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SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

Delivered in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bedford, Sab-bath evening, Sept., 12, 1858,

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In Shushan, the palace of the Persian King, we first meet with Nehemiah, a man honored in the providence of God with the accomplishment of a work which contributed greatly to the honor and safety of the Jewish people .-We are informed that on one occasion Hanani and certain men of Judah, came to the Persian court, and Nehemiah, who always cherished a lively interest in his own nation and in the city of his fathers, inquired of them concerning the remnant of the Jews late returned from Babylonish captivity, and in relation to Jerusalem, their beloved city. In answer to his inquiries he received the mournful intelligence that his people though delivered from captivity were vet in great affliction. The darkness was releved, but had not passed away. The desolations of Jerusalem we e sad to look upon. The walls were broken down, and the gates the reof were burned with fire. Hearing this, Nehemiah was filled with sorrow, and spent certain days in weeping, fasting, and prayer. Moreover he resolved to put forth immediate and earnest elforts in behalf of his people to remove their reproach, and restore their city to its former glo-Having obtained the consent of the King.

and being commissioned as a Governor of Judah, he set out on his journey, bearing with him letters of great importance to the governors beyond

When he arrived at Jerusalem he first took a survey of the city in order to satisfy himself of its real condition, and then made an earnest appeal to the Jews to repair its ruins that they might no longer be a reproach, and exposed to the hostile invasions of their enemies. miah received encouragement from his own people, but was met with the opposition and scorn of certain men of considerable prominence who were unwilling that anything should be done that would contribute to the glory, power, and influence of the Jewish nation .-They first thought to discourage him by representing the undertaking as an impracticable one. He had not counted the cost. He was about to commence a work with the assistance of a tew dispirit ed, inert Jews, which under such circumstances could never be accomplished .with Nehemiah, by representing the undertaking as one for which the latter had no author-It was an act of rebellion against the King of Persia, and if persisted in would involve them in certain and complete destruction. To the scoffs and threatenings of these men. Nehemiah. conscious of the right to act and confident that the work, though began in fear and trembling on the part of the Jews, should be brought to a hasty completion, replied in the words of our

These words suggest a train of remarks which, though general in its application, I trust will not be inappropriate at this time, convened as we are at the request of the "Young Men's Christian Association" of Bedford, and expectdial co-operation.

Iremark, in the first place, that we, as a and completed by Nehemiah and the Jewish na-

The church, of which the ancient Israel was filly compared, in many of its aspects, to the city of David, when from the Persian palace The temple had been rebuilt, but the walls nation, in their own land.

mercy-seat. The God of heaven dwells with and ever. of our Lord and of his Christ.

The city of God established in the earth is thing that ye do? Will ye rebel against the yet surrounded with spiritual enemies, subject King 4" to hostile invasions, and opposed by all the enmity of depraved humanity and all the power tend its limits and add to its glory. Its walls are broken down, and the gates thereof are limits are broken down, and the gates the limits are broken down.

burned with fire. There is a great want of are the friends of truth and righteousness may | firm determination to put forth all the ener | glorified, through your agency, in the salvation sentative men, who will faithfully carry our PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING fervent piety, of holy zeal, of persevering ac-BY MEYERS & BENFORD, from on the part of the church. Worldly con-Young Men's Christian Association, and withformity, carnal ease, stupid indifference, charac- hold from it their influence and support. The terize many in Israel, and the hearts of maturer latter may tell us that -God works by the church christians are made sad because of the desola- alone-that it is impossible to effect any real tions of Zion ...

the weapons of our spiritual warfare, we are not to give up our exertions in behalf of the church and perishing world, we are not to give rest to our covenant-keeping God till he and till he make lervalem a principles, and placing relate upon the altar of my God I lay mysell, are hastening to a close. Be diligent, therefore, the plant of the control of a converge, the glory of died for me and rose again," said a third. The until to-morrow the work of to-day. Urge the distribution of men. Hence, although the rived for Christ. He labored for a close. Be diligent, therefore. Employ well your golden moments. Delay not until to-morrow the work of to-day. Urge the until to-morrow the work of to-day. Urge the state of Kansas could have young to go forth in the morning of their days altered, amended, or changed their organic law to suit their own views of policy.

