

STEPPING-STONES TO HIGHER THINGS

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649712106

Stepping-Stones to Higher Things by Seton Churchill

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

SETON CHURCHILL

**STEPPING-STONES
TO HIGHER THINGS**

STEPPING-STONES TO
HIGHER THINGS.

BY
CAPTAIN SETON CHURCHILL.

'That men may rise on stepping-stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.'
TENNYSON.

LONDON:
ELLIOT STOCK, 62, PATERNOSTER ROW, E.C.

1883.

141. j. 500.



P R E F A C E .

WHILE fully conscious of the many defects of this book, the contents of which were originally delivered in the form of extempore addresses, I send it forth, humbly trusting that the Holy Spirit may use it to enable some who now 'mind earthly things,' to 'seek those things which are above.' I fully recognise that human illustrations and anecdotes must of necessity fall very short in the attempt to explain Divine truths. At the same time I must confess to having been considerably helped to a right understanding of spiritual things through their instrumentality. In the hope that others may reap a similar benefit, I have availed myself very largely of many of the current anecdotes and illustrations used by eminent preachers and writers. While I have had very little trouble in tracing the origin of thoughts and illustrations gathered from books, I have found great difficulty in ascertaining the sources of those taken from newspapers, magazines, reports of addresses, and publications of a less permanent nature. Many were borrowed merely for the purpose of an extempore address without the slightest intention of publication, and without any note being taken at the time whence they came. If I have omitted to acknowledge my indebtedness to any, I trust they will attribute it to unconsciousness on my part rather than to any desire to ignore them. The following men, many of whom differ very widely from each other, have been largely borrowed from, viz. :

Bishops of Winchester, Ripon, Liverpool, and Meath ; Bishop Oxenden, Dean Goulburn, Dean Alford, Canon Farrar, Canon Kingsley, E. H. Bickersteth, Charles Simeon, J. B. Mozley, Faber, Robertson, Faussett, Charles Spurgeon, George Bowen, D. Whitton, Dr. Bonar, Gall, D. L. Moody, C. H. Macintosh, S. M. Haughton, and W. P. Mackay.

If I have failed to state the truth clearly, I trust readers will bear in mind that truth is independent of its poor advocates. Though my views may be faulty, and even if correct may be badly stated, yet I shall feel that I have not written in vain if this book leads any to a further study of the Scriptures for an answer to the question propounded by one of old, 'What is truth?' May the Spirit of truth guide both reader and writer onwards and upwards into all truth !

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER	PAGE
I. INTRODUCTORY - - - - -	I
II. DIVINE STANDARD OF RIGHT AND WRONG - - - - -	10
III. SIN - - - - -	20
IV. NO DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S SIGHT - - - - -	27
V. PENALTY OF SIN - - - - -	35
VI. NOT OF WORKS - - - - -	45
VII. FAITH - - - - -	54
VIII. CAUSES OF DELAY - - - - -	63
IX. SUBSTITUTION - - - - -	73
X. GIFT OF GOD - - - - -	80
XI. REDEMPTION - - - - -	89
XII. CONVERSION - - - - -	96
XIII. ASSURANCE - - - - -	105
XIV. FINAL PERSEVERANCE - - - - -	117
XV. BACKSLIDING - - - - -	126
XVI. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - - - - -	134
XVII. MEANS OF GRACE - - - - -	143
XVIII. CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY - - - - -	153



STEPPING-STONES

TO

HIGHER THINGS.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

'That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.'

TENNYSON.

A STORY is told of a young lady who had just come out in society, and had been taken by her mother to her first ball. While dancing, a bloodvessel was ruptured. She was at once carried home, and laid on her bed, while medical aid was summoned. The doctor upon examination, seeing there was no chance of recovery, called the father aside, and told him of his daughter's dangerous condition, begging him at the same time to acquaint her, that she might prepare for her end. 'I cannot tell her,' said the father; 'she is my only child—I love her too dearly. Surely she is not dying!' The doctor then informed the mother, imploring her to warn her daughter of the approaching end, but only received a similar reply. Prompted by a strong sense of duty, the doctor then took upon himself the task from which the parents shrank. He felt it strangely hard to tell a young lady, who naturally