

SUPERFLUITIES.

Dr. Talmage Says They Are Hindrances Rather than Helps.

Great Stature Undesirable—A Dwarf on the Right Side is Stronger than a Giant on the Wrong Side—Ordinary People Do the Most Good in the World.

The subject chosen by the popular Washington divine in the following sermon is "Unhealthy Ambition." His text is I. Chron. 20: 6, 7: "A man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot; and he also was the son of a giant. But when he denied Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him."

And I selected it for my text to-day because it is charged with practical and tremendous meaning. By the people of God the Philistines had been conquered, with the exception of a few giants. The race of giants is mostly extinct, I am glad to say. There is no use for giants now except to enlarge the income of museums.

David had smashed the skull of one of these giants, but there were other giants that the Davidian had not yet subdued, and one of them stands in my text. He was not only of Alpine stature, but had a surplus of digits. To the ordinary fingers was annexed an additional finger, and the foot had also a superfluous addendum.

But this giant of the text is in battle, and as David, the stripling warrior, had despatched one giant, the nephew of David slays this monster of my text, and there he lies after the battle in Gath, a dead giant. His stature did not save him, and his superfluous appendages of hand and foot did not save him.

Behold how superfluities are a hindrance rather than a help! In all the battle at Gath that day there was not a man with ordinary hand and ordinary foot, and ordinary stature that was not better off than this physical curiosity of my text.

Perhaps some of you will take this advice, but the most of you will not. And you will try to cure your swollen hand by getting on it more fingers, and your rheumatic foot by getting on it more toes, and there will be a sigh of relief when you are gone out of the world; and when over the remains the minister recites the words: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," persons who have been appreciation of the ludicrous will hardly be able to keep their faces straight.

Yet what do we see in all departments? People not satisfied with ordinary spheres of work and ordinary duties. Instead of trying to see what they can do with a hand of five fingers they want six. Instead of the usual endowment of twenty manual and pedal addenda, they want twenty-four. A certain amount of money for liveli-

hood, and for the supply of those we leave behind us, after we have departed this life, is important, for we have the best authority for saying: "He that provideth not for his own household, especially those of his own household, is worse than an infidel," but the large and fabulous sums for which many struggle, if obtained, would be a hindrance rather than an advantage.

The anxieties and annoyances of those whose estates have become plethoric can only be told by those who possess them. It will be a good thing when, through your industry and prosperity, you can own the house in which you live. But suppose you own fifty houses, and you have all those rents to collect, and all those tenants to please. Suppose you have branched out in business successes until in almost every direction you have investments. The fire bell rings at night, you rush upstairs to look out of the window, to see if it is any of your mills. Epidemic of crime comes, and there are embroilments and absconding in all directions, and you wonder whether any of your bookkeepers will prove recreant. A panic strikes the financial world and you are like a hen under a sky full of hawks, and trying with anxious clucks to get your overgrown chickens safely under wing. After a certain stage of success has been reached, you have to trust so many important things to others that you are apt to become the prey of others, and you are swindled and defrauded, and the anxiety you had on your brow when you were earning your first thousand dollars is not equal to the anxiety on your brow now that you have won three hundred thousand.

The trouble with such a one is, he is spread out like the unfortunate one in my text. You have more fingers and toes than you know what to do with. Twenty were useful. Twenty-four was a hindering superfluity. Disraeli says that a king of Poland abdicated his throne and joined the people, and became a porter to carry burdens. And some one asked him why he did so, and he replied: "Upon my honor, gentlemen, the load which I cast off was by far heavier than the one you see me carrying. The weightiest is but a straw compared to that weight under which I labored. I have slept more in four nights than I have during all my reign. I begin to live and be a king myself. Elect whom you choose. As for me, I am so well it would be madness to return to court."