God's work. He is the efficient author, we are the instruments he employs for the accomplish- hands of God, whose prerogative it is to new- was prophetic of their end. And Christian ment of this end. The greatest of instrumental temporal t church, as well as he who serves at the altar, of Son's? has a work to perform.

for the right exertion of this influence. The eminent wisdom, and high toned piety, are expected and required to make their talents subservient to the interests of religion. They too, zeal, and their expanding intellects to the serman" than Xenophon, or Demosthenes, or Plato who were in that age the bright ornaments of Greece. Youth under divine direction, with the divine blessing, may accomplish great things for Christ. Associations of christian upon them the blessing of the great Head of work you attempt for Christ, do not be easily tier conqueror-Death. Faithful to his early young men in this land of ours, and in the old world, have contributed much to the advancement of Christ's kingdom. They have exerted an influence for good mon the communities in the church of the chu an influence for good upon the communities in ty Savior. The Christian Association works at and with the blessing of God you shall surmount wery shadow of the Roman Catitol. Napoleon which they were located, which shall be felt home. Having found the Messias of whom all obstacles, and accomplished the work he the conqueror at the age of thirty-three became to the ends of the earth and through all time. -Like the families engaged in the retuilding of -it sends out its Andrews and Philips, to in- 3. With a cordial recognition of your depen- arbiter of the destinies of Europe. ignorance and folly. This not succeeding they the walls of Jerusalem who worked opposite vite unconverted men to come and see Jesus. dence upon God you must engage in his service. thought to defer the Jews from co-operating their own doors, they have given their special They do not direct them to their Association Without divine assistance we can accomplish men who spent their lives in the service of the tensible purpose of aiding in a stampede attention to their immediate neighborhoods, and merely, making that a substitute for the Son nothing. You may scatter broad-cast the Prince of Peace, we find Pollok, Henry Kirke some seven or eight others, who were all ready to have sought the good of young men with whom of God, but to the Lord Christ out of whom sacred scriptures, but unless God open the blinthey were brought in immediate contact. They there is no salvation. Working in a different ded eyes, the heart is uninfluenced by divine

of life, clad in garments of holiness, and bearing the King? Why by misrepresentation or in- of his truth, we labor in vain and spend our "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and the way of life, and are now proclaiming the ion to lend us your aid, give us your prayers, and forts. Look unto God for direction and blessing.

A few christian men in this community, strumentalities ! of the Association are thus set forth: "They shall seek out young men taking up their resia type, may, at this period of its history, he dence in this town and its vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influences; by aiding them in the selection of snihemiah came to look upon its desolations .- table boarding-places and employment; by introducing them to the members and privileges were broken down, and its gates were burned of this association; by securing their attendance with fire. It was the home of an afflicted peo- at some place of worship on the Sabbath, and ple, surrounded with powerful enemies who, in their malignant hatred, opposed every effort them with christian influences." Here is an made for the re-establishment of the Jews as a important sphere of usefulness, and one that should by all means be occupied. True it is-Delivered from a bondage infinitely worse, that of Satan and of sin, the people of God are complished. Young men may be gathered into now found in the Spiritual Jerusalem. Their the spiritual Jerusalem. God may be glorified, temple stands a monument of God's grace. — and we may secure to ourselves the blessedness.

The altar is erected, their cheerful sacrifices and reward of those who, having turned many are offered, and the Shekinah overshadows the to righteousness, shall shine as the stars forever

men, and they are blessed with all spiritual bles- In this Book of Nehemiah we are told that sings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. But | when Sanballat, the Horonite, and certain others although from the ruins of the fall the church heard of the work which Nehemiah and the has arisen, it is still comparatively weak, and Jews were about to undertake, they, being the great things remain to be done ere the king- enemies of the Jews and the God of Israel, doms of this world shall become the kingdoms brought against them the false accusation of rebellion against the King of Persia. "What is this

> It is not to be wondered at if an institution having in view the glory of God and the spiritual the work of the Lord. 'We will arise and build.' dy, the church, actuated by regard to his will

Young Men's Christian Association, and withand permanent good by an Association ontside Here is a work to be done: a work which of the church, and that mere human instrumenaid, utless at the option of the publishers. It has centered decided by the United States Courts, that the toppage of a newspaper without the payment of arranges, is prima faire evidence of fraud and is a purpose.

