MAKING THINGS GO.

LECTURE BY REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE LAST EVENING.

Last evening Rev. T. De Witt Talmage delivered a lecture in the United Presbyterian Church, Shippen street, below Twelfth. After offering the congratulations of the season, and speaking of the festivities of holiday week, he urged the appropriateness of cheerful reflections now as we are about to enter a new year, and new business firms are to be formed; and new enterprises started. He then said many persons do not succeed in life because they do not understand the philosophy of making things go. It is not a matter of luck or chance, but a question decided by great natural and spiritual laws. Much depends upon our finding an occupation for which we are particularly adapted.

The fact cannot but be admitted that there are thousands of persons in places where they do not belong. The bird's wing means air, the fish's fin means water, the horse's hoof means ground, and just what would happen if the bird tried the water and the fish tried the air, happens when men get out of their natural element. In my watch the spring cannot exchange places with the wheels, nor the cogs with the pivots; "Stay where I put you," cries the watchmaker, "if you want to keep good time;" and, my friends, the world is only a big watch, that God wound up, and the seasons are the hands, which tell how fast the time is going. "Stay where I put you," says our great Creator. Human society is a ship. Some are to go ahead—they are the prow; some are to stay behind, and guide those who lead—they are the helm; some are to be enthusiastic, and carry the flag—they are the masts; some are to do nothing but act as a dead-weight—they are shovelled in as ballast; some are to fume and fret and blow—they are the valves. We are willing, Mother Nature, to take any of them except two. Please excuse us from being either the ballast or the valves.

Our happiness and success depend on being where we belong. A scow may be admirable, and a fifty-four-pounder steamship may be admirable; but do not put the scow on the ocean, or the 54-pounder in a mill-pond.

Fortune is not so unreasonable as sometimes represented to be. She is spoken of as an old shrew, with hot water-spout and tongs pursuing the innocent; sometimes losing her temper. But she mostly approves of those who are in their spheres, and condemns those who are where they do not belong.

How then, say some, do you account for the success of such persons as Elihu Burritt, and Hugh Miller?—the former a blacksmith, yet showing he had unbounded capacity for the acquisition of language; and the latter, a stonemason, and yet as though he were one of the old buried Titans come to life, pressing up through rocks and mountains, until shaking from his coat a world of red sandstone, and washing off from his hands the dust of millions of years, he takes the Professor's chair in a college. You say, I suppose, these men started in the wrong business. No, they did not. Different men want different kinds of colleges. The anvil was the best school-desk for Elihu Burritt, and the quarry-stone for Hugh Miller. Oxford and Cambridge and Yale are not what such men want to develope them.

Elihu Burritt, among the cinders and horse-shoes, learned that patient toil, which was the secret of his acquisitions in the languages. Hugh Miller, from observations made while toiling with chisel and crowbar, laid the foundation of his wonderful attainments, one shelf of rock being worth to him more than the hundred shelves of a college library. Not to say a tithe against colleges, some men find a way up to their mission without passing under academic shades. It is strange to notice in what different ways different men are prepared for their occupations and professions.

Some men get into an occupation below that for which they were intended. Excessive modesty keeps them from the position for which they are fitted. They have then a 54-pounder in that mill-pond of which I have been speaking. They do not get along half as well as some body with less brains and less capacity. An elephant would make wretched work if you set it to hatch out goose-eggs, but no more than a man of great attainments applying himself to some insignificant office. Ever and anon a great revolution throws some such man out of his hiding place. His moral strength would never have been known had not necessity made him come up out of his insignificant position.

But the opposite is generally the case. Men are often in the position a little above that for which they were intended. Now the old scow is out on the ocean. The weights of a clock said, "Come, come, this is dull work down here; I want to be the pendulum." But the pendulum shouted upwards, "I am tired of this work; it does not seem that I make any progress going backward and forward. Oh! that I were the hands!" Under this excitement the old clock, which had been going ever since the Revolutionary war, stopped stock still. "What is the matter, now, my old friend?" says the grey-haired patriarch. For very shame, not a word was said until the old man set it a-going. Then the striking bell spoke up and said, "Nothing; only the weights wanted to be the pendulum, and the pendulum wanted to be the hands!" "Well, well," said grandfather, "this is great work;" and the old man, losing his patience a little, gave the clock a gentle slap on the face, and told the pendulum hereafter to hold its tongue, and said to the weights, "You be hanged." (Laughter).

