

# DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

## SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

### Honesty Eulogized—Ruinous Modes of Getting Money—Why Politics Has Become a Synonym for Truculency and Turpitude—The Morals of the Gospel.

Text: "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."—1 Timothy vi, 9.

That is the Niagara Falls over which rush a multitude of souls, namely, the determination to have the money anyhow, right or wrong. Tell me how a man gets his money and he will tell you how he got it. Tell me how a man gets his money and he will tell you how he got it. Tell me how a man gets his money and he will tell you how he got it.

In all our city, state and national elections large sums of money are used in bribery. Politics, from being the science of good government, has often been dragged into the synonym for truculency and turpitude. A monster sin, plausible, potent, pestiferous, has gone forth to do its dreadful work in all ages. Its two hands are rotten with leprosy. It keeps its right hand hidden in a deep pocket. The left hand is clenched, and with its taborous knuckle it taps at the door of the court-room, the legislative hall, the congress and the parliament. The doors swing open and the monster enters, and glides through the aisle of the council chamber as softly as a slithered snake, and then it takes its right hand from its deep pocket, and offers it in salutation to judge or legislator. If that hand be taken, and the palm of the intruder cross the palm of the official, the leprosy crosses from palm to palm in a round blotch round as a gold eagle, and the virus spreads, and the doom is fixed, and the victim perishes. Let bribery, accused of God and man, stand up for trial.

The Bible arraigns it again and again. Samuel says of his two sons, who became judges, "They took bribes and perverted judgment." David says of some of his pursuers, "Their right hand is full of bribes." Amos says of some men in his day, "They take a bribe, and turn aside the poor in the gate." Eliphaz forbids the crushing blows of God's indignation, declaring, "Fire shall consume the tabernacle of bribery."

It is no light temptation. The mightiest have fallen under it. Lord Bacon, Lord Chancellor of England, founder of our modern science, author of "Novum Organum," and whose library of books, the leading thinkers of his century, the precocious that when a little child he was asked by Queen Elizabeth, "How old are you?" he responded, "I am two years younger than your Majesty's happy reign." "The fear of every man that heard him was lest he should make an end," having an income which would support him, yet under this temptation to bribery, falling flat into ruin, and on his confession of taking bribes, giving as excuse the necessities of his family, he was fined two hundred thousand dollars—or what corresponds with our two hundred thousand dollars—and imprisoned in London Tower.

Even heathenism and the Dark Ages have furnished examples of incorruptibility. A cad of Smyrna had a case brought before him on trial. A man gave him five hundred ducats in bribery. The case came on. The bribed had many witnesses. The poor man on the other side had no witnesses. At the close of the case the cad said: "This poor man has no witnesses, he thinks; I shall produce in his behalf five hundred witnesses against the other side." Then pulling out the bag of ducats from under his coat, he dashed it down at the feet of the bribed, saying, "I give my decision against you." Epaminondas offered a bribe, said: "I will do this thing if it is right, and if it be wrong, all your goods cannot persuade me."

The President of the American Congress during the American Revolution, General Reed, was offered ten thousand guineas by foreign commissioners if he would betray this country. He replied, "General, I am a very poor man, but tell your king he is not rich enough to buy me." But why go so far, when you or I, if we move in honorable society, known men and women who by all the forces of earth and Hell would not be bribed? They would not be bribed by an angel of light to exchange Heaven for the pit. To offer a bribe is villainy, but it is a very poor compliment to the man to whom it is offered.

My charge is to you, in all departments of life, steer clear of bribery, all of you. Every man and woman will at some time be tempted to do wrong for compensation. The bribe may not be offered in money. It may be offered in a position. Remember that there is a day coming when the most secret transaction of private life, and of public life, will come up for public reprobation.

