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EDITORIAL

SUCCESS, WHAT IS IT?

In our reading recently we came across a very interesting little article which we are passing on to our readers. The article was prefaced as you will see, by the question, "Is This Success?"

IS THIS SUCCESS?

From "United Evangelical Action"

In 1923 a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company.

The president of the largest utility company.

The greatest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A member of the President's cabinet.

The greatest bear in Wall Street.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-five years later, let's see what happened to them.

The president of the largest independent steel company — Charles Schwab—lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died penniless.

The greatest wheat speculator — Arthur Cutten—died abroad insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange—Richard Whitney—was recently released from Sing Sing.

The member of the President's cabinet — Albert Fall—was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest bear in Wall Street — Jesse Livermore—committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlement—Leon Fraser—committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly —Ivar Kreuger—committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned how to live.

It is quite natural for men in almost every walk of life to want to be successful, and to have others to regard them as such; very few men if any desire to be a failure in their vocation, whatever it is: And you will agree with me when I say, to want to succeed in any lawful worthwhile business is commendable indeed.

I remember reading a few years ago, after the great slump in the stock market, when so many lost all their earnings and investments, that several men committed suicide, rather than go out and face the world with failure written over their names. Yes, if men do not have a desire to be successful, it is because they lack ambition and are not much good for anything—and are a liability rather than an asset to their country.

The question, what is success, is a pertinent one and one over which men would differ greatly. Of course, men of the world would say for one to succeed, he must get on toward his goal in his particular calling, profession or vocation: he must accumulate wealth and become popular with the people. But, men of the world do not agree with God's interpretation of success. Jesus said what will it profit a man if he shall gain the world and lose his own soul? Luke 9-25.

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THE MOST REMARKABLE PERSON I HAVE EVER MET

By W. Edmund Smith

She is a little woman born at Riverdale, N. S., nearly 97 years ago. She was at Beulah this year full of all the joy, and seeming vitality of youth.

Her name is Mrs. Roxanna Sabine, the mother of (I think) eight children, among them was the lamented Rev. Leonard Sabine, and Mrs. H. C. Mullen, of Wood's Harbor, N. S. Mother Sabine was out to the morning love feast the last Sunday and gave her testimony. The service ran from 9.00 till 12.00. She was also present at the afternoon service, and was on hand at 7.00 p.m. to enjoy the closing service of the camp.

Near the close of the service, she was led to the platform by her grandson, Bro. John Sabine. She walked with the spriteliness of a woman half her age. I will try to give some of her testimony as I remember it:

"You call me old. Well, I will be 97 the 23rd of October. I never had much education. But I think the best knowledge to gain is to know Jesus, and I learned to love Him when a little girl and He has blessed and kept me all these years. I believe the better we serve Jesus and the more we love Him the happier our lives will be. God is not pleased with half-hearted service. If He condemned those churches in Revelation for their lukewarmness will He not condemn us if we do not serve Him with our whole heart! Now this is my opinion, but I may be slipping."

This little woman got to bed that night after eleven. Next morning she was up at 6.00 o'clock bustling around to get ready to go to St. John to catch the boat for Digby, N. S., and then take a ride of 30 miles to her home. Think! 97 years old! Not an ache nor a pain, not a dizzy spell, able to get the meals and care for the house when her daughter-in-law with whom she lives, is away. Interested in everything that is good, full of wit and humor and praise to God. Her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Mullen gave me some interesting facts of her

mother's early life. Her name is Roxanna. They called her "Rock" for short. She never has had a serious illness in all her life. But she was thrown over a wharf by a frightened horse, falling some ten feet and gashing her head. She was abundant in labors to help make a living for a large family, working out for less than a dollar a week. Now she is not only living in the love of Jesus, but also in the love of children, grand-children, great and great-great-grand children, as well as the love and admiration of a multitude who know her and pray that she may round out her century of life with joy and rejoicing.

"THEN SHALL WE KNOW IF WE FOLLOW ON TO KNOW THE LORD"

We are always ready to bring up to date Paul's words to Timothy, "In the last days perilous times shall come." Why then, should we be slow of heart in bringing up to date the words of Peter, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh?"

If, through neglect or dullness of our faith, this precious promise has lost some of its brightness, then let us set to work and by faith and prayer polish it up and in the power of the Holy Spirit lift this truth beside the dark outlook of today and it will inspire us with fresh hope and courage and prevent our love from waxing cold in the presence of abounding iniquity. Zech. 10:1; Hosea 6:3; 10:12; Rev. 5:6.—Sel.

GIVEN UP TO CHRIST

He who lives without prayer, he who lives with little prayer, he who seldom reads the Word, he who seldom looks up to Heaven for a fresh influence from on high,—he will be the man whose heart will become dry and barren. But he who calls in secret on his God, who spends much time in holy retirement, who delights to meditate on the words of the Most High, whose soul is given up to Christ,—such a man must have an overflowing heart, and, as his heart is, such will he be.

Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord; abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing, His blessing to seek.—Sel.

FROM MEN WHO KNOW NOT HOW TO PRAY

By Charles G. Finney

I am convinced that nothing in the whole Christian religion is so difficult, and so rarely attained, as a praying heart. With it you are irresistible. This, by some would be thought a strange remark, and to savor strongly of fanaticism. But I tell you the church will have to turn over a new leaf on this subject, and learn a new lesson on the subject of prayer.

Frequent seasons of secret prayer, in my own mind, are wholly indispensable to keeping up an intercourse with God. Let me say again and again, if you lose your spirit of prayer, you will do nothing, or next to nothing, though you have the intellectual endowment of an angel. I cannot contemplate a more loathsome and abominable object than an earthly-minded minister. The blessed Lord deliver and preserve His dear Church from the guidance and influence of men who know not how to pray.