

FOLLY OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Dr. Talmage Says Causes the Great Financial Disturbances Which Take Place Every Few Years.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE BEYOND THEIR MEANS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows the causes of the great financial disturbances which take place every few years, and arraigns the people who live beyond their means; text, Jeremiah xvii, 11. "As the partridge sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not, so he that gathereth riches and not by right shall he them in the midst of his days and at his end shall be a fool."

Allusion is here made to a well-known fact in natural history. If a partridge of a quail or a robin hatches her eggs, and other species, the young will not stay with the one that happened to brood them, but at the first opportunity will assort with their own species. Those of us who have been brought up in the country have seen the dismay of the farmyard hen, having brooded aquatic fowls, when after awhile they tumble into their natural element, the water. So my text suggests that a man may gather under his wings the property of others, but it will after awhile escape; it will leave the man in a sorry predicament and make him feel very silly.

What has caused all the black days of financial disasters for the last thirty years? Some say it is the credit system. Something back of that. Some say it is the spirit of gambling ever and anon becoming epidemic. Something back of that. Some say it is the sudden shrinkage in the value of securities, which even the most honest and intelligent men could not have foreseen. Some say it is the mania of speculation. Some say it is the man who keeps up the style of living he proposes, and therefore he steers his bark toward the maelstrom. Other men have suddenly snatched up \$50,000 or \$100,000, and have made a fortune in a few months; but others have a palatial residence—so must he.

Extravagance is the cause of all the defalcations of the last thirty years, and if you will do nothing but live as I live, you will see how many residences in the country the man had, how many banquets the man gave—always, and not one exception for the last thirty years, either directly or indirectly extravagant the cause.

Now, for the elegance and the refinements and the decorations of life I cast my vote. While I am considering this subject I am reminded of the flowers of the garden, and the flowers of the sea. There is a red flower, the carnation, with a green background of begonia; a cluster of heliotropes nestling in some geranium; a peony and perianth bearing on them the property of man himself. When I see that basket of flowers, they persuade me that God loves beauty and adornment and decoration. God might have made the earth so as to supply the gross demands of the people, but he has made it so as to supply the gross demands of the people, but he has made it so as to supply the gross demands of the people.

Look out of your window any morning after there has been a dew and see whether God loves jewels. Put a crystal of snow under a microscope and see what God thinks of architecture. God commanded the artist to make his robe adorned with the wreath of gold and the hem of his garment to be embroidered in pomegranates. The earth sleeps, and God blankets it with the brilliant of the night sky. The world walks, and God washes it from the burnished laver of the sunrise. So I have not much patience with a man who talks as though decoration and adornment and the elegance of life are a sin, and that he is divinely commended. But there is a line to be drawn between adornment and decoration that we can afford and these we cannot afford. The man who crosses the line becomes culpable. You cannot tell you what is extravagant for you. You cannot tell me what is extravagant for me. What is right for a queen may be squandering for a duchess. What may be economical for you, a man with larger income, will be wicked waste for me, with smaller income. There is no rule on this subject. Every man before God on his knees must judge what is extravagance, and when a man goes into expenditures beyond his means he is extravagant. When a man buys anything he cannot pay for, he is extravagant until they have exhausted all their capacity to get trusted. They stay in the neighborhoods until the druggists will let them have no more medicine, and the butchers will sell them no more meat, and the bakers will sell them no more bread, and the groceryman will sell them no more sugar. Then they find the region unhealthy, and they hire a carriage to whom they never pay, to take them to some new quarter, where the merchants, the druggists, the butchers, the bakers and the groceryman come and give them the best rounds of beef and the best merchants of all sorts until they find out that the only compensation they are going to get is the acquaintance of the patrons. There are thousands of such thieves in all our big cities. You see I am not a man of the right name, for a man buys anything he does not mean to pay for he is a thief.

Of course sometimes men are hung of misfortunes, and they cannot pay for which they never intend to pay for, for which there is no reasonable expectation they will ever be able to pay. Now, if you have become oblivious of honesty and mean to defraud, why not save the merchant as much as you can? Why not get some day to his store and when nobody is looking just shoulder the ham or the spare rib and in modest silence steal away?

