

Wars Growing Shorter. The exception of the Franco-German war, the greatest war which has been seen since the days of Napoleon, has lasted about two years. The campaigns in the Spanish Netherlands lasted forty-two years. Then followed the thirty-years war in Europe, ending in the peace of Westphalia. Civil war in England lasted from 1642 to 1660, although hostilities were not in progress all that time. The wars of the Spanish Succession, the Austrian Succession, the Swedish-Russian war, and the Seven Years' war followed, averaging about ten years apiece. The Napoleonic campaigns covered nearly fifteen years. The Crimean war lasted from 1854 to 1856. In the war of the rebellion, in this country, the world saw the latest war which extended over four years of time.

Since 1867, with the general introduction of the telegraph, the electric cable and the modern system of railways, war has become a matter of a few months at most. In 1866 Prussia defeated Austria in seven weeks. Prussia defeated France in about two months. The war between Russia and Turkey began in April, 1877, and was practically finished by the close of that year. The war between China and Japan began about midsummer, 1894, and ended in March, 1895. The present war between Turkey and Greece seems to be practically ended in about four weeks from the outbreak of formal hostilities. It seems to be shown by experience that two important civilized nations in these days of telegraph and railway cannot conduct wars for any length of time unless the contending countries are separated by the ocean or some other natural barrier.

Smokestacks Escape Lightnings. Statistics show that 10,000 smokestacks only three are struck by lightning each year, while 10,000 church spires eighty-nine are struck by lightning annually. An endeavor has been made to explain this condition by the fact that the smoke discharged from the smokestacks takes the electricity assembled around the building along and distributes it in the air, whereby the source of attraction for the electric spark of lightning is not only diminished, but almost disappears. This fact also explains, it is said, why people in the country kindle a large fire in the fireplace when a thunderstorm is approaching.

Only a Little Premature. "I can't hear a suit that isn't pending," said a judge to a young lawyer who was seeking advice. "I know it isn't pending," replied the young man, in some confusion, "but it is about to be pending."—The Green Bag.

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Few people are aware of the variety of goods shipped from the South to all parts of the world. The steamer Georgia, of the Old Bay Line, plys on the Chesapeake Bay between Baltimore and Norfolk, recently brought into Baltimore for shipment consignments of Southern goods to Cape Town Africa, London, Jamaica, Shanghai, China, and London, England. A part of the merchandise consignment was cigarettes made in North Carolina.

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**DR. KING'S GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.**  
**A GOSPEL MESSAGE.**  
**A Sermon Directed to the Great Army of Men and Women Employed as Clerks in the Various Occupations—Words of Advice and Encouragement.**

Text: "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us, whose heart the Lord opened."—Acts xvi, 14. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings."—Proverbs xxii, 29.

The first passage introduces to you Lydia, a Christian merchantess. Her business is to deal in purple cloths or silks. She is not a giggling nonentity, but a practical woman, not ashamed to work for her living. All the other women of Philippi and Thyatira have been forgotten, but God has made immortal in our text Lydia, the Christian saleswoman. The other text shows you a man with head and hand and heart and foot all busy toiling on up until he gains a princely success. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings."—Proverbs xxii, 29.

Great encouragement in these two passages for men and women who will be busy, but no solace for those who are waiting for good luck to show them, at the foot of the rainbow, a casket of buried gold. It is for you or any one in this world to wait for something to turn up. It will turn down. The law of thrift is as inexorable as the law of the tides. Fortune, the magician, may wave her wand in that direction until castles and palaces come, but she will after a while invert the same wand, and all the splendors will vanish into thin air.

There are certain styles of behavior which lead to usefulness, honor and permanent success, and there are certain styles of behavior which lead to dust, dishonor and moral default. I would like to fire the ambition of young people. I have no sympathy with those who would prepare young folks for life by whitening down their expectations. That man or woman will be worth nothing to church or state who begins life cowed down. The business of Christianity is not to quench but to direct human ambition. Therefore it is that I utter words of encouragement to those who are occupied as clerks in the stores and shops and banking houses of the country. They belong to an exceptional class. They belong to a great company of tens of thousands who are in this country amid circumstances which will either make or break them for time and for eternity. Many of these people have already achieved a Christian manliness and a Christian womanliness which will be their passport to any position. I have seen their trials. I have watched their perplexities. There are evils abroad which need to be hunted down and dragged out into the noonday light.