"Well," says somebody, "such overloaded persons ought to be pitied, for their work is real, and their insomnia, and their nervous prostration, and their nervous exhaustion could get rid of the bothersome surplus by giving it away. If a man has more houses than he can carry without vexation, let him drop a few of them. If his estate is so great that he cannot manage it without getting nervous dyspepsia from having too much, let him divide it with those who have nervous dyspepsia because they cannot get enough. No! they guard their sixth finger with more care than they did the original five. They go limping with what they call gout, and know not that, like the giant of my text, they are lamed by a superfluous toe. A few of them by charities bleed themselves of this financial obesity and monetary plethora, but many of them hang on to the hindering superfluity till death; and then, as they are compelled to give the money up anyhow, in their last will and testament they generously give some of it to the Lord, expecting, no doubt, that he will feel very much obliged to them.

O ye overweighted, successful business men, whether this sermon reach your ears or your eyes, let me say that if you are prostrated with anxieties about keeping or investing these tremendous fortunes, I can tell you how you can do more to get your health back and your spirits raised than by drinking gallons of bad-tasting water at Saratoga, Homberg or Carlsbad: Give to God, humanity, and the Bible, 10 per cent of all your income, and it will make a new man of you, and from restless walking of the floor at night you shall have eight hours' sleep, without the help of bromide of potassium, and from no appetite you will hardly be able to wait for your regular meals, and your wan cheek will fill up, and when you die the blessings of those who but for you would have perished, will bloom all over your grave.

That is the most beautiful foot that goes about paths of greatest usefulness, and that is the most beautiful hand that does the most to help others. I was reading of three women in rivalry about the appearance of the hand. And the one reddened her hand with berries and said the beautiful tinge made hers the most beautiful. And another put her hand in the mountain brook and said, as the waters dripped off, that her hand was the most beautiful. And another plucked flowers off the bank, and under the bloom contended that her hand was the most attractive. Then a poor old woman appeared and looking up in her decrepitude asked for alms. And a woman who had not taken part in the rivalry gave her alms. And all the women resolved to leave to this beggar the question as to which of all the hands present was the most attractive, and she said: "The most beautiful of them all is the one that gave relief to my necessities," and as she so said her wrinkles and rags and her decrepitude and her body disappeared, and in place there stood the Christ, who long ago said: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto me!" and who to purchase the service of our hand and foot here on earth had his own hand and foot lacerated.

Inhalation of Microbes. At the seaside or in the country, where the air is clear, 1,500 microbes must be inhaled into the nose every hour, while in London the number often reaches 14,000. The organisms are caught by the nose and passed to the digestive organs, which, when in health, destroy them.

ready to knit, to sew, to build up, to plow down, to weave, to write, to give to pound, to wheel, to battle, to give friendly salutation. The tips of his fingers are so many telegraph offices by reason of their sensitiveness of touch. The bridges, the tunnels, the cities of the whole earth are the victories of the hand. The hands are not dumb, but often speak as distinctly as the lips. With our hands we invite, we repel, we invoke, we entreat, we wring them in grief, or clap them in joy, or spread them abroad in benediction. The malformation of the giant's hand in the text glorifies the usual hand. Fashioned of God more exquisitely and wondrously than any human mechanism that was ever contrived, I charge you to use it for God and the lifting of the world out of its moral predicament. Employ it in the sublime work of gospel handshaking. You can see the hand is just made for that. Four fingers just set right to touch your neighbor's hand on one side, and your thumb set so as to clench it on the other side. By all its bones and joints and muscles and cartilages and ligaments the voice of nature joins with the voice of God commanding you to shake hands. The custom is as old as the Bible, anyhow. Jehu said to Jehonadab: "Is thine heart right as my heart is with thine heart? If it be, give me thine hand." When hands join in Christian salutation a gospel electricity thrills across the palms from heart to heart, and from the shoulder of one to the shoulder of the other.

