

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Defenses of Young Men.

"And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man."—II Kings, 6: 17.

One morning in Dothan, a young theological student was scared by finding himself and Elisha, the prophet, upon whom he waited, surrounded by a whole army of enemies.

A SUPERNATURAL APPEARANCE that could not be seen with the natural eye. So the old minister prayed that the young minister might see them also, and the prayer was answered, and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man.

Many young men, standing among the most tremendous realities, have their eyes half shut or entirely closed.

A MIGHTY DEFENSE.

For a young man in a good home. Some of my hearers look back with tender satisfaction to their early home. It may have been rude and rustic, hidden among the hills, and architect or upholsterer never planned or adorned it.

IT IS HOME.

Now, I declare it, that young man is comparatively safe who goes out into the world with a charm like this upon him. The memory of parental solicitude, watching, planning and praying, will be to him a shield and a shelter.

INDUSTRIOUS HABITS.

Many young men, in starting upon life in this age, expect to make their way through the world by the use of their wits rather than the toil of their hands.

A VISION OF BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

or of Sing Sing, but it soon vanishes. In a short time he will be ready to retire from the busy world, and amid his flocks and herds culture the domestic virtues.

THE BATTLE AND THE STAKES.

My young friends, there is no way to genuine success, except through toll either of the head or hand. At the battle of Ocrey, in 1346, the Prince of Wales, finding himself heavily pressed by the enemy, sent word to his father for help.

Two monarchs of old fought a duel, Charles V. and Francis, and the stakes were kingdoms, Milan and Burgundy. You fight with sin, and the stake is heaven or hell.

Do not get the fatal idea that you are a genius, and that, therefore, there is no need of close application.

THE CURSE OF THIS AGE

is the genius; men with enormous self-conceit and egotism, and nothing else. I had rather be an ox than an eagle; plain, and plodding and useful, rather than high-flying and good for nothing but to pick out the eyes of carcasses.

DRUDGERY NECESSARY.

Do not demand that your toll always be elegant, and cleanly refined. There is a certain amount of drudgery through which we must all pass, whatever be our occupation.

THE ROAD TO HEAVEN.

Ah, me! On this sea of life what innumerable ships, heavily laden and well-rigged, yet seem bound for no port. Swept by every whither of wind and wave, they go up by the mountains, they go down by the valleys, and are at their wits' end.

RESPECT FOR THE SABBATH

will be to the young man another preservative against evil. God has thrust into the toil and fatigue of life a restorative day, when the soul is especially to be fed.

A SABBATH BREAKER'S LOSS.

This is the statement of a man who had broken this divine enactment: "I was engaged in manufacturing on the Lehigh River. On the Sabbath I used to rest, but never regarded God in it.

TWO IMPOSTORS

as temperance lecturers, had been speaking in Ohio, in various places, and giving their experience, and they told their audience that they had long been intimate with me, and had become drunkards by dining at my table.

RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE.

Nothing can take the place of it. He may have manners that would put to shame the gracefulness and courtesy of a Lord Chesterfield.

A NOBLE IDEAL.

and confident expectation of approximating to it, is an infallible defence. The artist, completes in his mind the great thought that he wishes to transfer to the canvas or the marble before he takes up the crayon or the chisel.

before he orders the workmen to begin, and though there may for a long while seem to be nothing but blundering and rudeness, he has in his mind every Corinthian wreath and Gothic arch and Byzantine Capital.

"HALLOO, MAN, WHITHER AWAY?" His response is "Nowhere." Rush into the busy shop or store of many a one, and taking the plate out of the man's hand and laying down the yardstick.

THE SOUL'S SUICIDE.

If one entering upon sinful directions would only in his mind or on paper, draw out in awful reality this dreadful future, he would recoil from it and say: "Am I a Dante that by my own life I should write another Inferno?"

HOW YOU MAY MAKE A FORTUNE.

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things will be added unto you." I know you do not want to be mean in this matter.

A WINGED MESSENGER.

of the skies whispering mercy to thy soul. Life is smooth now, but after a while it may be rough, wild and precipitate. There comes a crisis in the history of every man.

A PARTING AT A THEATRE.

Many years ago I stood on the anniversary platform with a minister of Christ who made this remarkable statement: "Thirty years ago two young men started out in the evening to attend the Park Theatre, New York, where a play was to be acted in which the cause of religion was to be placed in a ridiculous and hypocritical light."

Memory Returns When Danger Pieces.

Miss Gosh, the belle of Bird Island, stood beneath the wide-spreading branches of a sturdy oak that cast its shadow over the northeast corner of her father's broad pasture.

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cannot bring him into efficient service. But he loves to store in that castle of character which has in it the most spoils and treasures. It was not some crazy craft creeping along the coast with a valueless cargo that the pirate attacked.

IT GIVES SYMMETRY.

It arrests that in the soul which ought to be arrested, and propels that which ought to be propelled. It fills up the gulleys. It elevates and transforms. To beauty it gives more beauty, to fact more fact, to enthusiasm of nature more enthusiasm.

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LESSON: 1. Hearers Who Repent Not, vs. 20-24. Outline: 2. Hearers Who See Truth, vs. 25-27. 3. Hearers Who Accept Christ, vs. 28-30.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

I. HEARERS WHO REPENT NOT.

1. Mighty Works: The cities wherein most of his mighty works were done (20). Whence hath this man... these mighty works? (Matt. 13: 54).

II. Exalted Privilege:

Thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? (23). I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (Isa. 14: 13).

