### REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: "Architects of Fate"-Young Men Are the Molders of Their Own Destiny, and They Are Admonished to Build on the Right Foundation.

TEXT: "Run, speak to this young man." -Zechariah ii., 4.

There was no snow on the beard of the prophet of my text and no crows' feet had left their mark near his eyes. Zechariah was a young man, and in a day dream he saw and heard two angels talking about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. One of these angels desires that young Zechariah should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, its circumfer-ence and the height of its walls, and he says to the other angel, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not walk, but run, for the young man." Do not walk, but run, for the message is urgent and imminent. So every young man needs to have immediate advice about the dimensions, the height and the circumference of that which, under God, He is to build—namely, His own character and destiny. No slow or laggard pace will do. A little further on, and counsel will be of no advantage. Swift footed must be the practical and important suggestions, for they might as well never be made at all. Run at the pace of five miles the hour, and speak to that of five miles the hour, and speak to that young man. Run, before this year of 1898 s ended. Run, before this century is closed. Run, before his character is inexorably decided for two worlds, this world and the next. How many of us have found out by long and bitter experience things that we ought to have been told before we were twenty-five years of age. Now I propose to tell you some things which, if you will seriously and prayerfully observe, will make you master of the situation in which you are now placed and master of every situation in which you ever will be placed. And in order that my subject may be eli-macteric, begin on the outside edge of that advice, which will be more and more important as the subject unfolds.

Now, if you would be master of the situa-

money either in your hand, or in a safety deposit, or in a bank, or in a United States bond before you make purchases, or go into expensive enterprises, or hitch a spanking expensive enterprises, or high a spanking team to a glittering turnout, or contract for the building of a mansion on the Poto-mac or the Hudson. Do not depend on an inheritance from your father or uncle. The old man may live on a good deal longer than you expect, and the day of your enforced payment may come before the day of his decease. You cannot depend upon sumatism or heart failure or senility to its work. Longevity is so wonderfully improved that you cannot depend upon people dying when you think they ought They live to be septuagenarians, or octogenarians, or nonagenarians, or even centenarians, and meanwhile their heirs go into bankruptey, or, tempted to forgery, or misappropriation of trust funds, or watering of railroad or mining stock, go into the penitentiary. Neither had you better spread yourself out because of the fifteen or twenty per cent. you expect from an investment, Most of the fifteen or twenty per cent. investments are apt to pay nothing save the privilege of being assessed to meet the obligations of the company in the affairs of which you get involved. Better get 31/2 per cent from a involved. Better get 3½ per cent. from a government bond than be promised fifteen per cent. from a dividend which will never be declared, or paid only once or twice, so as to tempt you deeper in before the grand smash up, and you receive, instead of a payment of dividends, a letter from the president and secretary of the company

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tion, do not expend money before you get

it. How many young men irretrievably mortgage their future because of resources

that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the

president and secretary of the company saying that they are very sorry.

Do not say you have no chance, but remember Isaac Newton, the greatest astronomer of his day, once peddling cabbages in the street, and Martin Luther singing on the public square for any pennies that he might pick up, and John Bunyan mending kettles, and the late Judge Bradley, of the United States Supreme Court, who was the son of a charcoal burner, and Turner, the painter, who was the son of a barber, and Lord charcoal burner, and Lurner, the who was the son of a barber, and Lord Clive, who saved India to England, shipped by his father to Madras as a useless boy by his father to Madras as a useless boy whom he wanted to get rid of, and Prideaux, the world renowned scholar and theologian, scouring pots and pans to work his way through college, and the mother of the late William E. Dodge, the philanthropist and magnificent man keeping a pist and magnificent man, keeping a thread and needle store, and Peter Cooper, who worked on small wages in a glue factory, living to give \$500,000 for the founding of an institute that has already educated thousands of the poor sons and daughters of America, and Sowditch, the scientist, beginning his useful learning and scientist, beginning his useful learning and affluent career by reading the books that had been driven ashore from a shipwreck at Salem. There is, young man, a great financial or literary or moral or religious success awaiting you if you only know how to go up and take it. Then take it or get ready to take it. The mightier the opposition the grander the triumph when you have concurred.

Again, if you would master the situation. when angry do not utter a word or write a letter, but before you speak a word or write a word sing a verse of some hymn write a word sing a verse of some hymn in a tune arranged in minor key and having no staccato passages. If very angry, sing two verses. If in a positive rage, sing three verses. First of all, the unhealthiest thing on earth is to get mad. It jangles the nerves, enlarges the spleen and sets the heart into a wiid thumping. Many a man and many a woman has in time of such mental and physical agitation dropped dead. Not only that, but it makes enemies out of friends, and makes enemies more virulent, and anger is partial makes enemies out of friends, and makes enemies more virulent, and anger is partial or consummate suicide. Great attorneys, understanding this, have often won their sause by willfully throwing the opposing ounsel into a rage. There is one man you must manage or one woman you must control in order to please God and make life a success, and that is yourself.