In the first place, I counsel clerks to remember that for the most part their clerkship is only a school from which they are to be graduated. It takes about eight years to get into one of the learned professions. It takes about eight years to get to be a merchant. Some of you will be clerks all your lives, but the vast majority of you are only in a transient position. After awhile, some December day, the head man of the firm will call you into the back office, and they will say to you: "Now, you have done well by us, we are going to do you a favor. We invite you to have an interest in our concern." You will know to that effect very gratefully. Getting into street car to go home, an old comrade will meet you and say, "What makes you look so happy to-night?" "Oh, you will say, "nothing, nothing." But in a few days your name will blossom on the sign. Either in the store or bank where you are now, or in some other store or bank, you will take a higher position than that which you now occupy. So feel I am now addressing people who will yet have their hand on the world's commerce and you will turn it this way or that. Now clerks, but to be bankers, importers, insurance company directors, shippers, contractors, superintendents, railroads—your voice mightily "on change" is the most important element of the day. For, though we who are in the profession may, on the platform, plead for the philanthropies, after all, the merchants must come forward with their millions to sustain the movement.

Be therefore patient and diligent in this transient position. You are now where you can learn things which can never learn in any other place. What you consider your disadvantages are your grand opportunity. You see an affluent father some day come down a prominent street with his son who has just graduated from the university and establishing him in business, putting \$50,000 of capital in the store. "Oh, if I only had a father to put \$50,000 in a business for me, then I would have some chance in the world." Be not envious. You have advantages over that young man which he has not over you. As well might I come down to the docks when a vessel is about to sail for Valparaiso and say, "Let this ship out to sea." Why, I would sink or scow and ergo before I got out of the harbor simply because I know nothing about pilotage. Wealthy sea captains put their sons before the mast for the reason that they know it is the only place where they can learn to be successful sailors. It is only under drill that people get to understand pilotage and navigation, and I want you to understand that it takes no more skill to conduct a vessel out of harbor and across the sea than to steer a commercial establishment clear of the rocks. You see every day the folly of people going into a business they know nothing about. A man makes a fortune in one business, thinks there is another occupation more comfortable, goes into it and loses it. Many of the commercial establishments of our cities are giving their clerks a mercantile education as though as Yale or Harvard or Princeton are giving scientific attainments to the students matriculated. The reason there are so many men foundering in business from year to year is because their early mercantile education was neglected. Ask the men in high commercial circles, and they will tell you they thank God for this severe discipline of their early clerkship. You can afford to endure the wilderness march if it is going to end in the vineyards and orchards of the promised land.

But you say, "Will the womanly clerks in our stores have promotion?" Yes. Time is coming when women will be as well paid for their toil as their men. Time is coming when a woman will be allowed to do anything she can do well. It is only a little while ago when women knew nothing of telegraphy, and they were kept out of a great many commercial circles where they are now welcome, and the time will go on until the woman who at one counter in a store sells the worth of goods to the man who at the other counter of the same store sells \$5,000 worth of goods. All honor to Lydia, the Christian saleswoman.

The second counsel I have to give to clerks is that you seek out what are the lawful regulations of your establishment, and submit to them. Every well-ordered house has its usages. In military life, on ship's deck, in commercial life, there must be order and discipline. Those people who do not learn how to obey will never know how to command. I will tell you what young man will make ruinous financial and moral. It is the young man who thrusts his thumb into his vest and says to nobody should dictate to me. I am my own master. I will not submit to the regulations of this house." Between an establishment in which all the employees are under thorough discipline and the establishment in which the employees' about as they choose is the difference

between success and failure—between rapid accumulation and utter bankruptcy. Do not come to the store ten minutes after the time. Be there within two seconds and let it be two seconds before instead of two seconds after. Do not think anything too insignificant to do well. Do not say, "It's only just case." From the most important transaction in connection with the particular style in which you tie a string around a bundle obey orders. Do not get easily disgusted. While others in the store may lounge or fret or complain you go with ready hands and cheerful face and contented spirit to your work. When the bugle sounds, the good soldier asks no questions, but shoulders his knapsack, fills his canteen and listens for the command of "March!" Do not get the idea that your interests and those of your employer are antagonistic. His success will be your honor. His embarrassment will be your dismay. His exposure of the frailties of the firm. Tell no store secrets. Do not allow those persons who come to find out from clerks what ought never to be known outside the store. Do not be among those young men who take on a mysterious air when something is said against the firm that employs them, as such as to say, "I could tell you something if I would, but I won't." Do not be among those who imagine they can build themselves up by pulling somebody else down. Be not ashamed to be a subaltern. Again, I counsel all clerks to conquer the trials of their particular position. One great trial for clerks is the inconsideration of customers. There are people who are entirely polite and courteous, but gruff and dictatorial and completely ignorant of what ought never to be known outside the store. Do not be among those young men who take on a mysterious air when something is said against the firm that employs them, as such as to say, "I could tell you something if I would, but I won't." 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