III. Greater Condemnation:

More tolerable for the land of Sodom, than for thee (24). How art thou fallen from heaven, O day star! (Isa. 14: 12). He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth (Lam. 2: 1).

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II. Truth Hid from the Wise:

Thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding (25). He taketh the wise in their own craftiness (Job 5: 13).

III. Truth Revealed Unto Babies.

Thou... didst reveal them unto babies (25). Out of the mouth of babes... hast thou established strength (Psa. 8: 2).

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

Scripture, 1st Cor., 13: 1-13.

Judgment and Mercy.

LESSON TEXT.

(Matt. 11: 20-30. Memory verses, 27-30).

LESSON PLAN.

TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Jesus the King in Zion.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.—1 Chron. 29: 11.

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DAILY HOME READINGS:

M.—Matt. 11: 20-30. Declarations concerning His hearers.

T.—Matt. 13: 1-23. Three classes of hearers.

W.—Luke 10: 1-16. Hearers who despise.

T.—Gen. 19: 12-26. Slow to hear.

F.—Jonah 3: 1-10. Quick to hear.

S.—Heb. 2: 1-18. Heeding what we hear.

S.—Jas. 1: 16-27. Hearing and doing.

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If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink (John 7: 37).

III. The Soul's Rest:

Ye shall find rest unto your souls (29). Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Isa. 26: 3).

We which have believed do enter into that rest (Heb. 4: 3).

Let us... give diligence to enter into that rest (Heb. 4: 11).

That they may rest from their labors (Rev. 14: 13).

1. "Come unto me." (1) The call; (2) The called; (3) The inducement.

2. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." (1) Christian life a service; (2) Christ the believer's yoke-fellow; (3) Christian life a schooling; (4) Christ the believer's teacher.

3. "Ye shall find rest unto your souls." (1) The soul's need of rest; (2) The soul's capacity for rest; (3) The soul's place of rest; (4) The soul's abundance of rest.

PERSONAL APPEALS OF THE LORD.

Look unto me (Isa. 45: 22; John 3: 14, 15).

Come unto me (Matt. 11: 28; John 7: 37).

Abide in me (John 15: 4; 1 John 2: 6).

Learn of me (Matt. 11: 29; Phil. 2: 5-8).

Follow thou me (John 21: 19, 22; 12: 26).

Watch with me (Matt. 26: 38; Rev. 3: 3).

Lovest thou me? (John 21: 15; 1 Cor. 16: 22).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The present lesson is connected with the previous one. The intervening passage (vs. 16-19) belongs to the discourse which followed the message from the Baptist, and Matthew begins verse 20 with the word "then." It should, however, be noted, that Luke, who presents no parallel to Matthew, at this point, reports something similar in connection with the sending out of the seventy (Luke 10: 13-15, 21, 22). But it is more probable that the sayings were repeated than that Matthew has anticipated.

The Bethsaida spoken of in this lesson was the Bethsaida of Galilee, not the Bethsaida of Gaulonitis (or Bethsaida-Julias). The first named of these two places was on the west side of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum. The second was on the north-east of the sea, near the eastern bank of the Jordan as it enters the sea.

The time and place are the same as those of the last lesson,—the summer of 781 (A. D. 28), in Galilee, probably near Capernaum, or near Nain.

Titus Was Getting Bald.

A clerk in a Broadway drug store was accosted recently by a very swell girl with a very swell dog. "Have you any hair restorative?" she asked in a clear soprano voice while an expression of anxiety sat on her beautiful face.

"Yes, miss," said the clerk with a glance at the fluffy bag and abundant locks of the damsel. "Here is a mixture which I can recommend."

"It must be the very best. Titus's hair is coming out, and it worries me a great deal," she said, with a little droop to her mouth. "I don't know what the matter is. He is too young to be getting bald," she continued.

"Well, I think your husband will find relief from this," said the clerk, throwing much sympathy into his high-salaried smile.

"My husband!" echoed the girl. "It's for my dog."

"Titus wagged his tail, as if to say: 'What's the matter with her dog?'" There was a small patch on his body, too far back for him to see it well, where the hair had departed, leaving his skin exposed to all the rigor of a New York winter.

"Rub it on well," said the clerk, as the damsel paid him \$1 for a small bottle. "It will renew the hair."

Some of the pet dogs of women are so overfed that their hair falls out. This is not noticeable in the long-haired Skye and Yorkshire terriers. Their hair covers a bald spot. But the larger dogs with shorter hair show a spot, and it does not add to their beauty.

"I have had several calls for hair restoratives for dogs," said a clerk in another drug store. "They get the mange, or are overfed, and their hair drops out. It breaks the women all up to have a dog with a big spot on him. They'll do anything for a dog."

To Cure Round Shoulders.

The following movements, performed with one-pound wooden dumb-bells, or at free hand movements, will be found very beneficial if persevered in. The best time is upon rising and retiring, as the body should not be bound in any way of the clothing.

1. Arms extended horizontally in front, wrists palms facing, hand clenched. Hold the head erect and the chest out. Then draw the hands in strongly, the elbows passing close to the body and as far back as possible.

2. Same position except the hands are open. Swing the hands back to the side horizontal position—as far back as possible.

3. Hands hanging in their natural position at the sides. Raise the arms slowly, side wise, until the backs of the hands touch above the head, keeping them as far back as possible.

Of course as erect a position as possible must be maintained at all times, or the special training will do no good. Do not be discouraged, for you have been getting that stooped back for years and you must expect to straighten all of a sudden.

Above all things don't wear shoulder braces. They strengthen the muscles of the chest by the continual resistance, while the back muscles are not called in to action.