Woman Lawyer and Old Gentleman.

A woman lawyer, who is young and good-looking, was riding downtown in broadway car the other day, says the New York Sun. An old gentleman who sat on the other side of the car at the upper end gazed at her for several ocks with undisguised admiration. She looked up from the legal paper she was reading, and he smiled broadly at her. Every time she raised her eyes she saw that he was becoming more and more demonstrative. As she was accustomed to taking care of herself downtown, she did not think of asking for the protection of a male lawyer who was also in the car. The woman arose to get out. Before the car stopped she was aware that her unknown admirer was behind her. She walked into the big office building. As she pressed the button for the elevator the ancient person stepped up to her and said "Haven't I met you before?"

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THE NATURAL WORLD.

Dr. Talmage Says God Regulates the Ant Hill as Well as the Human Habitation.

The Most of Solomon's Writings Have Gone Out of Existence.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse
Dr. Talmage draws his illustrations from a
realm seldom utilized for moral and religious purposes; text, Proverbs vi, 6-8: "Go
to the ant, thou sluggard. Consider her
ways and be wise, which, having no guide,
overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in
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The most of Solomon's writings have perished. They have gone out of existence as thoroughly as the twenty books of Pliny and most of the tooks of Aeschylus and Euripides and Varro and Quintilian. Solomon's Song and Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, preserved by inspiration, are a small part of his voluminous productions. He was a great scientist. One verse in the Bible suggests that he was a botanist, a zoologist, an ornithlologist, an ichthyologist and knew all about reptilia. I Kings iv, 33, "He spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hystop that springeth out of the wall; he spake also of beasts and of fowl and of creeping things and of fishes." Besides all these scientific works he composed 3000 provesses and 1005 source. these scientific works he composed 3000

proverbs and 1005 songs.

Although Solomon lived long before the microscope was constructed he was also an insectologist, and watched and describes the spider build its suspension bridge of silk from tree to tree, calling it the spider's web, and he notices its skilful footbald in clickly in the control of the spider is such as the control of the spider's web, and he notices its skilful footbald in clickly in the spider's web. the spider's web, and he notices its skilful foothold in climbing the smooth wall of the throneroom in Jerusalem, saying, "The spider taketh hold with her hands and is in kings' palaces." But he is especially interested in the ant, and recommends its habits as worthy of study and imitation, saying, "Go to the ant, thom sluggard, consider her ways and be wise, which, having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest."

But it was not until about 300 years ago, when Jan Swammerdam, the son of an apothecary at Amsterdam, Holland, began the study of the ant under powerful lens, that the full force of Solomon's injunction was understood. The great Dutch scientist in his examination of the insect in my text discovered as great display of the wisdom of God in its anatomy as astronomers discover in the heavens, and was so absorbed and wrought upon by the wonders he discovered in the ant and other insects that body and mind gave way, and

he expired at forty-three years of age, a martyr of the great science of insectology.

No one but God could have fashioned the insect spoken of in the text or given it such genius of instinct—its wisdom for harvesting at the right time, its wonders of antennae, by which it gathers food, and of mardibles which instant of the more distance. of mandibles, which instead of the mo-tion of the human jaw up and down in mastication, move from side to side; its nervous system, its enlarging doors in hot weather for more sweep of breeze, its mode of attack and defense, closing the gate at night against bandit invaders; its purification of the earth for human residence, its social life, its republican gov-ernment with the consent of the gov-erned, its natural fidelities, the habit of these creatures of gathering now and then under the dome of the ant hillock seemingly in consultation and then departing to execute their different missions.

But Solomon would not commend all the habits of the ant, for some of them are as bad as some of the habits of the human race. Some of these small creatures are desperadoes and murderers. Now and then they marshal themselves into hosts and march in straight line and come upon an encampment of their own race and destroy its occupants, except the young, whom they carry into captivity, and if the army come back without any such captives they are not permitted to enter, but are sent forth to make more successful conquest. Solomon gives no commendation to such sanguinary behavior among insects any more than he would have commended sanguinary behavior among men.

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But what are the habits which Solomon would enjoin when he says, "consider her ways and be wise?" First of all, providence, forethought, anticipation of coming necessities. I am sorry to say these qualities are not characteristic of all the ants. These creatures of God are divided into granivorous and carnivorous. The latter are not frugal, but the former are frugal. While the air is warm and moving about is not hindered by ice or snowbank, they import their cargoes of food. They bring in their caravan of provision; they haul in their long train of wheat or corn or oats.

