DAVID AND ABSALOM.

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

The Parent and the Wayward Son-Love of Home, Industry and the Christian Religion as the Safeguards of Young Men-Keeping the Lord's Day.

Washington, Nov. 24.-In his sermon today Rev. Dr. Talmage, preaching to the usual crowded audience, + ok up a subject of universal interest to young men. His text was selected from II Samuel xviii, 29, "Is the young man Absolom safe?"

The heart of David, the father, was wrapped up in his boy Absalom. He was a splendid boy, judged by the rules of worldly criticism. From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot there was not a single blemish. The Bible says that he had such a luxuriant shock of hair that when once a year it was shorn, what was cut off weighed over three pounds. But notwithstanding all his brilliancy of appearance he was a bad boy, and broke his father's heart. He was plotting to get the throne of Israel. He had marshaled an army to overthrow his father's government. The day of battle had come. The conflict was begun. David, the father, sat between the gates of the palace waiting for the tidings of the conflict. Oh, how rapidly his heart beat with emotion.

The two great questions were to be decided-the safety of his boy and the continuance of the throne of Israel. After awhile a servant, standing on the top of the house, looks off and sees some one running. He is coming with great speed, and the man on top of the house announces the coming of the messenger, and the father watches and waits, and as soon as the messenger from the field of battle comes within hailing distance the father cries out. Is it a question in regard to the establishment of his threne? Does he say: "Have the armies of Israel been victorious? Am I to continue in my imperial authority? Have I overthrown my enemies?" Oh, no! There is one question that springs from his heart to the lip, and springs from the lip into the ear of the besweated and bedusted messenger flying from the battlefield-the question, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" When it was told to David, the king, that, though his armies had been victorious, his son had been slain, the father turned his back upon the congratulations of the nation and went up the stairs of his palace, his heart breaking as he went, wringing his hands sometimes and then again pressing them against his temples as though he would press them in, crying: "O Absalom! my son! my son! Would to God I had died for thee. O Absalom! my son! my son!"

The Shipwreck of Men. son is the question that resounds today | The way of the ungodly shall perish. in the hearts of hundreds of parents. Yea, there are a great multitude of are ready to hear me ask the question of peril. He who undertakes it without the grace of God and a proper understanding of the conflict into which he is going must certainly be defeated. Just look off upon society today. Look at the shipwreck of men for whom fair things were promised and who started life with every advantage. Look at those who have dropped from high social position and from great fortune, disgraced for time, disgraced for eternity. All who sacrifice their integrity come to overthrow. Take a dishonest dollar and bury it in the center of the earth, and keep all the rocks of the mountain on top of it; then cover these rocks with all the diamonds of Golconda, and all the silver of Nevada, and all the gold of California and Australia. and put on the top of these all banking and moneyed institutions, and they cannot keep down that one dishonest dollar. That one dishonest dollar in the center of the earth will begin to heave and rock and upturn itself until it comes to the resurrection of damnation. "As the partridge sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not, so he that getteth riches and not by right shall leave them in the

Home as a Safeguard. Now, what are the safeguards of young men? The first safeguard of which I want to speak is a love of home. There are those who have no idea of the pleasures that concentrate around that word "home." Perhaps your early abode was shadowed with vice or poverty. Harsh words and petulance and scowling may have destroyed all the sanctity of that spot. Love, kindness and self sacrifice, which have built their altars in so many abodes, were strangers in your father's house. God pity you, young man; you never had a home. But a multitude in this audience can look back to a spot that they can never forget. It may have been a lowly roof, but you cannot think of it now without a dash of emotion. You have seen nothing on earth that so stirred your soul. A stranger passing along that place might see nothing remarkable about it; but, oh! how much it means to you. Fresco on palace wall does not mean so rauch to you as those rough hewn rafters. Parks and bowers and trees on fashionable watering place or country seat do not mean so much to you as that brook that ran in front of the plain farmhouse and singing under the weeping willows. The barred gateway swnng open by porter in full dress does not mean as much to you as that it and you on the other, she gone 15 gears ago into glory; that scene coming back to you today, as you swept opening before young men than are

backward and forward on the gate, singing the songs of your childhood. But there are those here who have their DR. TALMAGE. PREACHES A GREAT second dwelling place. It is your adopted home. That also is sacred forever. There you established the first family altar. There your children were born. In that room flapped the wing of the death angel. Under that roof, when your work is done, you expect to lie down and die. There is only one word in all the language that can convey your idea of that place, and that word is "home."

