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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 sound on the beard of the prophet of my text and no crow's 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 those angels desires that you, Zechariah, should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, its circumference and the height of its walls, and he says to the other angel, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not wait, 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.

Now, if you would be master of the situation, do not expend money before you get it. How many young men irrevocably mortgage their future for a few dollars that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the money either in your hand, or in a safety deposit, or in a bank, or in a United States bond before you make purchases.

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 in the public square for any pennies that he might pick up.

Again, if you would master the situation, when angry do not write a word or write a letter, but before you speak a word write a word sing a verse of some hymn in a tune arranged in minor key and having no staccato passages.

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 perilous thing in one's nature is an explosive temper.

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.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, put the best interpretation on the character and behavior of others. Do not be looking for hypocrites in shrines, or thieves among domestic servants, or swindlers among business men, or malfeasance in office.

There comes times in many a man's life when he hopes to get something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are fifty kinds of gambling.

Dr. Keeley's gold cure rescues the drunkard, and there are antitobacco preparations that will arrest the victim of nicotine, and religion can save any one except a gambler.

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 compactness date from the time of Catherine the Great.

Young man, seek only elevating and improving companionship. Do not let the last son of a noble family, a feeling, a name, or a habit, be his guide, for he drinks and swears and is dissolute, take your arm to walk down the street or spend an evening with you, sit in your room or his room.

On an ocean steamship coming to New York, a Frenchman started the passengers by announcing "I had married an American wife and I'm in misery." It threatened the entente cordiale; but subsequently it came out he meant he lived in Missouri, and all was pleasant, for pronunciation is not an international census bell.

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Out of the blue void the albatross comes unobtrusively on motionless plumes, 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.

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.

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.

The circle 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.

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