The hardest realm that you will ever

must manage or one woman you must control in order to please God and make life a success, and that is yourself.

The hardest realm that you will ever have to govern is the realm between your scalp and heel. The most dangerous cargo a ship can carry is dynamite, and the most perllous thing in one's nature is an explosive temper. If your nature is hopelessly irasolole and tempestuous, then dramatize placidity. If the ship is on fire and you cannot extinguish the firmes, at any rate keep down the hatches. When a twome injustice inflicted upon you or some injustice inflicted upon you or some insuit offered or some wrong done, the best thing for you to say is to say nothing, and the best thing for you to write is to write nothing. If the meanness done you is not beart hing for you not will be successfully adopted. Take a sheet of paper. Date it at your home or office. Then put the wrong-doer's name at the head of the letter oage, without any prefix of "Colonei" or suffix of "D. D.," and begin with a tutt of most, he put this statement of the wrong he has done you and of the infigrantion you have felt. Put into it the strongest terms of execution you can employ without being profane. Sign your name to the red hot opistie. Fold it. Enrelop it. Direct it plainily to the man who has done you wrong. Carry the letter a week, or two weeks if need be, and then festroy it. In God's name destroy it. It is what Abraham Lincoin said to one of this cabinet officers. That cabinet officer was week, or two weeks if need be, and then festroy it. In God's name destroy it. It is what Abraham Lincoin said to one of this cabinet officers. That cabinet officer readit to Mr. Lincoin and asked him how he liked it. Mr. Liestoln ireplied: "It is splendid for sureans and so deep that all the inhabitants of lower of dod's spirit in kindly warning that it way and stake your thirst at the clear, bright, perennial fountain that breaks from the kock of Ages, a fountain so wide and so deep that all the inhabitants of lands of the per and the water

complete in that direction. But do you think you can afford to send it?" That calm and wise and Christian interrogation of the president stopped the letter, and it was never sent. Young man, before you get for on in life unless you are an excep-tion among men, you will be wronged, you will be misinterpreted, you will be outraged. All your sense of justice will be in
conflagration. Let me know how you
meet that first great offense, and I will teil
you whether your life is to be a triumph or
a failure. You see, equipoise at such a
time means so many things. It means
self control. It means a capacity to foresee results. It means a confidence in your
own integrity. It means a faith in the own integrity. It means a faith in the Lord God that He will see you through.

Again, if you would be master of the sit-ation put the best interpretation on the character and behavior of others. Do not be looking for hypocrites in churches, or thieving among domestic servants, or swindlers among business men, or mal-feasance in office. There is much in life to make men suspicious of others, and when that characteristic of suspicion becomes dominant a man has secured his own unhappiness, and he has become an offence in all circles, religious, commercial and political. The man who moves for a com-mittee of investigation is generally a moral derelict. The man who goes with his nos-trils inflated trying to discover something malodorus is not a man, but a sleuth-hound! The world is full of more people, generous people, people who are doing their best-good husbands, good wives. good fathers, good mothers, good offi-cers of the law; good judges, good gov-ernors, good State and national legislaernors, good State and nationat legisla-tors, good rulers. Does some man growl out, "That has not been my experience, and I think just the opposite." Well, my brother, I am sorry for your afflictive cir-cumstances, and that you had an unfor-tunate ancestry, and that you have kept such bad company and had such discour-aging environment. I notice that after a man has been making a violent tirade against his fellow men he is on his way down, and if he live long enough he will be asking you for a quarter of a dollar to get drink or a night's lodging. Behave self well, oh, young man, and you will find life a pleasant thing to live and the world full of friends and God's benediction avery-

Again, if you would be master of the situation, expect nothing from good luck, or haphazard, or gaming adventures. In this time, when it is estimated that gambling exchanges money to the amount of \$80,000,000 a day, this remark may be useful. There come times in many a man's life when he hopes to get something for which when he hopes to get something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are fifty kinds of gambling. Stand aloof from all of them. Understand that the gambling spirit is a disease, and the more successful you are the more certain you are to go right onto your own ruin. Having made his thousands, why does not the gambler stop and make a safe investment of what he has gained and spend the rest of his life in quiet or less hazardous style Nothing but death ever cures a con-