We must stay exactly in our place—not an inch above, not an inch below. But how shall I tell if I stand in my exact appointment, not a particle above, not a particle beneath? This is the test:—if you can perform your duty easily, without being cramped or exhausted, that is the right place. That man is in a horrible condition who is ever making prodigious efforts to do a little more than he can do. It is just as easy for a star to swing in its orbit as for a mote to float in the sunbeam. Nature never sweats. The great law of gravitation holds the universe on its back as easily as a mother swings over his shoulder a bag of Genessee wheat. The winds never run themselves out of breath. The rivers do not weary in their course. The Mississippi and the Amazon are no more tired than the meadow brook. Himalaya is not dizzy.

Poets talk about the waters of our great cataract being in agony, but I think they like it. How they frolic and clap their hands miles above, as they come skipping on towards the great summersault, singing "Over we go, over we go!" When the universe goes at such tremendous speed, and the least impediment might break one of the great wheels, is it not a wonder that we do not sometimes hear a prodigious crash, or thunders bang loud enough to make the world's knees knock together? Yet a million worlds in their flight do not make as much noise as a honey-bee coquetting among the clover-tops. Everything in nature is just as easy. Now, if the position you occupy requires unnatural exertion, your only way out is either to take a step higher up or take a step further down. Providence does not demand that you should break your back, or put your arm out of joint, or sprain your ankle. If you can only find out just what you are to do, you can do it perfectly easy.

Young man, be sure you begin right. It is dangerous work, this changing occupation or profession. Not once in a thousand times is it done successfully. The sea of life is so rough that you cannot cross over from one vessel to another, except at great peril of falling between. Thousands of men have fallen down to nothing between the mason's trowel and the carpenter's saw; between the lawyer's briefs and the author's pen; between the medicine chest and the pulpit. It is no easy matter to switch off on another track this thundering express train of life. It takes about ten years to get fairly started in any business or profession, and I tell you we have not got many decades to waste in experiment.

The lecturer further remarked that things would never go right unless we try to maintain a cheerful disposition. This would not be mentioned except in the belief that our disposition is much of our own making. We admit there is great difference in natural constitutions. Some persons are born cross. See that man with a long face, that never shortens into a laugh. Tell me, did not his mother have trouble with him when he was small? Why, he never was pleased. Did he not make riots in the nursery among looking glasses and glass pitchers? Was his nurse ever able on her knee to jolt down his petulance or shake up his good humor? Did he not often hold an indignation meeting flat on the floor, his hands, his head, and feet all participating in the exercise? Could not his father tell you a story of twelve o'clock at night, with hasty toilet, walking the floor with the dear little blessing in his arms? A story that would be a caution to old bachelors.

Then there are other persons who, from childhood, while they are not at all petulant, yet show a sad and melancholy turn of mind which seems meradicable. Although their lot may be comfortable, they have, all their life long, the appearance of having met with afflictions. Others are from infancy light and happy. They romp, they fly. You can hear their swift feet in the hall. Their loud laughter rings through the house, or in the woods bursts into a score of echoes. At night you can hardly hush their glad hearts for slumber, and in the morning they wake you with their singing. Alas! if then they leave you, and you no more hear their swift feet in the hall, and their loud laughter ringing through the house, or in the woods bursting into a score of echoes; if they wake you no more in the morning with their sweet song; if the color go out of the rose, and its leaves fall; if angels for once grow jealous, and want what you cannot spare; if packed away in the trunk or drawer there be silent garments that once fluttered with youthful life, and by mistake you call some other child by the name of the one departed! Ah me! Ah me!

But while we may all from our childhood have a certain bent given to our disposition, much depends upon ourselves whether we will be happy or miserable.

