

ALMAGE'S FAREWELL.

IMPRESSIVE SERMON ON EMBARKING FOR THE HOLY LAND.

The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., on his departure from New York for the Holy Land...

But you are not yet equipped. You must have what seamen call the running rigging. This comprises the ship's braces, halliards, clewlines and such like.

One more arrangement and you will be ready for the sea. You must have a compass which is the Bible. Look at it every day.

Be sure to look out for the forecastle for leeches. These are cold Christians floating about in the church.

Be sure to keep your colors up! You know the ships of England, Russia, France and Spain by the ensigns they carry.

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that God has prepared for those who love Him and other canvas. I feel as if I were to see you again, but I feel as if I were to see you again...

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 10. "David's Lament For Absalom"—11 Samuel, 18: 18-33—Golden Text: Proverbs 17: 25—Notes.

David, hearing of Absalom's rebellion, took his servants, and followed by six hundred faithful Philistines under Ittai the Gittite, fled from Jerusalem.

Thus perished beautiful Absalom. "Absalom's monument" is the R. V. translation instead of "Absalom's place." Here is the record of something that will, wayward son has done in his lifetime that his name might be perpetuated.

In Absalom's life everything was for Absalom, and his name, and his pleasure; it might be said of him as of Belshazzar, "The God in whose hand thy breath is, he will smite thee, and will cast thee down."

Before you gain port you will smell the land of promise. When you are in the land of promise, you will smell the land of promise.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

It isn't the thing you say, dear, It is the thing you leave undone. Which gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun.

The tender word forgotten, The letter you did not write, The flower you might have sent, dear, Are your haunting ghosts tonight.

The stone you might have lifted Out of your brother's way; The bit of heartache come And you hurried too much to say.

The loving touch of the hand, dear, The gentle and winsome tone, That you had no time or thought for, With trouble enough of your own.

These little acts of kindness, So easily out of mind, These chances to be angels, When even mortals find— They come in night and silence, Each child's reproachful wraith, When hope is faint and flagging, And a blight has dropped on faith.

For life is all too short, dear, And sorrow is all too great To suffer our slow compassion To carry us to the great end. And it's not the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone, Which gives you the bitter heartache At the setting of the sun.

Just as you are pleased at finding faults, You are displeased at finding perfections.—Lancelotti.

Here is a needed lesson well put by a "little one." Two little girls were playing chess. "Now, we have to have a prayer," you knelt down and be a "real Christian." I just sit down and put my hands up to my face. I'm going to be one of those "stylish Christians."

Charity is more extensive than either of the two other graces, which center ultimately in ourselves; for we believe, and we hope for ourselves; but love is for others. It is disinterested principle, carries us out of ourselves into desires and endeavors of promoting the interests of other beings.—Afterbury.

Give us, oh, give us the man who sings at his work. At his occupation when it may, He is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent silence. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer.

A single bitter word may disquiet an entire family for a whole day. One sorry glance casts a gloom over the household, while a smile, like a gleam of sunshine, may light up the darkest of hearts.

The people of God act as if the Bible now is but a book of laws. They are not occupied by Christian missionaries they are apt to be pre-occupied by other forces, which are sometimes even more difficult to control than the original hostilities.

DRINKING A FARM. My homeless friend with the chromatic nose, while you are stirring up the sugar in a ten-cent glass of gin, let me give you a fact to wash down with it.

Man's work in beautifying the earth is very different from God's work. God's work is seen in majestic peaks which pierce the sky, in fountaining waterfalls, in pathless forests, in tangled bushes, in fern valleys, in ever-changing outlines of earth and heaven.

THE BRIGHTER DAY IS COMING. A net increase of nearly 577,000 Christians for the year is no insignificant return. The deaths among the 10,780,322 Christians of last year must have made a large figure.

Make Yourself Solid. If you have frequent headaches, dizziness and fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, lumbar, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign that you are not well, but are liable to die any minute.

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TEMPERANCE!

Dark clouds hung heavy o'er our land, Vice stalked abroad, with powerful hand, Laid low the good and wise; The hearts of men and numbers bled To know their cherished ones had fled From virtue's sacred ties.

From 'mongst these clouds a star appears, A gleam of hope each bosom cheers, It sheds a heart-felt ray; Hath made a brighter prospect known, The light hath on the drunken shone, He's dashed his cup away.

The Christian's hope, the Christian's theme, At length has come. The matchless scheme Hath been proclaimed around; It is the mother's hope, the father's joy, A wife's complaints are heard no more, There's rapture in the sound.

Advances ye now, Blue Ribbon band, And scatter blessings through the land, Oh leave no path untrod; Let not temptations these allure, For purposes so wise, so pure, Which every true man God.

STATISTICS AND COMMON SENSE. The statement is made that a committee, appointed by the British Medical Association, reports the average age of total abstainers to be fifty-one years and twenty-two days.

According to these remarkable figures the habitual drinker may reasonably expect to live six years longer than the total abstinent man, while the temperate or moderate drinker may count on outliving his cold-water neighbor some twelve years or so.

But these figures may be accepted without any damage to the cause of total abstinence. Let us take a common sense view of them. Admitting that the total abstinent man dies at the age of fifty-one, he has enjoyed, after reaching manhood, thirty years of his life, in the full possession of his faculties, and with a continuous capacity for work and pleasure.

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