth all the energies at our command, to disregard the opposition of enemies and the indifference of friends, and to meet manfully every difficulty thrown in our way.

"I will get to myself a name, and die neither dishonored nor unused," said an aspiring youth. Years flew swiftly by; the unknown youth had become the name of world-wide fame, and learned senators listened in breathless silence to the words of wisdom and eloquence which fell from his lips.

"Here upon the altar of my God I lay myself, my all and long-land I live unto him who died for me and rose again," said a third. The heart of the young convert was fixed like David's of old. He lived for Christ. He labored for Christ. He bore the light of the gospel to a far off heathen land.

All these were men who with different objects in view, were alike resolute and immovable in their purpose. Their success does not surprise us. The very spirit with which they started out was prophetic of their end.

Unwearied Perseverance is another element of success. The goodness of many is like the morning cloud and the early dew which soon pass away.

A moment while, then melts forever, but earnest, persevering action. Therefore, whatever the sphere you occupy, and whatever the work you attempt for Christ, do not be easily discouraged, do not grow weary in well-doing, but whilst God gives you work to do, and strength to perform, persevere in your efforts, and with the blessing of God you shall surmount all obstacles, and accomplish the work he has given you to do.

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III. The encouragement which we have to engage in the work of the Lord. "The God of heaven, he will prosper us." Undertaking a work which has for its end the glory of God employing means which God approves, laboring with unwearied perseverance and an abiding sense of dependence upon divine power, we may confidently expect success.

God works through the instrumentality of means. He hereby indicates his willingness to work by us. As God by an invisible hand overthrew the walls of Jericho, so without the interposition of human agency he could have re-built the walls of Jerusalem.

God has appointed us as the medium through which he will communicate gospel light and blessing to others. Hence he says to his people, "Ye are the light of the world."

2. Every command in the word of God directing us to personal exertion, or united effort, encourages the hope that God will prosper us. When God says to me, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," I am persuaded that obedience will ensure success.

glorified, through your agency, in the salvation of men.

The success which has attended the labors of God's people in times past affords encouragement. Who can compute the blessed results of the labors of holy men now gone to their rest, and their reward?

In conclusion, let me urge upon the members of the Christian Association, at whose bidding I am here to-night, to engage with zeal and perseverance in every good work, and to carry out as far as possible the designs of your Association.

To you, young men, who have enlisted in the service of Christ, let me say:—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Quit you like men. Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Young men, you have "an influence to exert, a power to wield, a work to do." Though young, you may accomplish great things for Christ. Some of the greatest results have been achieved by young men.

Turning our attention to that noble band of men who spent their lives in the service of the Prince of Peace, we find Pollok, Henry Kirke White, Brainerd, Summerfield, Patterson, McChesney, T. Charlton Henry, and a host of others, who lived long though they died young.

Who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best. You may never secure to yourselves a name among the great of this world, but you may stand high in the favor of God, you may win souls to Christ, and erect for yourselves, in the hearts of men, a monument more enduring than the sculptured marble that marks the resting place of Kings.

"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints in the sands of time; Footprints that perhaps another, Sailing o'er life's solemn main, Some frown and shipwrecked brother, Seeing shall take heart again. Let us, then, be up and doing, With a heart for any fate, Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

THE 17TH DISTRICT.

HON. WILSON REILLY.

This gentleman, as we neglected to notice last week, was renominated for Congress, by the Conferees, by acclamation. This is a just tribute to his worth as a man, and his honesty and integrity as a Representative in Congress of the Democratic party.

Mr. Reilly started life as a journeyman hatter, and unaided by wealth, has succeeded in making himself a name and a character, and he deserves to be commended for his industry and perseverance.

sentative man, who will faithfully carry out the objects of its organization. He countenances no movements, the design or result of which will be to defeat the regular candidates of, and thus demoralize, the party.

Mr. Reilly is in favor of the admission of any Territory as a State when it comes within a constitutionally enacted, reflecting the will of its people, without reference to its population. He thinks it better for the General Government and the people of the territory, to erect all our Territories into independent and sovereign States, as soon as the people of the Territories are willing to assume the burdens of a State government; as it ends in a vexatious and disturbing relation which can be relieved in no other way.

Mr. Reilly deserves and should receive the cordial support of every Democrat in the District, for his unflinching zeal in the Democratic cause, and his eloquent defence of its principles.

Excitement Among the Colored Population. From the Detroit Free Press. Quite an excitement was kicked up among the colored population on Tuesday in consequence of the appearance among them of a genuine man-trapper in the shape of one of their own number, a negro named Broady, who has, it seems, been enticing his fellow mortals back to slavery.

The facts, as near as they can be gathered, are as follows: About two weeks since he took two negroes from this city to Cincinnati for the ostensible purpose of aiding in a stampede of some seven or eight others, who were all ready to start. He had in the meantime been in communication with the owners, and upon their arrival at Cincinnati they were seized by process of legal authority and sent to Kentucky, the negro Broady received \$250 for his share of the job, but unfortunately fell among sharpers, and was robbed of the whole amount, and badly beaten in the bargain.

The thing had got noised around considerably, and the darkeys began to assemble, and when the time arrived for court to open, were on their way in a crowd to Broady's house. Officers Blodgett and Van Stan jumped into a buggy and drove to the house, and succeeded in getting there before the crowd. They drove off with him, and the blood-thirsty colored individuals were cheated of their fun. Being brought down to Justice Lane's office the crowd followed, and Broady was sent to jail to protect him from violence.

Aunt Betsey has said many good things—among the rest that a newspaper is like a wife, because every man ought to have one of his own.