

The Conditions of Success.

The nineteenth century has witnessed more attempts at reform in religion, politics and the various questions of social import, than have taken place in the whole previous history of the world.

The cause can generally be assigned in a single word: dishonesty. Reform, from the earliest historic days down to our own, has been desired by individuals and classes who have sought to attain good results by the use of evil means.

The only remedy is honesty of action as well as of interest, and honesty of action means a great deal. It means, among other things, a honest appreciation of all benefits already enjoyed and of those assured to us, and a desire for only those which are really needed and are desired.

The success of reform is dependent largely upon its management by proper hands. The neighbor who tells us, correctly, that we are sick, is not by his perception of our ailment qualified to be our physician, yet we carelessly entrust vital interests to persons whose only knowledge of them is of their defects.

A reform leader should, above all men, be devoid of personal ambition, and failure is certain when this rule is not rigidly applied. "By this sin the angels fell," we are told, and although the words are not inspired, no ambitious life has ever been able to make a trustworthy denial of them.

Of like nature is the danger of entrusting reforms to men who have separated from existing parties, sects and social relations, for reasons other than their own purity and their discernment of better things.

ance with the foes of his country. Later illustrations are in the memory of every intelligent man.

To the many reforms, full of promise and strength, which have failed miserably because one or all of the causes we have suggested, may be added those which have failed for lack of support. The causes, however, have differed but little from those already indicated.

Our remarks are prompted by the knowledge that in every organized body of civilized people the leaven of progress is working. Indications of aggressive movements are numerous; but to our mind they are few compared with the efforts that are making from within.

Indian Meal as a Vehicle for Heat.

The application of heat to the body as a remedy is very common. Wringing out cloths in hot water, infusion of hops or other plants, and placing them on the part affected is probably the plan most frequently pursued.

THE REACTION.—Harper's Weekly, a republican journal, thus speaks of the political reaction—

"The significance of the elections in Ohio and Indiana is very plain. They show great dissatisfaction with the existing situation, and they threaten a democratic reaction. But to many of the truest republicans in the country the re-

sult is probably not surprising. For more than a year there has been a great deal of protesting and criticising within the party lines, which has been sometimes scolded as the grumbling of impracticable people, but which now seems to have been the observation of common sense.

The general torpidity of business, the prolonged confusion in the Southern States, the suspicion of corruption and inefficiency in the public service, the hostility to stringent temperance legislation, are among the reasons which have fostered that desire for change which is shown in the elections."

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