The farmers are not more busy in July and August in reaping their harvest. They stack them away, they pile them up. They question when they have enough. They aggregate a sufficient amount to last them until the next warm season. When winter opens they are ready.

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Blow ye wintry blasts! Hang your icicles from the tree branches! Imbed all the highways under snowdrifts! Enough for all the denizens of the hills. Hunger shut

teachers or typewriters or Government employes? Such parents have no right to children. Every neighborhood has speciemployes? Such parents have no right to children. Every neighborhood has specimens of such improvidence. The two words that most strike me in the text are "summer" and "winter." Some people have no summer in their lives. From the rocking cradle to the still grave it is relentless January. Invalid infancy followed by some crippling accident or dimness of eyesight or dullness of hearing or privation or disaster or unfortunate environment makes life a perpetual winter. But in most lives there is a period of summer, aithough it may be a short summer, and that is the time to provide for the future.

One of the best ways of insuring the future is to put aside all you can for charitable provision. You put a crumbling stone in the foundation of your fortune if you do not in your plans regard the sufferings that you may alleviate. You will have the pledge of the high heavens for your temporal welfare when you help the helpless, for the promise is "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."

Then there is another way of providing for the future. If you have \$1000 a year income, save \$100; or \$2000 a year, save \$500; or \$3000, save \$1000. Do you say such economy is meanness? I say it is a vaster meanness for you to make no provision for the future and compel your friends or the world to take care of you or yours in case of bereavement or calamity.

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There are women who at the first increase of their husband's resources wreck all on an extravagant wardrobe. There are men who at the prospect of larger prosperity build houses they will never be able to pay for. There are people with \$4000 a year income who have not one dollar laid up for a rainy day. It is a ghastly dishonesty practiced on the next generation. Such men deserve bankruptey and impoverishment. In almost every man's life there comes a winter of cold misfortune. Prepare for it while you may. Whose thermometer has not sometimes stood below zero? What ship has never been caught in a storm? What regiment at the front never got into a battle? Have at least as much foresight as the insectile world.

Examine the pantries of the ant hills in this weather, and you will find that last summer's supply is not yet exhausted. Examine them next July and you will find them being replenished. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard. Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest."

This is no argument for miserliness. Avarice and penuriousness destroy a man about as soon as any of the other vices. We have heard of those who entered their iron money vault for business purposes, and the door accidentally shut, and they were suffocated, their corpse not discovered until the next day. But every day and all up and down the streets of our cities there are men, body, mind and soul, forever fast in their own money vaults. cities there are men, body, mind and soul, forever fast in their own money vaults. Accumulation of bonds, mortgages and Government securities and town lots and big farms just for the pleasure of accumulation is despicable, but the putting aside of a surplus for your self defense when your brain has halted, or your right hand has forgotten its cunning, or your old age needs a manservant, or for the support of others when you can no more be a breadwinner for your household—that is right, that is beautiful, that is Christian, that is divinely approved. That shows that you have taken Solomon's ant hill for an object lesson. Going out of this world without leaving a dollar for those who remain out leaving a dollar for those who remain behind, if you have done your best, you have a right to put your head in calm con-fidence on the pillow which Jeremiah shook up in the forty-ninth chapter of his prophecy, "Leave thy fatherless children. I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in Me."

But if, having the means, through mortgages or houses or life insurance for pro-viding for helpless widowhood and orphanage, you make no provision for post mortem need, how dare you go up and take a palace in heaven and let your wife and children go to the poorhouse or into a struggle for bread that makes life a horror

and sometimes ends in suicide?
But my subject reaches higher than temporalities—foresight for the soul, provision for eternal experiences, preparation for the far beyond. Ant hills, speak out and teach us a larger and mightier lesson of preparing food for the more important part of us! Do you realize that a man may be a us! Do you realize that a man may be a millionaire or a multi-millionaire for time-and a bankrupt for eternity, a prince for a few years and a pauper forever? The ant would not be satisfied with gathering enough food for half a winter or quarter of a winter. But how many of us seem content, though not having prepared for the ten-millionth part of what will be our existence!

