

**The Duke of Wellington.**

The Duke of Wellington, in order to stop plundering in the army, issued an order that the first man caught stealing should be hanged on the spot. Three men were brought to headquarters charged with plundering. The duke reluctantly ordered their execution, as an example, in the sight of the whole force. The next morning three bodies in uniform were seen hanging from the branches of a tree in sight of the whole column in its march. This produced the desired effect on the discipline of the whole army. When, some months afterwards, the duke learned that one of his staff took counsel with Dr. Hume, and as three men had just died in the hospital, they hung them up and let the three culprits return to their regiments.

"Weren't you very angry, Duke?" asked the gentleman to whom he was relating the circumstance.

"Well, I suppose I was at first, but as I had no wish to take the poor fellows' lives, and only wanted the example, and as the example had the desired effect, my anger soon died out, and I confess to you that I am very glad now the three lives were spared."

This may serve as a hint to such as advocate capital punishment as an example to evil doers. Any dead body suspended in the air would accomplish the "moral purpose" for which they are willing to sacrifice life.—*The Evangelist.*

It is a great deal better to live holy than to talk about it. We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody that it does. The light will be its own witness. Light-houses don't ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining; they just shine.—*Moady.*

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