Dr. Keeley's gold cure rescues the drunkard, and there are antitobacco drunkard, and there are antitobacco preparations that will arres: the victim of nicotine, and religion can save any one ex-cept a gambler. The fact is he is irresponsible. Having got the habit in him he is no more responsible for keeping on than a man falling from the roof of a four-story house can stop at the window of the secnouse can stop at the window of the second story. Here and there you may find an instance where a gambler has been reported or reports himself as being converted, but in that case the man was not fully under the heel of the passion. The real gambler is a through passenger to death and perdition. The only use in re-ferring to him is in the way of prevention. He began by taking chances on a bookcase or a sewing machine at a church fair and ended by getting a few pennies for his last valuable in a pawn-broker's shop. The only man who gambles successfully is the man who loses broker's shop. The only man who gambles successfully is the man who loses so fearfully at the start that he is disgusted and quits. Let him win at the start and win again, and it means farewell to home and heaven. Most merolless of all habits! Horace Walpole says that a man dropped down at the door of a clubhouse in London and was carried in and the general to be the start of the ried in, and the gamblers began to bet whether he was dead or not, and when it was proposed to bleed him for his rethe gamblers objected that it affect the fairness of the bet. What noble men they must have been! But more and more ladies are becoming gamblers. They bet at the races and have prizes in social groups which are nothing but the stakes of gambling. A good way for a lady to get into the gamester's habit is by beginning with "progressive enchre." That opens the door in a fashionable way. In one of our great cities invitations were sent out for such a meeting at the tables. The guests entered and sat down and began. After awhile the excitement ran high, and the lady who was the hostess fainted and fell under the table. The guests arose, but some one said: "Don't touch the beli! Let us finish the game. She would have done so herself and would be the said of the said." wish us if she spoke." The game went on for thirty minutes longer, and then a physician was called. After examination of the case it was found [that the lady had been dead twenty minutes. As the guests lift their hands in surprise I exclaim in regard to them. What delicate and refined and

Young man, seek only elevating and improving companionship. Do not let the last scion of a noble family, a fellow with a big name, but bad habits, for he drinks and swears and is dissofor he drinks and swears and is dissolute, take your arm to walk down the street or spend an evening with you, either at your room or his room. Remember that sin is the most expensive thing in God's universe. I have read that Sir Brasil, the knight, tired out with the chase, had a falcon on his wrist, as they did in days of falconry, when with hawks or falcons they went forth to bring down partridges or grouse or pigeons, and being very thirsty came to a stream struggling from a rock, and, releasing the falcon from his wrist, he took the bugie which he carried, and, stopping the mouthpiece of his bugie with a tuft of moss, he put this extemporized cup under The Albatross.

Out of the blue void the albatross comes unhasting on motionless pinions, yet at a speed that, one moment a speck hardly discernible, turn but your eyes away, and ere you can look round he is gliding majestically overhead. Nothing in nature conveys to the mind so wonderful an idea of effortless velocity as does his calm appearance from vacancy. Like most of the true pelagic birds, he is a devourer of offal, the successful pursuit of fish being impossible to his majestic evolutions. His appetite is enormous, but his powers of abstinence are equally great, and often for days he goes without other nourishment than a drink of the bitter sea. At the Gargantuan banquet provided by the carcass of a dead whale, he will gorge himself until incapable of rising from the sea, yet still his angry scream may be heard as if protesting against his inability to find room for more provision against hungry days soon to follow.

Despite his incomparable grace of flight when gliding through mid-air with his mighty wings outspread, when ashore or on deck he is clumsy and ill at ease. Even seated upon the sea, his proportions appear somewhat ungainly, while his huge hooked beak seems too heavy to be upheld. On land he can hardly balance himself. and the broad, silky webs of his feet soon become lacerated. Thus his visits to the lone and generally inaccessible rocks which are his breding places are as brief as may be, since even conjugal delights are dearly purchased with hunger and painful restraint. A true child of the air, land is hateful to him, and only on the wing does he appear to be really at home and easeful. -The Spectator.

#### Caucasian Watering Places.

The circlet of Caucasian watering places does not perceptibly differ from watering places all the world over Their only peculiarity is that they seem so out of place. Jelyesnovodsk. the most easterly of the series, lying on a separate line up a valley, is approached through hilly country, partially wooded with oak and ash, elm, beech, and acacia-the furthest out post of the Caucasian range. Its waters are chalybeate, some of the sources having the unusually high temperature (for ferruginous springs) of 51 degrees centigrade. A quaint little station, overshadowed by a tree whose trunk comes up through the floor and pierces the roof, a most modern, well-appointed pumproom with adjoining baths, self-contained houses with foundations of travertine-such is Jelyesnovodsk.

