

The Fool and the Lawyer.

"William Look, who made you?" demanded a learned counsellor. William, who was considered a fool, screwed up his face, and looking thoughtful and somewhat bewildered, replied: "Moses, I s'pose." "That will do," said the counsellor, addressing the court. "The witness says he supposes Moses made him; this is an intelligent answer—more than I thought him capable of giving, for it shows that he has some faint idea of the Scriptures. I submit that is not sufficient to entitle him to be sworn as a witness capable of giving evidence."

"Mister Judge," said the fool "may I ax the lawyer a question?" "Certainly," said the Judge. "Well, then, Mr. Lawyer, who do you s'pose made you?"

"Aaron, I s'pose," said the lawyer, imitating the witness.

After the mirth had somewhat subsided, the witness drawled out: "Wa'll, neow, we do read in the Book that Aaron once made a calf, but who'd a thought the critter'd got in here?"—*Watch Tower.*

Let age, draw not envy, wrinkles on thy cheeks; be content to be envied, but envy not. Emulation may be plausible, and admit no treaty with that passion which no circumstance can make good. A displacement at the good of others because they enjoy it, though not unworthy of it, is an absurd depravity, sticking fast into corrupted nature, and often too hard for humanity and charity, the great suppressor of envy. This surely is a lion not to be strangled but by Hercules himself, or the highest stress of our minds, and an atom of that power which subdueth all things unto itself.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

There are those who never work well only by contraries. If they do not receive opposition, they must array themselves in antagonism with others, or they can do nothing. They seem to be incapable of engaging in harmonious action with those around them. But they must get up factions to oppose something or somebody, or they can not work. Their chief inspiration to effort comes from the spirit of opposition. When it happens that such an one gets the position of pastor of a church, the flock is set at once to bunting and crowding each other, as if the salvation of the world depended upon a faction getting advantage of others. A church under such a guidance may be lively, but

it is never peaceful and happy. None but the bunters are happy, when they drive another to the wall. Such a church is generally short lived, unless more than ordinary grace preserves it.—*Methodist Recorder.*

It is easier to march than to stand. It is easier to rush forward to the charge than to stand still and receive fiery assault. The good soldier must be ready for both. They serve well who march and fight for their king. But "they also serve who only stand and wait." Patience and fortitude are precious in the sight of God, and "to obey is better than sacrifice. When patience can have her perfect work, whether in the stress and strain of conflict or in the trial of waiting, there it is good to be.

Times of general calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt is elicited from the darkest storm.—*Colton.*

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the spirit of God.—*Spurgeon.*

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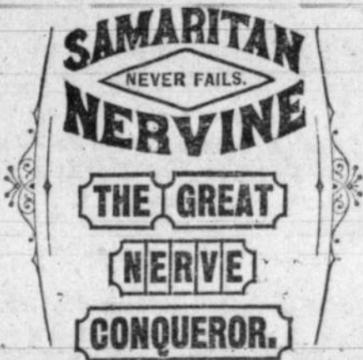
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