You will see in the world chiefly what you look for. A farmer going through the country chiefly examines the farms, an architect the buildings, a merchant the condition of the markets, a minister the churches, and so a man going through the world will see the most of that for which he especially looks. He who is constantly watching for troubles will find them stretching off into the gloomy wilderness, while he who is watching for blessings will find them, hither and thither, extending out in harvests of luxuriance.

Like most garments, like most carpets, everything in life has a right side and a wrong side. You can take any joy, and by turning it around, find troubles on the other side; or you may take the greatest trouble, and by turning it around, find joys on the other side. The gloomiest mountain never casts a shadow on both sides at once, nor does the greatest of life's calamities. The earth, in its revolutions, manages about the night; it never has darkness all over at the same time. Sometimes it has night in America, and sometimes in China; but there is some part of the earth constantly in the bright sunlight. My friends, do as the earth does. When you have got trouble, keep turning round, and you will find sunlight somewhere. Amid the thickest gloom through which you are called to pass, carry your own candle. A consummate fret will in almost every instance come to nothing. You will not go to such a merchant's store, nor employ such a mechanic, nor call such a minister.

Fretfulness will kill anything that is not in its nature immortal. There is a large class of persons in constant trouble about their health, although the same amount of strength in a cheerful man would be taken as healthiness. Their digestion being constantly suspected of unfaithfulness, finally refuses to serve such a master, and says, "Hereafter make way with your own lobsters," and the suspicious lungs resign their office, saying, "Hereafter blow your own bellows." (Laughter.) He shoots so vigorously at his liver with blue pills, that the contest has got to be as fierce as Lecompton and anti-Lecompton. (Laughter.) For the last twenty years he has been expecting every moment to faint. His nerves make insurrection and rise up against his head, saying, "Come, let us seize upon this armory." His face is perpetually drawn, as though he either had a pain or expected one.

You fear to accost him with, "How are you?" for that would be the signal for a shower of complaints. He is always getting a lump on his side, an enlargement of the heart, or a curve in his spine. If some of these disorders did not actually come he would be sick of disappointment. He challenges every apple that passes through his mouth as though it were a Syracuse Abolitionist going down to Harper's Ferry. (Laughter.) If you should see his memorandum-book you would discover in it receipts in elderly female handwriting for the cure of all styles of diseases, from softening of the brain in a man down to the botts in a horse. (Renewed laughter.) His bed-room shelf is an apothecary's infantum, where medicines of all kinds may be found, from large bottles full of head-wash for diseased craniums down to the smallest vial full of the best preparation for the removing of corns from the feet. Thousands of men are being destroyed by this constant suspicion as to their health. No physical constitution that was ever created could endure such an exhaustive process.

Others settle down into a gloomy state from forebodings of trouble to come. They do not know why it is, but they are always expecting that something will happen. They imagine about one presentiment a week. A bird flies into the window, or a salt-cellar upsets on the table, or a cricket chirps on the hearth, and they shiver all over, and expect a messenger speedily to come in hot haste at the front of the door, and rush in with evil tidings. They build a pigeon-coop, and hang it up for troubles to enter and make their nests, if they come anywhere near that region.

Away! away! with all forebodings as to the future. Cheer up, disconsolate ones. Go forth among nature. Look up towards the heavens, insufficiently bright by day, or at night, when the sky is merry with ten thousand stars joining hands of light with the earth in the ring going round and round, with gleam and dance and song, making old night feel young again. Go to the forest, where the woodman's axe rings on the trees, and the solitude is broken by the call of the wood-sparrow and the chewink starting up from among the huckleberry bushes. Go to where the streams leap down off the rocks, and their crystal heels clatter over the white pebbles. Go to where the wild flowers stand, drinking out of the mountain brook, and, scattered on grass, look as if all the oracles had cast their crowns at the foot of the steep. Hark to the fluting of the winds, and the long-metre psalms of the thunder! Look at the morning coming down the mountains, and evening drawing aside the curtain from heaven's wall of jasper, amethyst, sardonyx, and chalcedony! Look at all this, and then be happy. The speaker continued at some length, and kept his audience in a roar of laughter from the beginning to the peroration.

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