

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Recreations Good and Bad.

They that use this world as not abusing it...

And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry...

We are entering the gayest season of the year...

THE BLIND OLD GIANT coming, led by the hand of a child into the very midst of the temple.

THE HEELS OF THE WORLD. If you build a large mansion, and spread a great feast after it...

THE PHYSICAL VASE in which God has put the jewel of eternity. There are men with great hearts and intellects...

A RICH CARGO FOR ETERNITY, employing all its men in stopping up leakages. When you may, through the gymnasium, work off your spleen and your querulousness...

MAKE THE DOMESTIC CIRCLE BRIGHTER than anything they can find outside of it. Do not, then, all in your home...

MUSIC. In the first place, I commend, among indoor recreations, music—vocal and instrumental.

TO HAVE OUR CHILDREN BROUGHT UP amidst the sound of cultured voices, and amidst the melody of musical instruments.

OUR YOUNG MEN try this heavenly art upon their nature. Those who have gone into it fully have found in it illimitable recreation and amusement.

RALLY YOUR SCATTERED BATTALIONS. I am glad to know that in our great cities there is hardly a night in which there are not concerts, where, with the best musical instruments and the sweetest voices...

THE GYMNASIUM. This institution is gaining in favor every year, and I know of nothing more free from dissipation, or more calculated to recuperate the physical and mental energies.

PHILANTHROPHY. There is still another form of recreation which I commend to you, and that is the pleasure of doing good.

THE BOY AND THE ELEPHANT. Many years ago one of the most famous elephants that traveled in this country was Old Columbus.

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D. A Stupendous Undertaking. They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat (16).

E. A Competent Helper. And he said, Bring them hither to me (18).

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