Furthermore, go to the ant and con-sider that it does not decline work because it is insignificant. The fragment of seed it hauls into its habitation may be so small that the unaided eye cannot see it, but the insectile work goes on—the carpenter ant at work above ground, the mason ant at work under ground. Some of these creat-ures mix the leaves of the fir and the catkins of the pine for the roof or wall of their tiny abode, and others go out as hunters looking for food, while others in domestic duties stay at home. Twenty specks of the food they are moving toward their granary, put upon a balance, would hardly make the scales quiver. All of the work is on a small scale. There is no use in our refusing a mission because it is significant. Anything that God in His providence puts before us to do is impor-

The needle has its office as certainly as the needle has its office as certainly as the telescope and the spade as a parliamentarian scroll. You know what became of the man in the parable of the talents, who buried the one talent instead of putting it to practical and accumulative use.

His apology was of no avail.

When during the plague in London, at the risk of his life and under the protest of his friends, Rev. Thomas Vincent spent his time preaching the gospel to the sufferers and 68,505 people perished, seven fatalities in the house where he lived, did it was harrest and the seven fatalities. In Fulton street prayer meeting New York, a young man rose and said: "I have been an infidel fourteen years. I had the prayers of a pious mother, but I spurned them. I have not seen her for fifteen years. I suppose she has given me up as lost. I don't know where to find her, but I would like to tell her what the lord like to tell her what the lord like to tell her what the Lord has done for me in answer to her earnest prayers." Did it just happen so that his mother was present and cried out, ..., h, my son, my son?" You know of the oh, my son, my son?" You know of the glorious Christian work in Japan, but do you know how it began? A New Testament was dropped from an English ship in the harbor of Tokyo. The little book came into the hands of a prominent Japanese, who read it and was brought to God, and immediately began to commend Christ to the people. Did all that merely happen so? Tell that to those who do not believe there is a God, but do not tell it to at least a hundred of us who have had in our own lives previdential rescues as easily proved as that we have ever lived easily proved as that we have ever lived

at all.

But we live in times where there are so many clashings. There seems almost universal unrest. Large fortunes swallow up small fortunes. Civilized nations trying to gobble up barbaric nations. Upheaval of creeds, and people who once believed everything now believing nothing. The old book that Moses began and St. John ended bombarded from scientific observatories and college class-rooms. Amid all this disturbance and uncertainty that which many good people need is not a stimulus, but a sedative, and in my text I find it—divine observation and guidance of minutest affairs. And nothing is to God large or small, planet or ant hill, the God who easily made the, worlds employing His infinity in the wondrous construction of a spider's foot.

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Before we leave this subject let us thank God for those who were willing to endure the fatigues and self sacrifices necessary to make revelation of the natural world, so re-enforcing the Scriptures. If the microscope could speak, what a story it could tell of hardship and poverty and suffering and perseverance on the part of those who employed it for important discovery. It would tell of the blinded eyes of M. Strauss, of the Hubers and of scores of those who, after inspecting the minute objects of God's creation, staggered out from their cabinets with vision destroyed. This hour in many a professor's study the work

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chose who, after inspecting the minute objects of God's creation, staggered out from their cabinets with vision destroyed. This hour in many a professor's study the work of putting eyesight on the altar of science is going on. And what greater loss can one suffer than the loss of eyesight unless it be loss of reason? While the telescope is reaching further up and the microscope is reaching further down, both are exclaiming: "There is a God, and He is infinitely wise and infinitely good! Worship Him and worship Him forever!"

And now I bethink myself of the fact that we are close to a season of the year which will allow us to be more out of doors and to confront the lessons of the natural world, and there are voices that seem to say, "Go to the ant; go to the bird; go to the flowers; go to the fields; go to the waters." Listen to the cantatas that drop from the gallery of the tree tops. Notice in the path where you walk the lessons of industry and divine guidance. Make natural religion a commentary on revealed religion. Put the glow of sunrise and sunset into your spiritual experiences. Let every star speak of the morning star of the Redeemer and every aromatic bloom make you think of Him who is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, and every overhanging cliff remind you of the rock of ages, and every morning suggest the "day spring from on high, which giveth light to those who are in darkness," and every the little hillock built by the roadside or in the fields remind you of the wisdom of imitating in temporal and spiritual things the insectile forethought, "which, having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest."

They All Answered

"With the idea of naming my boys," said a white-haired man, "so that there could be no nicknames-which I have always detested-in the family, we called the first Edmund, the second Edward, the third Edgar, the fourth Edwin, the fifth Edson and the sixth Eg-

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