The season lasts from May to October, but in June and July the scene is brightest-and saddest. There are several German colonies in the neighborhood: their neatness and compact ness date from the time of Catherine the Great. Behind the constituent cottages, whose harled walls and tiled roofs betray their non-Caucasian origin, are the vine-clad acres that support the colonists .- Blackwood's Mag-

## The Czar's Slavery to Duty.

The Czar's melancholy visit to Copenhagen is nearly over, and soon ie will be hurrying across to Europe to rejoin the Czarina at Livadia. Apart from the occasion itself, his stay in the Danish capital appears to have been marked by exceptional gloom. The young autocrat occupied three modest rooms in the overcrowded palace of Bernstorff, and is said to have passed almost his whole day in his little study reading or writing dispatches. Every morning a courier arrived from St. Petersburg with a fresh batch, and every evening another set out thither to take back the result of the day's work. After breakfast he walked for an hour with his mother in the park, that being the sole recreation he permitted himself, besides joining the other members of the family for a short time at and after meals. He must often have looked back with a sigh to the time when he roamed about the place a careless boy in the company of his stalwart father.-London Chronicle.

## Poet's Home for Sale.

"A poet's home"-that of Cowperis about to come under the auctioneer's hammer. The sale is announced of the Weston-Underwood estate, near Olney, which includes the house in which Cowper lived and produced some of his best work. It was to Weston that Cowper was removed by the care of his cousin, Lady Hesketh, who found that the "cruel solitude" of the little town of Olney had a most depressing effect upon him, and that he must be placed in pleasanter surroundings if he was to escape any further attacks of insanity. The house at Weston, which was rented for Cowper in the Autumn of 1786, belonged to his friend, Mr. Thockmorton of Westonhall. It was here that Cowper spent the remainder of his life if we except the few sad closing years, and at Weston he was probably happier than he had ever been before-Montreal Herald.

## He Was Misunderstood.

On an ocean steamship coming to New York, a Frenchman startled the passengers by announcing "I haf married an American wife and lif' in misery." It threatened the entente cordiale; but subsequently it came out he meant he lived in Missouri, and all was pleasant, for pronounciation is not an pternational casus belli.

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Chopin sleeps in Pere Lachaise and

though the Ariel of memory will add to the rest morceaux of his own nocturnes and melodies till, if you will, the place be as full of "noises, sounds and sweet airs" as Prospero's isle, says Chambers' Journal. It is pleasant to rest awhile, listening to these things, and looking on at what fancy will do to their measures, the visions it will bring, the figures it will shape and unshape from the fugitive brain scraps you throw it. But among the pictures which come and go, like the faces over the witches' kettle-dim cathedral, glaring opera house, twilighted drawing room, a yellow moon over the trees -ah, Chopin, what fools you made of us!-come others of an impersonal kind, biographical vignettes which these men around have left on all our minds. There is the Parisian salon, Heine smiling over at Bellini; the fair lady, amused with the mastro's curls, delicately destroying them with his cane. Not one of them thought that in fourteen days' time poor Bellini, curls and all, would be under the ground at Pere Lachaise. Then appears a severer apartment; a short, muscular man there, square-jawed and angry-eyed, as Cherubini turns upon him half bitterly: "Citoyen General, I perceive that you love only that music which does not prevent you from thinking of your politics." And the Italian moves away, as if adding under his breath, "Why is this man not Midas-eared?" For that little, stout man, Napoleon, had alone 'mid applauding Paris, belittled his music. And now rises a room in Florence, a litter of books and papers. De Musset writing, George Sand dictating. It is Chopin's doing-he has reminded us of them. But now he appears himself, his piano before him, dreaming through his finger tips and making more dreams for his crouching listener, the every soil and increase yield same George Sand. The tragedy and comedy of those two lives!-they make us weep and smile by turns. The sculptured muse on a composer's tomb sits mourning, lyre in hand. But it is all past now, that sorrowing time. For when Chopin died, did he not leave us his better angel? The musician's soul of him, does it not dwell purely among us, one of the "choir invisible" which is ever urging us to "larger issues?" One wishes the figure would lift its head as the sickhearted do at the last burst in the "March Funebre." The few poor bones she weeps over are not Chopin.

Fitted Under Difficulties.

An English war correspondent in a Cuban prison sent for a tailor to make him a suit of clothes, but on the arrival of the man of the shears the prisoner found he could only consult with him through the bars, and had to stand se to them to be measured. In a few days, however, the tailor again appeared on the scene with the garments cut out and pinned together for fitting on, and this he accomplished by stretching his arms through the window bars as before until the "fit" was to his mind correct. When the correspondent came to wear this extraordinary suit a short time after he found it most satisfactorily, and well fitting-so much so that it is being worn in London now with much pride.

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