Now, let me say that I never knew a man who was faithful to his early and adopted home who was given over at the same time to any gross form of wickedness. If you find more enjoyment in the clubroom, in the literary society, in the art salon, than you do in these unpretending home pleasures, you are on the road to ruin. Though you may be cut off from your early associates, and though you may be separated from all your kindred, young man, is there not a room somewhere that you can call your own? Though it be the fourth story of a third class boarding house, into that room gather books, pictures and a harp. Hang your mother's portrait over the mantel. Bid unboly mirth stand back from that threshold. Consecrate some spot in that room with the knee of prayer. By the memory of other days, a father's counsel, a mother's love and a sister's confidence, call it

A Rotten Beam In the Palace. Another safeguard for these young men is industrious habits. There are a great many people trying to make their way through the world with their wits instead of by honest toil. There is a young man who comes from the country to the city. He fails twice before he is as old as his father was when he first saw the spires of the great town. He is seated in his room at a rent of \$2,000 a year, waiting for the banks to declare their dividends and the stocks to run up. After awhile he gets impatient. He tries to improve his penmanship by making copy plates of other merchants' signatures. Never mind-all is right in business. After awhile he has his estate. Now is the time for him to retire to the country, amid the flocks and the

herds, to culture the domestic virtues. Now the young men who were his schoolmates in boyhood will come, and with their ox teams draw him logs, and with their hard hands will help to heave up the castle. That is no fancy sketch; it is everyday life. I should not wonder'if there were a rotten beam in that palace. I should not wonder if God should smite him with dire sicknesses and pour into his cup a bitter draft that will thrill him with unbearable agony. I should not wonder if that man's children grew up to be to him a disgrace and to make his life a shame. I should not wonder if that man died a dishonorable death and were My friends, the question which Da- tumbled into a dishonorable grave and vid, the king, asked in regard to his then went into the gnashing of teeth.

O young man, you must have industry of head or hand or foot, or perish. young men who know that the question Dr. not have the ider that your carries of the text is appropriate when asked along in the world by genius. The curse in regard to them. They know the of this country today is geniuses-men temptations by which they are surround- with large self conceit and nothing ed. They see so many who started life else. The man who proposes to make with as good resolutions as they have his living by his wits probably has not who have fallen in the path, and they any. I should rather be an ox, plain and plodding and useful, than to be an of my text, "Is the young man Absalom | eagle, high flying and good for nothing safe?" The fact is that this life is full | but to pick out the eyes of carcasses. Even in the garden of Eden it was not safe for Adam to be idle, so God made him a horticulturist, and if the married pair had kept busy dressing the vines they would not have been sauntering under the trees, hankering after fruit that ruined them and their posterity! Proof positive of the fact that when people do not attend to their business they get into mischief. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise, which, having no overseer or guide, provideth her food in the summer and gathereth her meat in the harvest." Satan is a roaring lion, and you can never destroy him by gun or pistol or sword. The weapons with which you are to beat him back are pen and type and hammer and adz and saw and pickax and yardstick and the weapon of honest toil. Work, work, or die. Aim High.