God will accomplish through the instrumentality talities disconnected with God, the only source in life, a ments has of spiritual life and blessing, can occomplish be rebuilt and its gates must be replaced. Vital nothing which will receive his sanction and congodliness must be revived and cultivated; evan- duce to the spiritual advantage of men. Be it gedical truth known and promulgated; immorso. We shall not controvert their belief. But unhonored nor unsung," said an aspiring youth. age, the same in his grace, in and the people of the territory, to erect all our afity of every hue, and crime of every grade why say that a Young Man's Christian Association. Territories into independent and sovereign discountenanced and opposed by the hely lives and earnest efforts of God's people. The outcasts of Israel are to be gathered into the tion which, I presume, the several bodies of ev- words of wisdom and eloquence which fell from church. Bearing in our hands the Word of angelical christians here represented will cor-Life, the lamp of divine truth, we are to go into dially adopt. By the visible church we under-"This poverty I can, I will no longer endure," eternal life.

"Arise and shine," is the voice from heaven.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gosple to every creature," is the commission of Carist land, actuated by pure most of them are men of faith, actuated by pure other lands cast their treasures at his feel.

The reached the acme of his dung 1 am here to-night, to engage with 2 and most sanguine hopes. His coffers were filled, and perseverance in every good work, and to of that territorry with State sovereignty, the goddliness. They are at least by profession, broad acres waved with golden harvests, and carry out as far as possible the designs of your Association. Some of you have passed the mention in the solution of the world, nen destitute of pivty and most sanguine hopes. His coffers were filled, and perseverance in every good work, and to of that territorry with State sovereignty, the designs of your carry out as far as possible the designs of your distributions. Some of you have passed the mention in the solution of the world, nen destitute of pivty and most sanguine hopes. His coffers were filled, and perseverance in every good work, and to of that territorry with State sovereignty, the designs of your carry out as far as possible the designs of your distribution of the world and preserverance in every good work, and to of that territorry with State sovereignty, the goddliness. They are at least by profession. Some of you have passed the mention for the world and preserverance in every good work, and to of that territorry with State sovereignty, the goddliness. They are at least by profession. Some of your highest which could be conferred upon them, are the world and preserverance in every good work, and the profession of the world and preserverance in every good work, and the world and preserverance in every good work, and the world and preserverance in every good work, and the world and preserverance in every good work, and the world and preserverance in every good work, and the world and preserverance in every good work, and the world a to his church. And we are not to lay down principles, and placing before them as the great "Here upon the altar of my God I lay myself, are hastening to a close. Be diligent, therefore. establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise strictly be said to be a part of the church, its Christ. He here the light of the gospel to an example of piety and godliness, and by all

in all the earth. Then shall the prophecy find members are, and in this associated capacity a far off heathen fand. He leid deep and broad the means of God's appointment, to lead them its complete fulfillment; "Violence shall no are engaged in a work approved by the church. the foundations of the christian church, and then into the paths of righteousness and peace. And more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruc- They are building up, not tearing down the with a shout went up to heaven. tion within thy borders, but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation and thy gates Praise."

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The conversion of the men are to labor for the extension of Christ's sire to see our young men, who are the hope of your hands find to do, and that with your to your youthful companions and acquaintankingdom. The obsurest member of Christ's the church, brought to the Shepherd and Bishop might.

Influence is inseparably connected with man's tality of a Bible, Tract, or Missionary Society, like the morning cloud and the early dew which happiness disconnected with the religion of Jeexistence, and we are individually responsible of Sabbath-School Union, whose active mem-for the right exertion of this influence. The bers are in connection with different branches of which flashes across a troubled sky and then with the people of God than to enjoy the pleafathers in the church, men of mature minds, of Christ's Church, we have, in the opinion of goes out in darkness. At one time they are sures of sin for a season. Faithfully admonish who are in the dew of their youth, are to conIn their main features they agree. They susthe work of the Lord. But in a little while Young men, you have "an influence to exert, secrate their warm affections, their glowing tain the same relation to the church. Their zeal is spent, and instead of gathering a power to wield, a work to do." Though vice of God. Nehemian was but twenty years of age when he rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, the Tract Society religious tracts and books.— What we need is not mere expressions of interand even then, a "greater and more honorable And why? That men may learn the way of est, however fervent, which fall life, and walk therein.