With the timid and for their encouragement, shake hands. With the troubled in warm-hearted sympathy, large expenses, shake hands. With shake hands. With the young man just entering business, and discouraged at the small sales and the child who is new from God and started on unending journey, for which he needs to gather great supply of strength, and who can hardly reach up to you now because you are so much taller, shake hands. Across cradles and dying beds and graves, shake hands. With your enemies, who have done all to defame and hurt you, but whom you can afford to forgive, shake hands. At the door of the churches where people come in, and at the door of churches where people go out, shake hands. Let pulpit shake hands with pew, and Sabbath day shake hands with week day, and earth shake hands with Heaven. Oh, the strange, the mighty, the undefined, the mysterious, the eternal power of an honorable handshaking! The difference between these times and the millennial times is that now some shake hands, but then all will shake hands, throne and footstool, across seas, nation with nation, God and man, church militant and church triumphant.

Yes; the malformation of this fallen giant's foot glorifies the ordinary foot, for which I fear you have never once thanked God. The 26 bones of the foot are the admiration of the anatomist. The arch of the foot fashioned with a grace and a poise that Trajan's arch, or Constantine's arch, or any other arch could not equal. Those arches stand where they are planted, but this arch of the foot is an adjustable arch, a yielding arch, a flying arch, and ready for movements innumerable. The human foot so fashioned as to enable a man to stand upright as no other creature, and leave the hand that would otherwise have to help in balancing the body free for anything it chooses. The foot of the camel fashioned for the sand, the foot of the bird fashioned for the tree-branch, the foot of the hind fashioned for the slippery rock, the foot of the lion fashioned to rend its prey, the foot of the horse fashioned for the solid earth, but the foot of man made to cross the desert, or climb the tree, or scale the cliff, or walk the earth, or go anywhere he needs to go.

With that divine triumph of anatomy in your possession, where do you walk? In what path of righteousness or what path of sin have you set it down? Where have you left the mark of your footsteps? Amid the petrifactions in the rocks have been found the mark of the feet of birds and beasts of thousands of years ago. And God can trace out all the footsteps of your lifetime, and those you made 50 years ago are as plain as those made in the last soft weather, all of them petrified for the judgment day.

Fire on the Transport Otdam. Santiago, Oct. 5.—The United States transport Otdam, which left here on Saturday, has returned with her bunkers on fire. The presence of fire was discovered Monday near the main hold, which was at once flooded with 50 tons of water, and a gang of men was put to work removing the ammunition, of which the ship carried a large supply. All the officers and soldiers who were well enough to do so worked hard to extinguish the flames. Every means available is now being employed to extinguish the fire, and it is hoped she will be able to leave here again in two or three days time.

An Island Swept Away. Savannah, Ga., Oct. 5.—Complete details from Brunswick and surrounding country are impossible because of the prostration of the telegraph and telephone systems. Campbell Island, 12 miles from Darien on the Altamaha river, is said to be completely swept away, and only three persons succeeded in getting off the island. There is no definite information as to the population of the island, and estimates of the number supposed to have perished there range from 20 to 50. The population was made up wholly of colored truck growers.

M. Cambon's Successor at Washington. Paris, Oct. 4.—Figaro states that Count D'Aubigny, now French charge d'affaires at Munich, will replace M. Cambon as minister to the United States and that M. Cambon will go to Madrid. These changes, the paper says, were decided upon at yesterday's cabinet council.

Dreyfus Revision Assured. Paris, Oct. 5.—It is semi-officially asserted that M. Manau, the procurator general, has sent a report to the court of cassation which insures a revision of the Dreyfus case.

NANCY GULFORD'S EXTRADITION

Connecticut's Governor Called On For the Necessary Papers.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Acting on information of the arrest of Dr. Nancy A. Guilford in London, the secretary of state has called upon the governor of



DR. NANCY GULFORD. the state of Connecticut for the necessary papers upon which to base an application to the British government for the extradition of the prisoner. A telegram has been received from the governor saying that the necessary documents would be forwarded to Washington at once.

SENATOR PENROSE'S CHARGES.