Another safeguard that I want to present to young men is a high ideal of life. Sometimes soldiers going into battle shoot into the ground instead of into the hearts of their enemies. They are apt to take aim too low, and it is very often that the captain, going into conmidst of his days, and at his end shall flict with his men, will cry out, "Now, men, aim high!" The fact is that in life a great many men take no aim at all. The artist plans out his entire thought before he puts it upon canvas, before he takes up the crayon or the chisel. An architect thinks out the entire building before the workmen begin. Although everything may seem to be unorganized, that architect has in his mind every Corinthian column, every Gothic arch, every Byzantine capital. A poet thinks out the entire plot of his poem before he begins to chime the cantos of tinkling rhythms. And yet there are a great many men who start the important structure of life without knowing whether it is going to be a rude Tartar's hut or a St. Mark's cathedral, and begin to write out the intricate poem of their life without knowing whether it is to be a Homer's "Odyssey" or a rhymester's botch. Out of 1,000, 999 have no life plot. Booted and spurred and caparisoned, they hasten along, and I run out and say: "Hello, man! Whither away?" "Nowhere!" they say. Oh, young man, make every day's duty a filling up of the great life plot. Alas, that there should be on this sea of life so many ships that seem bound for no port! They are swept every whither by wind and wave, up by the mountains and down by the valleys. They sail with no chart. They gaze on no star. They long for no harbor. Oh, young man, have a high ideal and press to it, and it will be a mighty safeguard. There never were grander opportunities

opening now. Young men of the strong arm and of the stout heart and of the bounding step, I marshal you today for

a great achievement. Another safeguard is a respect for the Sabbath. Tell me how a young man spends his Sabbath, and I will tell you what are his prospects in business, and I will tell you what are his prospects for the eternal world. God has thrust into our busy life a sacred day when we are to look after our souls. Is it exorbitant, after giving six days to the feeding and clothing of these perishable bodies, that God should demand one day for the feeding and clothing of the immortal soul?

Keep the Lord's Day.

Our bodies are seven day clocks, and they need to be wound up, and if they are not wound up they run down into the grave. No man can continuously break the Sabbath and keep his physical and mental health. Ask those aged men, and they will tell you they never knew men who continuously broke the Sabbath who did not fail in mind, body or moral principle. A manufacturer gave this as his experience. He said: "I owned a factory on the Lehigh. Everything prospered. I kept the Sabbath, and everything went on well. But one Sabbath morning I bethought myself of a completed that shuttle. By sundown I | shop in town. had completed it. The next day, Monday, I showed to my workmen and friends this new shuttle. They all congratulated me on my great success. I put that shuttle into play. I enlarged my business; but, sir, that Sunday's work cost me \$30,000. From that day everything went wrong. I failed in business, and I lost my mill." Oh, my friends, keep the Lord's day. You may think it old fogy advice, but I give it to you now: "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." A man said that he would prove that all this was a fallacy, and so he said, "I shall raise a Sunday crop." And he plowed the field on the Sabbath, and then he put in the seed on the neck. Sabbath, and he cultured the ground on he reaped it on the Sabbath, and he carried it into the mow on the Sabbath, plied: and then he stood out defiant to his garnered." After awhile a storm came knew I had cut his ear off. I feel fitty Loganton, Pa. away went his Sunday crop.

The Safeguard of Religion. want to present. I have saved it until Free Press. the last because I want it to be the more emphatic. The great safeguard for every young man is the Christian religion. and as strong as Samson, and with as it. I see it in your faces from time to

your fortune. Seek first the kingdom of er things will be added. I know you do over 500 facets in each eye mass. not want to be mean in this matter. You will not drink the brimming cup the aggregate of facets in the compound of life and then pour the dregs on God's altar. To a generous Saviour you will be a general rule, notwithstanding the not not like that; you have not the heart exception cited above, that the swiftest to act like that. That is not manly. That is not honorable. That is not brave. Your great want is a new heart, and in the name of the Lord Jesus mass, and the mordella, the swiftest Christ I tell you so today, and the bless- and most active known beetle (a resied Spirit presses through the solemnities | dent of Britain), has no fewer than 25,of this hour to put the cup of life to | 000 facets in each of his enormous comyour thirsty lips. Oh, thrust it not pound eyes .- St. Louis Republic. back. Mercy presents it-bleeding mercy, long suffering mercy. Despise all other friendships, prove recreant to all other bargains, but despise God's love for your dying soul-do not do that. is the crisis. I got a letter in which a

man says to me: "I start out now to preach the gospel of righteousness and temperance to cession of my ground at one point: "If the people. Do you remember me? I am | good society were what it appears to be the man who appeared at the close of the service when you were worshiping in the chapel after you came from Philadelphia. Do you remember at the close of the service a man coming up to you | tives of politeness, society would be an all a-tremble with conviction, and crying out for mercy, and telling you he had a very bad business, and he thought he would change it? That was the turning point in my history. I gave up my advantage, and they all seem to meet on bad business. I gave my heart to God, and the desire to serve him has grown upon me all these years, until now woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