The Christian Association seeks out young in the law, and the Prophets did write, has given you to do.

comprising ministers and laymen, the young In reference to this Association I would say, could never effect. ed to present for your consideration the claims and those of maturer years, actuated by a de- as did an eminent Minister, still living, of one of this institution upon your sympathies and coryoung men, residing in, or visiting Bedford and feel no jealousy of an institution which it has in the work of the Lord. "The God of heaven its vicinity, have formed themselves into an As- pleased God to clothe with so beneficent a mis- he will prosper us." Undertaking a work which sociation having for its object, as expressed in sion, and to crown with so rich a blessing .- has for its end the glory of God employing means christian people, have a work to do, far exceeding in dignily and importance that undertaken spiritual, mental, and social condition of the supervision, I see nothing to deprecate, but perseverance and an abiding sense of dependent class just named. The duties of the members much to to commend, in the principle of U- dence on divine power, we may confidently NION, upon which this institution rests. The expect success. repellant and exclusive tendencies even of the evangelical churches have been so strong, that it is cheering to find a platform where they can work heartily together without compromising threw the walls of Jericho, so without the intertheir distinctive forms or tenets." I also cordially adopt the sentiment of the late venerable the walls of Jerusalem. But he had ordered oth-Dr. ALEXANDER, in which the same principle is involved: I am in favor of circulating and extending the truths of God's word be every practicable means, and when this can by done more effectually by united, than by individual "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; thereeffort, I am in favor of Union. Christians become accustomed to contemplate the miserable condition of mankind, until it is viewed as a necessary evil and they are content to sit still as though the case was desperate. Because one man or one congregation can accomplish but little, the effort which might be made is lightenment of the world & the salvation of men neglected, and the good which might be done is left undone.

But here, perhaps, I have dwelt too long already. We have been endeavoring to show that God's people have a work to do, and

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with which we should enter upon and prosecute cess.

ties at our command, to disregard the opposi- of men. ion of enemies and the indifference of friends, and to meet manfully every difficulty thrown bors of God's people in times past affords enn our way. No half-formed purpose will couragement. Who can compute the blessed se followed by success. No indifferent of spirit results of the labors of holy men now gone to thus demoralize, the party. will accomplish anything worthy of our notice their rest, and their reward? Through the and regard. This is true in every department instrumentality of such men as Luther, Wesley, Territory as a State when it comes within a in life, and all have seen that great achieve- Whitfield, Summerfield, Judson, Romaine, and ments have been preceded by this decision of

"I will get to myself a name, and die neither become the name of world-wide fame, and learnbecome the name of world-wide lame, and learns work by you, and compassions the name of world-wide lame, and learns work by you, and compassions the senators listened in breathless silence to the talents committed to you, whether they be five, are willing to assume the burdens of a State

the dark places of the earth, proclaiming every-stand, the collective foody of christians, or all said another, and girding up all the energies will prosper us; thefore we his servants will a other way. He voted for the admission of where the grace of God, urging all men to put those over the face of the earth who profess to of his nature, summoning all the strength of his their enmity to death, to seek in Jerusalem believe in Christ, and acknowledge him to be the refuge from God's wrath, and find in our King, Savior of mankind. Now who compose a Christian Association, at whose bidthe Lord of righteousness, pardon, peace, and tian Association? Its active members are not was unchanged. He reached the acme of his ding I am here to-night, to engage with zeal no evil could result from investing the people

would be regarded as the instrumen's in the us. The very spirit with which they started out and extend until the last hour of recorded time.