We cannot be bribed. We cannot bribe. We cannot bribe the judgment of that God who thunders against this sin. "Fie!" said Cardinal Beaufort, "Fie! Can't death be bribed? Is money nothing? Must I die, and so on, owing to the fact that the whole realm would save me I could get it by policy or by purchase—by money." No, death would not be bribed then; he will not be bribed now. Men of the world often regret that they have not taken the money here when they go away from the world. You can tell from what they say in their last hours that one of their chief sorrows is that they have to leave their money. I have that decision. I tell that bribe-taker that he will take his money with him. God will wrap it up in your shroud, or put it in the palm of your hand in resurrection, and there it will lie, not the cool, bright, shining gold it was on the day when you sold your virtue. The bribe is an everlasting possession. Or he takes it for time, you take it for eternity. Some day in the next world, when you are longing for sympathy, you will feel on your cheek a kiss. Looking up, you will find to be Judas, who took three pieces of silver as a bribe, and finished the bargain by putting an infamous kiss on the pure cheek of his divine Master.

Another wrong use of money is seen in the abuse of trust funds. Nearly every man during the course of his life, on a large or smaller scale, has the property of others committed to his keeping. He is, so far, a safety deposit, he is an administrator, and holds in his hand the interest of the family of a deceased friend. Or he is an attorney, and through his custody goes the payment from debtor to creditor, or he is the collector of a business house, which compensates him for the responsibility, or he is treasurer for a charitable institution, and he holds sums contributed for the suffering; or he is an official of the city or the State or the nation, and taxes and subsidies and salaries and supplies are in his keeping.

Another remark needs to be made, and that is that people ought not to go into places, into business, or into positions where the temptation is lighter than their character. If there be large sums of money to be handled, and the man is not sure of his own integrity, you have no right to run an unseaworthy craft in a hurricane. A man can tell by the sense of weakness or strength, the presence of a bad opportunity, whether the sea is in a safe place. How many parents make an awful mistake when they put their boys in banking houses and stores and shops and factories and places of solemn trust without

once discussing whether they can endure the temptation. You give the boy plenty of money, and have no account of it, and make the way down become very easy, and you may put upon him a pressure that he cannot stand. There are men who go into positions full of temptation, considering only that they are lucrative positions.

An abbot wanted to buy a piece of ground, and the owner would not sell it, but the owner finally consented to let it to him until he could raise one crop, and the abbot sowed acorns—a crop of 300 years! And I tell you young man, that the dishonesties which you plant in your heart and life will seem to be very insignificant, but they will grow up until they overshadow you with horrible darkness, overshadow all time and all eternity. It will not be a crop for 300 years, but a crop for everlasting ages.

I address many who have trust funds. It is a compliment to you that you have been so entrusted, but I charge you, in the presence of God and the world, be careful; be as careful of the property of others as you are careful of your own. About 100 keep your own private account at the bank separate from your account as trustee of an estate, or trustee of an institution. That is the point at which thousands of people make shipwreck. They get the property of others mixed up with their own property, they put it into investment, and away it all goes, and they cannot return that which they borrowed. Then comes the explosion, and the money market is shaken, and the press denounces, and the Church thunders expulsion.

A blustering young man arrived at a hotel in the West, and he saw a man on the sidewalk whom he supposed to be a laborer, and in a rough way, as no man has a right to address a laborer, said to him, "Carry this trunk upstairs." The man carried the trunk upstairs and came down, and then the young man gave him a quarter of a dollar which was clipped, and instead of being twenty-five cents it was worth only twenty cents. Then the young man gave his card to the laborer and said, "You take this up to Governor Grimes; I want to see him." "Oh," said the laborer, "I am Governor Grimes." "Oh," said the young man, "you—I—excuse me." Then the Governor said: "I was much impressed by the letter you wrote me asking for a certain office in my gift, and I had made up my mind to give it to you, but I have a young man who will cheat a laborer out of five cents who will swindle the government of the State if he got his hands on it. I don't want you. Good morning, sir."

I suppose there was ever a better specimen of honesty than was found in the Duke of Wellington. He marched with his army over the French frontier, and the army was suffering and he scarcely knew how to get along. Plenty of plunder and abundant booty were at his command, but he refused to be taken. He writes home these remarkable words: "We are overwhelmed with debts, and I can scarcely stir out of my house on account of public creditors, waiting for what is due to them. Yet at the very time the French peasantry were bringing their valuables to him to keep. A celebrated writer says of the transaction: "Nothing can be grander or more nobly original than this admission of this old soldier, after thirty years' service, this iron man and victorious general, established in an enemy's country at the head of an immense army, is afraid of his creditors." This is a kind of fear that troubles conquerors and invaders, and I doubt if the annals of war present anything comparable to its sublime simplicity.