The Other Man. That Sunday night was the turning point of that young man's history. This very Sabbath hour will be the turning point in the history of 100 young men on an anniversary platform with a clergyman who told this marvelous story. He said:

York, to see a play which made religion ridicalous and hypocritical. They had been brought up in Christian families. vile play, and their early convictions came back upon them. They felt it was They came to the door of the theater. ed for home, but returned and came up | cured and brought back to the stable. to the door, but had not the courage to

go in. He again started for home and went home. The other young man went in. He went from one degree of temptation to another. Caught in the whirl of frivolity and sin, he sank lower and lower. He lost his business position. He lost his morals. He lost his soul. He died a dreadful death, not one star of mercy shining on it. I stand before you today," said that minister, "to thank God that for 20 years I have been permitted to preach the gospel. I am the

other young man." Oh, you see that was the turning point-the one went back, the other went on. The great roaring world of business life will soon break in upon you, young men. Will the wild wave dash out the impressions of this day as an ocean billow dashes letters out of the sand on the beach? You need something better than this world can give you. I beat on your heart, and it sounds hollow. You want something great and grand and glorious to fill it, and here is the religion that can do it. God save you!

The Earber Was Fitty.

They said I would find a barber shop when I got to the hamlet of Booneville, and as I rode into the place I kept my eye open for the legendary sign. Nothing of the sort was to be seen, however, new shuttle, and I thought I would in- and I finally stopped at a shoeshop and vent that shuttle before sunset, and I asked the cobbler sitting on the steps in refused all food and drink until I had the sunshine if there really was a barber

"Why, certainly," he replied, "this is the barber shop." "And can I get a shave?"

"Of course. Come right in." "But what sort of a shop do you run?" I asked as I looked about and failed to see any tokens.

"Shop is all right, sir. I have no barber's chair, but that doesn't matter. Sit down on my shoe bench, please."

"Have you any somp?" "No regular shaving soap, sir, but plenty of soft soap, which is just as good.

"Where's your razor?" "I haven't a regular razor, but one of my shoe knives will do just as well. In fact, all my customers prefer a shoe knife to a razor. Just take off your coat and I'll pin this coffee sack around your

I told him that I guessed I'd wait till A DMINISTRATORS' NOTICE. the Sabbath. When the harvest was ripe, I got down to Knoxville to be shaved, and he looked a bit relieved as he re-

"Just as you like, sir. I had a fit Christian neighbors and said, "There, come on me the other day while I was that is my Sunday crop, and it is all shaving a man, and the first thing I up and a great darkness, and the light- this morning, and being as you appear nings of heaven struck the barn, and to be a nervous, overparticular man, perhaps you'd better pass on, as you suggest. Yes, sir. Good day, sir, and I There is another safeguard that I might cut your nose off, sir!"-Detroit

Wonderful Eyes of Insects.

The "facets" of the eye masses of Nothing can take the place of it. You some species of insects are exceedingly may have gracefulness enough to put to numerous-in some cases, in fact, the the blush Lord Chesterfield, you may number is entirely beyond belief. Each have foreign languages dropping from of these separate "facets" is a perfect your tongue, you may discuss laws and eye, and they are so arranged as to give literature, you may have a pen of un their insect owner a commanding view equaled polish and power, you may of all the cardinal points and every conhave so much business tact that you ceivable intermediate direction at one can get the largest salary in a banking and the same time. In the ant, the lithouse, you may be as sharp as Herod | the creature which we have had so many "curious notes" concerning, there are long locks as those which hung Absa- not to exceed 50 facets in the great comlom, and yet you have no safety against | pound eye. It has been argued that this temptation. Some of you look forward is nature's provision, because the ant to life with great despondency. I know spends so much of its time underground. This may be true, but what is the nattime. You say, "All the occupations uralist going to do about Blaps mucronand professions are full, and there's no ata, the most sluggish of the European chance for me." Oh, young man, cheer | beetles? This last named creature spends up! I will tell you how you can make | ninety-nine-hundredths of its time in the dark, yet has 250 eye facets! Meloe, God and his righteonsness, and all oth- another insect of similar habits, has

In certain varieties of the dragon flies eye often exceeds 12,000. It appears to insects have the greatest number of eye facets. The swift winged butterflies have from 10,000 to 17,000 in each eye

A Shaker's Opinion of Society.