That would be less criminal, because in the other way you take not only the man's goods, but you take the time of the merchant and the time of his accountant, and you take the time of the messenger who brought you the goods. Now, if you must steal, steal in a way to do as little damage to the trader as possible.

John Randolph arose in the American Senate when a question of national finance was being discussed, and, stretching him-

self to his full height, in a shrill voice cried out: "Mr. Chairman, I have discovered the philosopher's stone, which turns everything into gold—pay as you go." So my text is got to be reconstructed on this subject or the seasons of defalcation will continue to repeat themselves.

You have no right to ride in a carriage for which you are hopelessly in debt to the wheelwright who furnished the landau and to the horse dealer who provided the blooded span, and to the harness maker who caparisoned the gay steeds, and the liverymen who have provided the stabling, and to the driver who, with rosetted hat, sits on the coach box.

Oh, I am so glad it is not the absolute necessities of life which send people into dishonesties and fling them into misfortunes. It is almost always the superfluities. God has promised us a house, but not a palace; raiment, but not chinchilla; food, but not caviar and diamonds. It is almost always the superfluities which are not connected in some way with extravagance.

While one in awhile a Henry Irving or an Edwin Booth, or a Joseph Jefferson, thrills a great audience with tragedy, you know as well as I do that the vast majority of the theatres are as debased as debased they can be, as unclean as unclean they can be, and as damnable as damnable they can be. Three million dollars—the vast majority of those dollars going in the wrong direction.

Over a hundred millions paid in this country for cigars and tobacco a year! About \$2,000,000 paid for strong drink in one year in this country! With such extravagance, pernicious extravagance, can there be any permanent prosperity? Business men, cool-headed business men, is such a thing a possibility? These extravagances also account, as I have already hinted, for the positive crimes, the forgeries, the abscissions of the officers of the banks, the store on the business street swamped by the residence on the fashionable avenue. The father's, the husband's craft capsize by carrying too much domestic sail. That is what springs the dollars in the merchants' money tins. That is what cracks the pistols of the suicides. That is what tears down the banks. That is what stops insurance companies. That is what halts this nation again and again in its triumphal march of progress.

"How long has he been Governor?" asked the judge.

"Eight years," was the quick but astonishing reply.

"How was he elected?"

"Elected all right," said the candidate.

"Yes, of course, he was elected all right," exclaimed the judge, "but you are rejected, all the same."

Last Visited to Circus.

Talk had turned upon the old-time circus. The man with the gray hairs in his beard and whose front teeth were unmistakably false, had only smiled at some of the other stories.

"That reminds me," he said finally, "how I once paid \$36 and lay in bed for three days, living on liquid diet, in order to see about half of three cheap acts in one of those old one-ring circuses."

"I was a big, overgrown boy at the time. I lived in a small town twelve miles off a railroad, and when a small circus billed the town and finally put up its tent and side show on the vacant lots next to our house, I didn't like to log up the price. Especially I didn't like it when I noticed that the shed roof of our coal-house slanted upward toward the open space just under the edge of the canvas roof of the main tent."

"So, while the ticket agent was busy, I sprawled out on the sloping roof, face down, with my head just over the edge of the coal shed, looking over the heads of the spectators inside the tent and into the tinny glories of the ring."

"And, incidentally, I was exactly in that position when a circus roustabout saw me and lifted me off the roof with a hunk of coal that knocked out six or seven teeth as ever a man stuck into a Ben Davis apple."

"And I've never been to a circus since."

Ten Men Naturalized.

Ten men were naturalized by County Judge Aspinall, in Brooklyn, N. Y., but six others who wished to become citizens failed to pass a searching examination. One of these was Argosy Pelletrino, an Eastern District barber. He correctly told the names of the President, Vice-President, but said that Van Wyck was the Governor of this State.

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Reducing the Demand.

"I see that the King has turned wine merchant, dear boy. He's sold off such a dweadfully large quantity of bottles."

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