Oh! it is not high time, that we preach the morals of the Gospel right before the eyes of the world. Mr. Froide, the celebrated English historian, has written of his own country these remarkable words: "From the great house in the city of London to the village grocer, the commercial life of England has been saturated with fraud, and it goes that far. The honest tradesman can hardly hold his ground against competition. You can no longer trust that any article you buy is the thing which it pretends to be. We have false weights, false measures, false goods, and shoddy everywhere. And yet the clergy has seen all this grow up in absolute indifference. Many hundreds of sermons have I heard in England on the divine mission of the clergy, on bishops, and on justification, and the theory of good works, and the inspiration, and the efficacy of the sacraments; but during all these thirty wonderful years, never one that I can recollect on common honesty."

My hearer, what are you doing with that fraudulent document in your pocket? My hearer, what are you doing with that document that wicked scheme you have now on foot? Is that a "pool ticket" you have in your pocket? Why, O young man, were you last night practicing in copying your employer's signature? Where were you last night? Are your habits as good as when you left your father's house? You had a Christian ancestry, perhaps, and you have had too many prayers spent on you to go overboard. Dr. Livingstone, the famous explorer, was descended from the Highlanders, and he said that one of his ancestors, one of the Highlanders, one day called his family around him. The Highlander was lying; he had his children around his bed. He said: "Now, my lads, I have looked all through our history as far back as I can find it, and I have never found a dishonest man in all the line, and I want you to understand you inherit good blood. You have no excuse for doing wrong. My lads, be honest."

Ah, my friends, be honest before God, be honest before your fellow-men, be honest before your soul. If there be those who have wandered away, come back, come home, come now, one and all, come into the kingdom of God.

I am glad some one has set to music that scene in August, 1851, when a young girl saved from death a whole rail train of passengers. Some of you remember that on West in that year on a stormy night a hurricane swept over the great railroad bridge. A freight train came along and it crashed into the ruin, and the engineer and conductor perished. There was a girl living in her father's cabin, near the disaster, and she saw the wreck of the freight train, and she knew that in a few moments an express was due. She lighted a lantern and elambered up on the one beam of the wrecked bridge on to the main bridge, which was treble wide, and started to cross amid the thunder and the lightning of the tempest, and the racing of the torrent beneath. One misstep and it would have been death. Amid all that horror the lantern went out. Crawling sometimes, and sometimes walking over the slippery rails, and over the trestle work, she came to the other side of the river. She wanted to get to the telegraph station, where the express train did not stop, so that the danger might be telegraphed to the next station, and the train stop. The train was due in a few minutes. She was one mile off from the telegraph station, but fortunately the train was late. With cut and bruised feet she flew like the wind. Coming up to the telegraph station, she found the engineer exhausted, she had only strength to shout, "The bridge is down!" when she dropped unconscious, and could hardly be resuscitated. The message was sent from that station to the next station, and the train halted, and that night that brave girl saved the lives of hundreds of passengers, and saved many homes from desolation. But every street is a track, and every style of business is a track, and every day is a track, and every night is a track, and multitudes under the power of temptation come sweeping on and sweeping down toward perils raging and terrific. God help us to go out and stop the train! Let us throw some signal. Let us give some warning. By the throne of God let us flash some influence to stop the downward progress. Beware! Beware! The bridge is down, the chasm is deep, and the lightning of God is all the night of sin on our heads. He that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

# A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

## THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.

### "What Will You Take?"—Lady Henry Somerset Gives a Report on the Results of Her Crusade Against Strong Drink in England.

What will I take? I'll take good health, And moderate wealth, And have no strains to bind me, I'll take the bread, Wherever I'm fed, And leave strong drink behind me.

What will I take? I'll take my fill Of right good will, And angry words not hardy, I'll take my share Of God's good air— No rum, no gin, no brandy.

