

DR. TALMAGES SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: "Life's Minor Choir"—Trials and Tribulations Are Necessary for the Proper Development of Character—Man's Compensation for Suffering.

TEXT: "I will open my dark saying upon the harp."—Psalm xlix., 4.

The world is full of the inexplicable, the impassable, the unfathomable, the insurmountable. We cannot go three steps in any direction without coming up against a hard wall of mystery, riddles, paradoxes, profoundities, labyrinthine problems that we cannot solve, hieroglyphics that we cannot decipher, anagrams we cannot spell out, sphinxes that will not speak.

Reason David in my text proposed to take up some of the number of dark things and try to set them to sweet music. "I will open my dark sayings on a harp."

So I look up upon society and find people in unhappy conjunction of circumstances, and they do not know what it means, and they have a million questions on their minds. Why that? Why this? Why that? Why this? I think I will be doing a good work by trying to explain some of these strange things and make you more content with your lot, and I shall only be answering questions that you have asked me, or that we have all asked ourselves, while I try to set these mysteries to music and open my dark sayings on a harp.

Interrogation first: Why does God take out of this world those who are useful and whom we cannot spare and leave alive and in good health so many who are only a nuisance to the world? I thought I would begin with the very toughest of all the seeming inscrutables.

Interrogation second: Why did the good God let sin or trouble come into the world when He might have kept them out? My reply is, He had a good reason. He had a purpose. He has never given us a man who had reasons which He could no more make us understand in our finite state than the father, starting out on some great and elaborate enterprise, could make comprehensible to his child the reasons why he should take up the journey.

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A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.

The Cause of Temperance Aided by a Widespread and Enlightened Public Sentiment—Which Promotes Upon Intoxicants—The Light Wine and Beer Evil.

A correspondent whose letter we have printed, takes exception to the statement made by us, that the growth of temperance in this country in the matter of the use of intoxicating liquor is chiefly due to a widespread and enlightened public sentiment which has prevailed since the Revolution.

There would be more force in this argument of our correspondent if it were not offset by a number of highly suggestive facts. The per capita consumption of distilled spirits in this country is less than half what it was in 1870, and as this consumption includes an enormous increase of alcohol used in the arts, manufactures and medicines, the amount of distilled spirits used as a beverage must be on a per capita basis much smaller now than it was a generation ago.

The use of light wines, or wine of all kinds in 1870 was less than it is at the present time; in fact, on the per capita basis, there was more than twice as much wine drunk in this country in 1880 as there was in 1896. When we come to malt liquors the significant change must be in the other way, and is on the decline.

In the sixties, seventies and eighties there was a great increase in the per capita amount of malt liquor used, but since the early years of this decade the tendency has been the other way, and we should not be surprised if the consumption of malt liquor during the present current year was on the average quite two gallons per capita less than it was in 1893.

Then, too, it should not be forgotten that the use of pure alcohol and brandy has not been found in Europe to be a means of checking intemperance. The French for generations have used light wines in large quantities, and within the last two or three decades have been considerable consumers of malt liquor.

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Saloons Too Numerous. Why are saloons so numerous in the poorer districts of cities? It is not because the working people drink more than the so-called "upper class," but because they do not wield influence enough to keep the drink establishments from their very doors.

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A Trick of a Hotel Beat.

"The strangest type of hotel beat I ever encountered," said a veteran New Orleans boniface, "walked into our house one evening about ten years ago, registered, and went directly to his room. I was at the desk, and noticed casually that he was a stout, good-looking man, and that he wore a handsome fall overcoat.

"I felt sure the loss was exaggerated, but there was no doubt about the things being gone, and I was on the point of compromising the claim when my lawyer—poor fellow, he's dead now—insisted on holding him off until we investigated his record. We soon found some of his statements to be false, and he thereupon took alarm and quietly departed. I never saw him again, but a hotel detective of my acquaintance encountered him in Chicago, and he told me how the scheme was worked. The beat had on neither coat, vest nor shirt when he registered, and had merely pinned a collar and cravat inside the lapels of his overcoat. It was simple as A, B, C, and made out a clear case when he raised the row in the morning."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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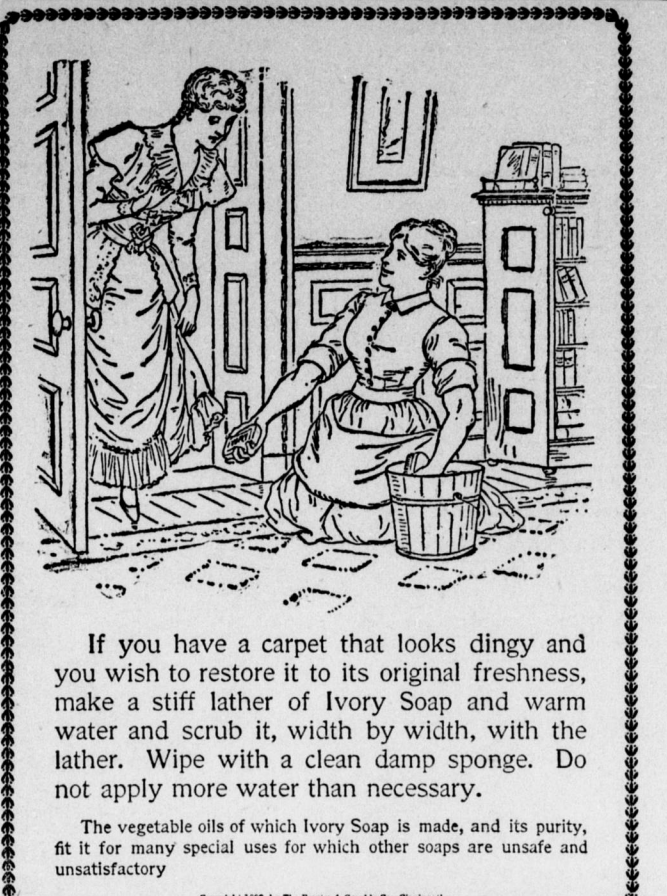
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Drink is an enemy to decency and upright living. Total abstinence is a reliable safeguard against the degrading influence of drink. Under a law just passed by the Vermont Legislature no town in that State need have a liquor agency, if the majority of the people so object.

The editor of the Kennebec (Me.) Journal says: "There is less drunkenness in Maine to-day than during any previous year of its existence as a State."



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A Life-Sketch of Major Marchand.

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In 1883 he entered the Marines, and was in the same year sent to Africa. After having attained the rank of Sub-Lieutenant he entered the Military School at Saint Maixent, whence he was sent to Senegambia.

In February, 1889, he was present at the siege of Kouandian, where he was slightly wounded. In 1890 he proceeded to explore the sources of the Niger and the region of Segon, and for some years supplied the French Government and geographical societies with important details and descriptions of his numerous explorations.

To Save the Elephant. A Frenchman, M. Bourdard by name, is agitating just now in the interests of the elephant. He is appealing to the French Government and the King of the Belgians for support.

The Best Holiday Gift. We never did; but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snowstorm.

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