Some years ago I knew an elder of the

Shakers who differed from many of his brethren in having thought much about There comes a crisis in a man's life, the social structure of his sect, though and the trouble is he does not know it | their communal life was rather favorable to thinking in all of them. We were talking one day of the life of the world, which I defended, and he said in conon the surface, I could not find fault with it. If people in society behaved toward one another from motives of real kindness, as they behave now from moimage of heaven; for in society you see people defer to one another, the strong give way to the weak; the brilliant and the gifted will not put the rest at a disan equality. The trouble is that their behavior is merely a convention and not

> Society," by W. D. Howells, in Century. Responding to the Bugle.

a principle. They behave beautifully

-From "Equality as the Basis of Good

from politeness and not from kindness.

Apropos of the intense love that cavin this house. God help us! I once stood alry horses have for music, a correspondent of The Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette writes that when the Sixth dragoons recently changed their quar- goods are "Thirty years ago two young men ters, a mare belonging to one of the started out to attend Park theater, New troopers was taken so ill as to be unable GOING! to proceed on the journey the following morning. Two days later another de- GOING tachment of the same regiment, accom-They started for the theater to see that panied by the band, arrived. The sick mare was in a loose box, but hearing the martial strains kicked a hole through not right to go, but still they went. | the side of her box and making her way through the shop of a tradesman took One of the young men stopped and start- her place in the troop before she was se-

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF SALE-

By virtue of a writ of Fi Fa, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale, at the court house, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on SATURDAY, NOV 30, 1895,

at 10:00 o'clock a m., the following real estate:
All those two certain tracts or pieces of land situate in Penn twp. Centre county, Pa., one thoreof bounded and described as follows: beginning at a stone, thence by land late of Wm. Wise south 721 2 deg west 22 perches to a stone, thence by land of Sebistian Musser south 19 deg east 11 perches to stone, thence north 72 1-2 deg east 22 perches to a stone and thence north 19 deg west 11 perches to the place of beginning, ontaining 1 acre and 82 perches neat measure. And the other thereof beginning at a post, thence by land of Sebistian Musser S 224 deg west 20 perches to a spruce, thence across Penns Creek north 9 perches to a post thence down Penns Creek N724° E 20 p to post, and thence across Penns Creek south 9 perches to the place of beginning, containing 1 acre and 94 perches and allowance of 6 per cent, for roads etc., thereon crected a two story dwellat 10:00 o'clock a m., the following real estate: roads etc., thereon erected a two story dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings.

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south bank of Penns creek south 75 deg west 48.5-10 per to post, thence along land of Gentzel brothers south 2½ deg west 2½ perches to the L C & S C R K, thence along the line of the said railroad N 71 deg east 49 per to a post on line of land of Sebastian Musser, thence along said line and land N 21-2 deg east 29 perches to the place of beginning, containing 6 acres and 61 perches neat measure.

Also, a certain tract of land in Penn twp.. county and state aforesaid, beginning at a spruce thence by Penns Creek south 75 deg west 48.1-2 perches to a point, thence by land of Henry E Gentzel et al, south 21-2 deg east 48.1-2 perches to stone, thence by land of Sebastian Musser north 2-1-2 deg east 94 perches to a spruce the place of beginning, containing 27 acres and 105 perches neat measure.

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In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, No. November term, 1895. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said court on Monday, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1895, at 10 a.m., under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, cutitied "an act to provide for the Incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called "Citizens Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1," of Milesburg, Pa., the character and object whereof is the protection of public and private property from fire and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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