What will I take? I'll take my part From day to day, If I should chance to labor; But through strong drink I will not sink, And will protect my neighbor.

—M. A. Kidder.

### Temperance Work in England.

Lady Henry Somerset's recently issued report on the industrial farm colony at Duxbury, Bedfordshire, in connection with the British Women's Christian Temperance Association, demonstrates that the two chief features adopted in the starting of the colony—the village system and outdoor occupation—were the most successful. The growing and farming—have proved their value. "The village system gives the real sense of home which no conventional institution, however comfortably ordered, could ever confer. The cottages, furnished with only the appliances of good, ordinary artisans' dwellings, clean, attractive and dainty. They teach the first lesson of what a home should be; and the women who, through drink, have wrecked their own households, realize the comfort that cleanliness and sobriety can give—a very low motive, perhaps, for giving up drink and leading a virtuous life, but a powerful one; for the very nature over which intoxicants have the most powerful hold, the brain, often lovable characters to whom comfort when in their saner moments, would appear most strongly.

It is popularly supposed that, once a woman takes to drink she can never be reformed, but at the village at Duxbury reports that slender completely, for out of the sixty-one patients who have passed through the home forty-two completed their term of one year, and out of that number only seven were failures. Thirty-three are at the present moment doing well, one has died, and another disappeared. The pretty little homes have awakened in many a laudable ambition to attain the same result, and the women, by their own dwellings when they return to their own homes, have helped to strengthen the physical system, which was slowly being ruined by drink. Two new cottages are about to be erected, but even they cannot accommodate all the applicants for admission."

### Saloons Versus Churches.

Rev. C. H. Zimmerman, of Evanston, preached in the Chicago First Methodist Episcopal Church on a recent Sunday on the relation of civil government to the kingdom of God. Among other things he said: "The Scriptures teach that governments are ordained of God to be instruments of righteousness for the advancement of His kingdom among men. The fundamental and indispensable element of the kingdom of God is righteousness. This righteousness is as blinding upon corporations and governments as it is upon individuals. There is a greater reason why any individual should be righteous than there is why the government of Chicago, of the State of Illinois and of the United States should be righteous. The consequences of corporate wrongdoing are most disastrous. Not to mention other evils, consider how great an obstruction the liquor traffic is to the progress of the kingdom of God in Chicago. There are in round numbers 6000 saloons and 600 churches in Chicago—ten times more saloons as churches, with more than ten times the patronage. The saloons do business every day and night in the week; the churches are open one day in the week. In these conditions it is not surprising that the increase in church membership is not commensurate with the growth of population. The saloon and its associate evils do more to ruin the people materially and morally than the church can do to save them. We may pour out our money like water to evangelize the city, but for every recruit the church makes for heaven the saloon makes ten for hell. The first and most imperative duty of all who desire the progress of the kingdom is to unite for righteous government in city, state and nation."

### An Example of True Courage.

The following story of Christian courage is told in The Christian: "When, as a brigadier-general, Clinton B. Fisk was in command of the military district of St. Louis, it became his duty, on one occasion, officially to receive and welcome to that city an eminent major-general, coming to take command of the military department. General Fisk, accompanied by a staff of thirty, met the general on the east side of the river—there was no bridge then—and escorted him with his aide-de-camp across the river by ferry and to the hotel in which he had engaged a suite of rooms for him. As soon as they were within the parlor—at once assuming the place of host and ready to treat the other officers as his guests—the major-general ordered a servant to bring four whisky punches. "Only one, if you please, general, excuse me, promptly and courteously spoke General Fisk. "You'll not refuse to drink with me, will you?" said the superior officer. "If I should drink now, it would be the first time. You would advise me to begin now, would you, general?" "No, God bless you! Long may you wave!" was the gracious and gallant response.

### The Wine and Beer Cure.

There is in some papers an untrue but most threatening reiteration of the oft-refuted statement that the tendency of a general use of wine and beer is to reduce drunkenness in the community. Slightly beer-drinking Germany and wine-drinking France furnish no support to this fallacious theory. The increasing prevalence of drunkenness in those countries begins to excite alarm, and the warning voice of the physician, the statesman, the philosopher, and the patriot regarding the consequent demoralization and physical and mental deterioration of the people. Alcoholic insanity is reported to be twice as common in France now as fifteen years ago and the number of persons placed under restraint on account of it has increased twenty-five per cent. in the last three years.—Presbyterian Banner.

