

## REVERSED POSITIONS

'And he began to be in want, and no man gave unto him.'—Luke xv. 14, 16.

A young gentleman, who had been well educated and brought up in the lap of luxury, became one of a number of gay and fast young men. At the death of his parents, a fortune was left him, which made him more reckless. He spent his time driving from public-house to public-house, a number of drinking companions always flocking around him, smoking cigars and drinking at his expense. At this rate, he soon got through his fortune. He became penniless, and his companions deserted him. At length, shunned by his former companions, he began to be in want, and no man gave unto him. Having no trade in his hands, he was unable to

earn a living, so he went to sea as a common sailor before the mast, on a little coaling coasting schooner. One Sunday afternoon I was having a walk on the Bristol Downs, near Clifton Suspension Bridge, when I saw him lying on the grass, alone, dirty, and shabby. His boat was loading to go down channel. I spoke to him. He knew that I had known him in his better days, when far superior to me in education, position and society. Now our positions were reversed, owing to my having 'chosen the better part'. How the blush came to his face as he recognized me, and yet how glad to be recognized by a fellow-townsmen! His vessel left Bristol with her cargo, a storm sprang up while they were in the Channel, she foundered with all hands on board, and poor David went to give an account of mis-spent life.

## Field Changes

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.	Corps	C.O.	Lieut.	Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
<b>Canterbury Division</b>			<b>Devon Division</b>			<b>Cornwall Division</b>		
Chartham .. Sherman	Saaby	—	Barnstaple .. Pettit	Wall	—	Okehampton Mints	—	—
Faversham .. Ens. Canadine	—	—	Bideford .. Ens. Gimblett	James	—	Ottery St. Mary Baird	Jordan	—
Folkestone .. Adj. Searles	—	—	Bradninch .. Pond	Taylor	—	Pidcletrethide Henderson	Greenwood	—
Herne Bay .. Hawthorne	Morse	—	Bridgwater .. Croxon	—	—	Portland .. Adj. Maltley	—	—
Hythe .. —	Dascombe	—	Brixham .. Ens. Sidney	Clemson	—	Sherborne .. Ens. Griffiths	Myatt	—
Lydd C. .. Powis	Bristowe	—	Chard .. Maddy	—	—	Sidmouth .. Vaulsbury	Hastedme	—
Margate .. Mercer	—	—	Credton .. Bowne	Allen	—	Taunton .. Adj. Prime	Stanford	—
Milton .. Ford	Falla	—	Crewkerne .. Ravensdale	Grant	—	Teignmouth Adj. Turner	Harrington	—
Minster .. Waldron	Gimney	—	Dartmouth .. Taylor	Thurking	—	Torrington .. John	—	—
New Brompton Adj. Beer	—	—	Dorchester .. Adj. Kington	—	—	Watchet .. Rich	Dodson	—
Rainham .. —	Clarke	—	Exeter I .. Adj. Gattrell	—	—	Wellington .. Shorter	Powell	—
Ramsgate .. Adj. Noble	Hodder	—	Exeter II .. Halliday	Midwood	—			
Rye C. .. Ens. Holder	Hiddle	—	Exmouth .. Higgins	Nickson	—			
Sandwich .. —	Hoare	—	Ilfracombe .. Ens. Page	Frostwich	—			
Sittingbourne Roe	—	—	Newton Abt. Adj. Hutchinson	Dean	—			
Snodland C. Mills	Terry	—						
Wingham .. Hilger	Anders	—						
Supply .. —	Gillham	—						
<b>Eastern Division</b>								
Attleboro' C. Brookman	—	—						
Beaufort .. Clarke	Tonkins	—						
Barrow .. Colley	Long	—						
Bildeston C. Brantley	Tibbotts	—						
Braintree Adj. Double	—	—						
Brightlingsea Chalmers	—	—						
Bungay .. Norris	—	—						
Burnham-on-C. Adj. Thompson	—	—						
Bury St. Ed. .. —	Captain Lambson	—						
Chilton-on-S. Adj. Leith	Capt. Howell	—						
Colchester .. —	Hughes	—						
Diss .. —	Hodgson	—						
East Rudham Sayer	Mercant	—						
Felixstowe .. Simpson	Peters	—						
Gorleston .. Doney	Padgett	—						
Halstead .. Clew	Reid	—						
Harwich .. Ashwell	—	—						

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## CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS

(Haggai, Chapters I-II.)

WHEN the Israelites received their charter, or commission, to rebuild God's house, success in their undertaking was guaranteed them only on three conditions. Those conditions were imposed by God, and apply just as directly to our own time as they did to the days of the prophets.

If the efforts of God's people failed of success it would not be because the material required for building was not within their reach. He reminds them of this when He says, 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine'. The material side of things would not fail so long as the conditions imposed were observed.

## Builders more than Buildings

It is of these three conditions that, in view of the Annual Self-Denial Week, we should like to remind every Officer. 'But', some one may ask, 'Why, if God had all the resources needed for the undertaking, did He impose conditions at all?' May it not have been that He cared more for the builders than He did for the place of His glory? They were not in a condition to profit by success. To have blessed the labours of their

hands whilst they harboured the seeds of failure in their hearts would have been no kindness. Let us then consider these three conditions separately, each applying the test to his or her heart dispassionately.

## Robbed of the Blessing

CLEANLINESS — purity of motive, singleness of purpose, a turning of the back on sin in every shape. Sin, no matter how dear or how skilfully concealed, would render their work ineffectual and dishonour the God in whose name they professed to labour.

In proof of this, God, through the mouth of Haggai, reminds them of what had taken place in the past as a result of their selfish indifference. His House had been allowed to lie waste, and although they had put forth much effort in selfish and self-indulgent schemes, failure and disappointment had mocked all their labour.

They had looked for much, and lo! it came to little. When one came to what was supposed to be a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the pressfat to draw out fifty vessels, there were but