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The Outlook.

The full significance of the battle which is being waged in the United States against dishonesty will be better understood some years hereafter than it is today. Looking back we can now see that dishonesty was bidding

The Battle With Dishonesty. fair to become an established trait of our national character. Most of our city governments were a few years ago, and many are still, in the hands of gangs of thieves. That the money they stole was mostly from the public treasury and that the men who took it walked for the most part in the light of popular favor, did not change in the least the real character of their deeds. This willingness to appropriate the property of others to their own enrichment was not confined to municipal politicians. It had eaten like a cancer far and wide into the social system. The insurance revelations in New York showed that those great financial organizations, while maintaining their own solvency, had vastly enriched a few men at the expense of their policy-holders. The pure food laws passed by Congress and some state legislatures were called for because of the systematic and widespread adulteration of foods. The beautiful state capitol of Pennsylvania will stand for years as the memorial of one of the most stupendous conspiracies of personal and official wrongdoing recorded in history.

The over capitalization of stock companies, and unloading the shares on a confiding public by means of flattering prospectuses, was an easy matter in times of general prosperity. It was none the less distinctly dishonest. The same verdict must be pronounced on the "rebates" and other devices by which great corporations like the Standard Oil Company contrived to stifle competition and crush their rivals. There was grave reason to fear that the lust for money had so far corroded the national character that dishonesty might soon come to be the rule and integrity the exception among our people. The spectacle on every hand of rich rogues enjoying in ostentatious luxury the fruits of their thievery and of conscienceless politicians reveling not only in their ill-gotten wealth but in the possession of power and in party success, was fast corrupting the ideals of young men and spreading still farther through the social body. And this single evil of dishonesty was linking itself, as was natural, with other vices and evils, such as prodigality, luxury, intemperance, licentiousness, Sabbath-desecration, and each evil promoting every other and all working together to one bad end, the eating out of conscience from the minds and hearts of the American people.

We have great reason to be thankful for the uprising against dishonesty

Selections

The Touch of His Hand.

By T. H. ACHESON.

Sometimes at night my little child,
Asleep within her tiny bed,
Disturbed by something in her dreams,
Cries out in fear, and reaches up
Her hand to find companionship.
And I, with pity in my heart,
Reach down and take the little palm
Within my own, and hold it fast,
Till she is quiet and asleep.

Upon a journey far from home
I slept; when, lo, disaster sprang
Up in the way, and busy death
Was gathering in his harvest grim.
Unconscious, flung far into night
I wakened, bleeding, crushed, and blind;
And reaching up my hand cried out.
And then my Lord, with pity moved,
Bent down and held my hand in His
Till I was quiet and at peace.

Somewhere far off or near at hand
The shadow-valley waits for me;
And though the storm be strong and fierce,
Though night be dark and foe assail,
I then shall need to fear no ill,
Because the Lord will be with me
And He in His will hold my hand.

—The United Presbyterian.

Bits from Dr. Len. G. Broughton.

The Rev. Dr. Broughton, of Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the most racy, pungent and wholesome teachers of our day. We cull the following passages from his Northfield addresses last summer as they appear in the October number of the Record of Christian Work. One other passage, with editorial comment, will be found in our editorial pages.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CHURCH.

First of all, the church that is to win in this day and time must be, as the win-

ning church has always been, a church that stands for and preaches without compromise the old doctrines of grace and the Bible. The other day I was traveling on a train with a judge of one of our supreme courts, one of the strongest men we have on the bench in the southern states, and I said to him: "Judge, tell me if you can why we are having such an increase of crime in this country." He said: "I think I can do that; I think I can do it in a single sentence. Men have lost the consciousness of God." I believe he was right. There needs to be much preaching of the doctrine of God. * * * * *

Third, the church that is to win must be a church that keeps up a perpetual warfare against sin. Mark you I do not say, against sinners but against sin, anywhere and everywhere that you find it, whether in the government or in society, or in the church, or in the home or in the individual man. I know there are always sentimental people in our churches who make it hard for us when we try to do that. They are overpossessed with a sentimentalism that cries eternally for peace, peace, peace. They believe in just sitting down and having peace. They are delighted at what the Lord said to Moses on the banks of the Red Sea: "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord," only they would have liked it still better if he had said, "sit down." But there will never be a time in the history of this world when you will have an opportunity to cry peace, peace, until the devil is locked up in hell. With the devil and his army organized as they are on earth to-day there can be no peace, and