

BENEFITS OF ADVERSITY

Dr. Talmage Says We Must All Go Through Some Kind of Thrashing Process for Our Own Good.

Triumph Always Comes After Misfortune—Great Need Is Solace.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—From a process familiar to the farmer Dr. Talmage draws lessons of consolation and encouragement for people in sorrow and adversity.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

March 30—"The Risen Life; Christ's Ours"—Luke xxiv, 1-12; Col. III, 1-10. (Easter Service.)

Scripture Verses.—Mark viii, 34, 35; Luke ix, 23, 24; Acts xv, 25, 26; xx, 24; Rom. vi, 11, 12; I Cor. x, 31; II Cor. v, 11; Phil. i, 20, 21; Rev. v, 9, 10; x, 11.

Christ's resurrection from the dead is not only the fulfillment of the prophecy concerning him, but it is the only foundation of our hope of a risen life with him.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Next to the death of Christ itself the resurrection was considered by the apostles the greatest gift in Christianity.

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THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Jim and Mo—a Logical Statement of the Reasons Why Every Young Man Should Abstain From Intoxicating Liquors—Whisky Mocks Hilarity.

The paill that holds the milk, sir, we used to fill with beer. But we haven't spent a cent for drink for you for many a year.

Henry Ward Beecher, whose sermon on temperance every young man should read, said this: "If you say, 'Yes, I have a natural craving for it, and then to you I say, 'That is the very reason why you should not take it."

Remember above all that the truest thing ever said of strong drink is that it is "a mocker."

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions. R. G. Dun & Company's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Consumers of iron and steel products are still anxious regarding conditions during the next three months.

Wheat—New York No. 2, 85 3/4c; Philadelphia No. 2, 85 3/4c; Baltimore No. 2, 85 3/4c.

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples New York assorted, per brl., \$1,750.00; York Imperials, per brl., \$3,750.00.

Butter—Separator, 28a20c; gathered cream, 24a25c; imitation, 22a21c; prints, 11b, 28a20c; York, 11b, 28a20c; dairy prints, Md. Pa. and Va., 27a27c.

Eggs—Maryland and Pennsylvania, per dozen, 15a16c; Eastern Shore, Maryland and Virginia, do, 15a16c; Virginia, do, —a15; West Virginia, do, —a15.

Live Stock.—Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$6.30a6.91; poor to medium, \$4.25a5.39.

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