

DOES IT PAY?

TALMAGE'S SUNDAY MON.

Conscience Considered from a Business Standpoint.

TEXT: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."—1 Timothy vi. 8.

A happy New Year to one and all! There is a gleaming promise of waiting for the events of the opening year to come upon us, and there is a heroic way of going out to meet them, strong in God and fearing nothing.

The papers were made out, and some of you have just entered into business partnerships, and others of you take higher positions in the commercial world.

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Again I remark that Godliness is profitable for one's disposition. Lord Ashley, before he went into a great battle, was heard to offer this prayer: "O Lord, I shall be very much obliged to Thee, if I should be killed."

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RELIGIOUS READING.

Wonderful words, our Father has given, God to show plainly the pathway to heaven; Wonderful words, so simple and so true, A child can understand.

Wonderful words, so simple and plain, Yet, as we read them, we gain again; How they grow deeper and who can retain Fully, their meaning so grand!

Wonderful book and more wonderful love Gently descending on wings of a dove; From the bright glory and beauty above, Down to this sin-darkened land.

Wonderful! Wonderful! How can it be! Wonderful home that is waiting for me, Wonderful glory, our glad eyes shall see, When we are at its right hand.

—Anna E. Ryder.

Wasted Years. What a remarkable promise that is of the Lord to his repentant people: "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON FOR JANUARY 13.

"A Sabbath in the Life of Jesus." Mark i, 21-34. Golden Text, Luke iv, 16.

After the baptism of Jesus by John in Jordan, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil and was there forty days; by the sword of the Spirit the enemy was overcome and compelled to flee and angels ministered unto Jesus (vs. 12, 13).

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee (Lk. iv, 14); and wherever we see Him in all His earthly life He is going about speaking and working in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts i, 32). There is no way for us to live a Christian life—that is, the life of Christ in these mortal bodies—but by being emptied of self and filled with the same Holy Spirit.

"And they went into Capernaum," John the Baptist was at this time in prison, and Jesus was somewhere in the latter part of His first year's ministry. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus was not a new thing, but a new power.

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And this was a Sabbath day's work: what a busy day, and what untold light and joy had come to hearts and homes which only that morning had been full of sorrow and sighing. He had done it all, and that freely; free as heaven's air and sunshine and showers had the blessings come to all those homes.

Curiosities of Typography. The last issue of the London Printing and Paper Trades Journal contains three ingenious illustrations, two of them made solely with pieces of brass rule.

Perhaps few people would guess that the caricature herewith depicted spells a man's name. The double flourish in the cranium forms an E; the nose forms a



The upper lip an O-shaped mouth an H (particularly distinct); and the double chin an N—E. COHN. This unique signature is taken from the Times newspaper, the editor of which failed, however, to decipher the initial E.

A Literal Illustration. It is odd how men will sometimes believe a life of self-restraint and kindness and good nature by a single yielding to ugly impulse. There were Deacons Abnerth and Taylor, for instance, both good men, both highly respected in the community, and both deemed consistent Christians until there came the difficulty as to the style of the new house of worship. It was as pitiful as it was ridiculous to see these two good men "fighting over a church."—Chicago Times.



A Touch of Natural History. Nebraska contains 76,185 square miles; was settled in 1854 at Omaha, and was admitted into the Union, March 1, 1867.

The professor and the zoological study.—Once a Week. Go to bed at nine o'clock. Sleep as long as you can. Eat less than your appetite craves. Get up from the table feeling sprightly instead of stuffed. All this will help you along in life amazingly and give you lots of things to be thankful for.

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TEMPERANCE.

"It's Nothing to Me." "It's nothing to me," the mother said, "I have no fear that my boy will tread the heedonous path of sin and shame, And crush my heart and darken his name."

It was something to her when her only son From the path of right was early won And nally cast in the flowing bowl A ruined body and shipwrecked soul.

"It's nothing to me," the young man cried; In his young flush of scorn and pride; "I need not the dreadful things you tell; I can rule myself, I know full well."

'Twas something to him when in prison he lay, The victim of drink—life-ebbing away; And the drunken wretch of his wasted life, And the mournful wail of his wife.

"It's nothing to me," the wiser said, "The party's loss is my greatest dread." Then he gave his vote for the liquor trade, Though hearts were crushed and drunkards made.

It was something to him in after life, When his daughter became a drunkard's wife, And trembled to hear their father's tread.

The Victims of the Saloon. Speaking of the Sunday saloon, Andrew Paxton, agent of the Citizens' League, Chicago, said a few days ago: "It is the wife and mother who has to suffer from the Sunday saloon. It is the mother who and her children are made its victims."

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Praying and Working.

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The Danger of Cider.

It is a great temptation for farmers' boys to have order to which they can have continual access in the cellar. Many a drunkard began his slavery to strong drink by going to the cellar to get a drink of cider from the farm-house. A cider-drunkard is said to be the crosser kind of a drunkard. Perhaps you farmers can take a glass of cider now and then, and stop there; but you may have men in your employ, or boys growing up, who will take more than they ought to, and who will put no barriers in the way of the weak. If you put cider in your cellars keep it for vinegar, and you will always have a pure article on hand to put up your pickles with and use for your pork and beans.

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