Mr. Wanamaker's Alleged Efforts to Secure a Senatorship. Huntingdon, Pa., Oct. 5.—United States Senator Penrose and Colonel W. A. Stone, Republican candidate for governor, were the speakers at an enthusiastic county meeting here last night. This was Senator Penrose's first speech in the campaign. He devoted most of his attention to Mr. Wanamaker, saying in part:

"Sometime in the spring of 1896 I met Mr. Wanamaker's representative, with whom I was previously acquainted, at Pittsburgh. I went with him to the residence of Richard R. Quay, at Swickley. A conference ensued in regard to the political situation in Pennsylvania. During that conversation Mr. Wanamaker's representative stated that John Wanamaker wanted to be United States senator, and he (Wanamaker) was willing to put up about \$250,000 if Quay and his friends would make him senator. The same gentleman said if this was done Mr. Wanamaker would not interfere with the political patronage of the state, but would agree that Quay should control the senatorial appointments, as all Wanamaker wanted was the social advantages which the senatorship would bring to him."

Schooner Lost and Eight Drowned. Charleston, S. C., Oct. 5.—The four-masted schooner Sarah L. Palmer, Captain Whittier, with phosphate rock, from Charlotte Harbor to Carteret, N. J., was lost in a fierce storm Sunday morning off Stone Inlet, seven miles south of Charleston. As the vessel was sinking Saturday night her crew took to the rigging, where they remained until Sunday morning, when they tried to take to the boats. One boat was smashed and one sunk. The captain was washed away three times, finally sinking. Two negroes were washed ashore at Edisto Island and brought to Charleston yesterday. Besides the captain six men were washed overboard. The drowned are Captain Whittier, First Mate Stone, Briggs, Second Mate McDonald, Steward Pat Reilly, Seaman Thomas Peabro, Walter Stancliff, Joe Myers and James Roe, the two latter colored.

Young Shaw Again on Trial. Camden, N. J., Oct. 5.—The interest manifested in the previous trial of young Eli Shaw, when he was arraigned on the charge of murdering his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Zane, and acquitted, was noticeably lacking yesterday, when Shaw was again placed on trial for his life in the Camden court for the murder of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Shaw. Since the acquittal of Shaw on the charge of killing his grandmother the morbid desire of the throngs who were so persistent in their attendance at the first trial seems to have been satisfied. The case now, evidently, has no elements of sensationalism for the crowd.

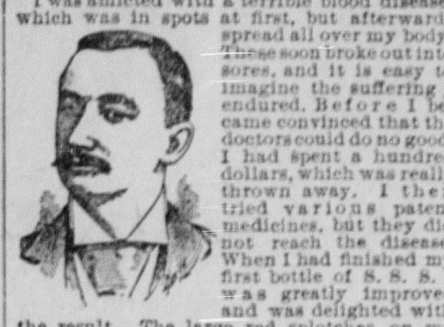
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RAILROAD SCHEDULES

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES. In effect on and after May 17, 1897.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, listing stations and times for various routes like TYRONE-WESTWARD, LOCK HAVEN-NORTHWARD, etc.

LEWISBURG & TYRONE RAILROAD. In effect May 17, 1897.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, listing stations and times for the Lewisburg & Tyrone Railroad.

BALD EAGLE VALLEY.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, listing stations and times for the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad.

BELLEFONTE & SNOW SHOES BRANCH. Time Table in effect on and after May 17, 1897.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, listing stations and times for the Bellefonte & Snow Shoes Branch.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD. To take effect Feb. 7, 1898.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, listing stations and times for the Bellefonte Central Railroad.

THE CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNA. Time Table effective May 16, 1898.

Table with columns for READ DOWN and READ UP, listing stations and times for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia Sleeping Car attached to east bound train from Williamsport at 11:30 p. m. and west bound from Philadelphia at 11:30 a. m. J. W. GEFHART, General Supt.