### Shots at the Rum Traffic.

Rum does not mix with reason. A reformer should reform himself first. If he turns his attention to others before himself he begins at the wrong end. The love of liquor and the love of lucre seem to be two great causes of scandal in the army during our late unpleasantness with Spain. Temperance and labor are the two best physicians of men; labor sharpens the appetite, and temperance prevents him from indulging in excess. The Review of St. Louis says: "Other things being equal he endures hot weather best who is least addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors."

# Woman's Heroism.

From the Register-Gazette, Rockford, Ill. During the civil war nearly as much heroism was shown by the women of our nation as by the brave soldiers. Many a woman, weeping for her dead son, bound up the wounds of his suffering comrades, rejoicing in their renewed strength, even while sorrowing for those who were gone. At that time it was laid the foundation for the world-famed organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps, whose aid to the soldier of to-day, fighting against the world for a living, is no less notable than the heroism of the early 1800's.



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One of the most earnest members of the corps at Byron, Ill., is Mrs. James Houseweart, but illness once put a stop to her active work. A year or so ago, when she was nearing fifty years of age, the time when women must be most careful of their strength, Mrs. Houseweart was taken seriously ill. The family physician told her that she had reached a critical period of her life, and must be very careful. His prescriptions and treatment did not benefit her, and other treatment proved unavailing.

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# An Obsolete Order.

The Order of the Knights of Banneret was a degree of knighthood formerly existing in England and France, which was given on the field of battle in reward for the performance of some heroic act. It was so called because the pennon of the knight was exchanged for the banner, a proceeding which was effected by sending the points from the pennon. The ceremony of the creation of a Knight Banneret was very impressive. The king, or his general, at the head of his army, drawn up in order of battle after a victory, under the royal standard displayed, attended by all the officers and nobility of the court, received the banneret-elect, who was not necessarily a knight previously, led between two knights of note, or other men famous in arms, carrying his pennon in his hand, the heralds walking before him and proclaiming his valiant achievements for which he deserved to be made a Knight Banneret, and to display his banner on the field. The king, or general, then said to him: "Advance, Banneret!" and caused the point of his pennon to be torn off. The new knight with his trumpeters sounding before him, and the nobility and officers bearing him company, was sent back to his tent, where an entertainment was provided by the king. The first Banneret in England is said to have been made by Edward I., and the last by Charles I.—Detroit Free Press.

### Salaries of Public Officials.

Notwithstanding the fact that salaries of men in official life in this country are inadequate, it is easy to find 10,000 to accept any berth or billet that is offered. Our Attorney-General of the United States receives \$8000 a year; the Attorney-General of England draws a salary of \$35,000, and, in addition, fees amounting to \$25,000, making \$60,000 a year. The American Solicitor-General gets \$7000 a year, while the same officer in England has \$30,000 in salary and \$15,000 in fees, making \$45,000. President McKinley's salary is \$50,000 and a house free, with an entertainment fund. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland receives a salary of \$100,000 annually, the Governor-General of India \$125,000, with \$60,000 additional for expenses, making \$185,000; the Governor-General of Canada \$50,000. Chief Justice Fuller receives \$10,500 a year, his associates \$10,000; the Lord Chief Justice of England draws \$40,000 and each of his fourteen associates \$25,000. The Lord High Chancellor gets \$50,000.—New York Press.

### Rats as a Hair Tonic.

A Chinese gentleman advocates the use of the rat as an article of diet, and makes the following remarks on its properties as a hair restorer: "What the carrot is to a horse's coat a rat is to the human hair. Neither fact can be explained, but every workman knows that a regimen of carrots will make his stud as smooth and lustrous as velvet, and the Chinese, especially the women, know that rats used as food stop the falling out of hair and make the locks soft, silky and beautiful. I have seen it tried many times, and every time it succeeded."—Medical Record.

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