If God approves and works by the instrument ment of success. The goodness of many is of grace in him; assure them that there is no real Democratic party of the District indebted for its Speaker, reason to believe that God smiles upon apparently full of zeal, willing to engage with them-affectionately entreat them-tenderly by our own indifference? Shall we sacrifice an Association of christian men which seeks to earnestness in every good work, and everywhere invite them to Christ, the sum of all excellence, all the advantages we have gained fighting dead promote evangelical religion among the young. expressing in strongest terms there interest in and the source of all felicity. aims - their objects are the same. The Bible with us they scatter abroad. Nothing valuable voung, you may accomplish great things for

> "Like snow-falls in the river. A moment white, then melts forever,"

ontered upon the work in the lear of the Lord, and their labor has not been in vain.

Young men have been brought under the influence of the gospel, have been converted to a single objection to an institution such as it. is?

You may bring men to the sanctuary, the gospel may be preached in all its purity of God and the good of men. Why, then, take and with all the unction of fivent piety, and fluence of the gospel, have been converted to a single objection to an institution such as it. is?

Yet, unless G. d accompany with divine power God, and have gone forth into the dusty arena Why say, with Sanballat, that we rebel against and energy the faithful and earnest exhibition aloft the banners of King Immanuel .- difference weaken our hands and impede our strength for naught. Paul may plant, and The names of not a few could be given who work? Would it not be more in accordance Appollos witer, but God alone can give the inthrough his instrumentality have been led into with christian principles and christian profess- crease. Trust not, then, in your unaided efglorious gospel in our own country, or in lands bid us God speed in an undertaking which seeks beyond the seas.

bid us God speed in an undertaking which seeks beyond the seas.

Do what you can, then relying for success to accomplish holy ends through holy inupon a power above, beyond, God will do through your instrumentality what you alone

The encouragement which we have to engage

1. God works through the instrumentality of means. He hereby indicates his willingness to work by us. As God by an invisible hand overposition of human agency he could have re-built erwise. And Nehemiah, persuaded that God had appointed him to this work, and believing that he time to enter upon it was come, replied with fore we his servants will arise and build."

God has appointed us as the medium through which he will communicate gospel light and lessing to others. Hence he says to his penple; "Ye are the light of the world." We thereore, have encouragement to labor for the en-And every association of christian men actuated by proper motives, and employing proper means, shall be crowned with abundant success.

3. The success which has attended the la-Harlan Page, thousands have been translated out of the kingdom of Satan into that of God's dear Son. And God who is the same in every or two, or one, you may gather souls into the

when your sun of life goes down you shall trict, for his unflagging zeal in the Democratic

To you, young men, who have enlisted in ces who are without God and without hope in 2. Unwearied Perseverance is another ele- the world, tell them of Christ and the fulness and zealous efforts, in a great measure, is the

ty Alexander ascended the throne. When twenty-three he had carried his conquering arms from Macedon to the shores of the Indian men, surrounds them with religious influences, but earnest, persevering action. Therefore, what- ocean, and ere he had reached thirty-two years leads them to the house of God, and invokes ever the sphere you occupy, and whatever the of age Alexander the Great fell before the migh-Napoleon the Emperor, and the acknowledged

> White, Brainard, Summerfield, Patterson, Mc- start. He had in the meantime been in com-"He most lives

Who thinks most-feels the noblest-acts the

You may never secure to yourselves a name stand high in the favor of God, you may win souls to Christ, and erect for yourselves, in the earts of men, a monument more enduring than the sculptured marble that marks the resting mediately visible among the negro population. place of Kings.

"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints in the sands of time; Footprints that perhaps another. Sailing o'er life's solemn main, Some ferlorn and shipwrecked brother, Seeing shall take heart again, Let us, then, be up and doing With a heart for any fate. Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

THE 17TH DISTRICT.

HON. WILSON REILLY.

This gentleman, as we neglected to notice last week, was renominated for Congress, by the Conferees, by acclamation. This is a just unwavering faith to the enemies of Israel .- tribute to his worth as a man, and his honesty and integrity as a Representative in Congress of character, and he deserves to be commended woman, were arrested all of whom ar for his industry and perseverance. Wherever hall receive God's benediction, and their labors and as a significant fact those who have known him for many years, are his warmest and most 2. Every command in the word of God active friends and admirers. He is an honest that the Christian Association of Bedford has before it a sphere of usefulness which it may, fort, encourages the hope that God will prosper to the control of the control per us. When God says to me, "Whatsoever sentiments fearlessly and freely wherever he per us. When God says to me, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," goes, and as a Democrat has always stood by own. I shall speak, in the second place, of the spirit I am persuaded that obedience will ensure suc-And when you, members of Christ's bo- cause he believes the best interests of his coun-1. Determination of purpose is one element seek to bring the young under the influence of the try, its unity, progress and prosperity, as in-

the objects of its organization. He countenances no movements, the design or result of which will be to defeat the regular candidates of, and

Mr. Reilly is in favor of the admission of any constitution legally enacted, reflecting the will of its people, without reference to its population. He thinks it better for the General Government work by you, and employing diligently the States, as soon as the people of the Territories kingdom-souls which shall be stars in your government; as it ends in a vexatious and discrown of rejoicing. "The God of heaven, he turbing relation which can be relieved in no Kansas with the Lecompton Constitution, as their own affairs in their own way; and if it had

> Mr. Reilly deserves and should receive the cordial support of every Democrat in the Disof his party's need, and when borne down by sectionalism and intense proscription, he has What Democrat is there in this District who does not feel a glow of pride in having such an able, straight-forward candidate? To his active redemption from the thraldom of proscription and Black Republicanism, and shall it again relapse into the same anti-Democratic condition issues, in preference to the great and vital doctrines of the party and the day ? If we do we shall ultimately lament our folly. Let every Juniata Register.

Excitement Among the Colored Population.

From the Detroit Free Press. Quite an excitement was kicked up among the colored population on Tuesday in consequence of the appearance among them of a genuine mantrapper in the shape of one of their own number, a negro named Broady, who has, it seems, been enticing his fellow nortals back to slavery. The facts, as near as they can be gathered, are as follows: About two weeks since he took two Turning our attention to that noble band of negroes from this city to Cincinnati for the ose Cheyne, T. Charlton Henry, and a host of oth- munication with the owners, and upon their ers, who lived long though they died young. arrival at Cincinnati they were seized by process of legal authority and sent to Kentucky, the negro Broady received \$250 for his share of the job, but unfortunately fell among sharpers, and was robbed of the whole amount, and badly beaten in the bargain. Disgusted with among the great of this world, but you may the workings of the "peculiar institution" he returned to Detroit, still bearing on his face the marks of his adventure. Yesterday he was seen in the street, and commotion was im-One of them accosted him in a threatening manner, when he drew a pistol, evidently apprehensive of difficulty. The darkey who had been thus assaulted ran away to a justice's office and made complaint that he was in fear of his life. Broady was arrested and released on his

word to appear after dinner. The thing had got noised around considerably, and the darkies began to assemble, and, when the time arrived for court to open, were on their way in a crowd to Broady's house. Officers Blodgett and Van Stan jumped into a buggy and drove to the house, and succeeded in getting there before the crowd. They drove off with him, and the blood-thirsty colored indviduals were cheated of their fun. Being brought down to Justice Lane's office the crowd followed, and Broady was sent to jail to protect him from violence. About two nundred followed him to the jail, who made dem onstrations of violence at different places.— When opposite the City Hall a negro doctor seized the lines and attempted to stop the horse. Officer Van Stan jumped out of the buggy and the Democratic party. Mr. Reilly started life arrested him, presenting a pistol at the crowd, as a journeyman hatter, and unaided by wealth, has succeeded in making himself a name and a woman, were arrested all of whom are now in tion of the officers preserved the prisoner from he is known he is respected and beloved both injury at the hands of the excited crowd. He for his genial nature and fine social qualities, will of course not be allowed to come within their reach, by those who have him in charge, until the feeling has subsided.

> Aunt Betsy has said many good thingsamong the rest that a newspaper is like a wife, because every man ought to have one of his

> Boy, did you let off that gun?" exclaimed an enraged schoolmaster. "Yes, master." " Well, what do you think I will do to you?" "Why, let me off."