

EVING OF LIFE

REV. DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Every Sun Must Set and Careless Youth Cannot Last for Always.

Text: "At evening time it shall be light."—Zechariah xiv, 7.

While "night" in all languages is the symbol of gloom and suffering, it is often cheerfully cheerful, bright and impressive.

Such nights the sailor blesses from the forecastle, and the traveler on the vast prairie, and the belated traveler by the roadside, and the soldier from the tent, earthy hosts gazing upon heavenly, and shepherd's guarding their flocks at night, while angel hands above them set the silver bells a-ringing.

What a solemn and glorious time is night in the wilderness! Night among the mountains! Night on the ocean! Fragrant night among tropical groves! Flashing night amid arctic snows!

This prophecy will be fulfilled in the evening of Christian sorrow. For a long time it is broad daylight. The sun rises high. Innumerable activities go ahead with a thousand feet and work with a thousand arms.

But every sun must set, and the brightest day must have its twilight. Suddenly the sky was overcast. The fountain dried up. The song ceased. The wolf broke into the family fold and carried off the lamb.

Finally, my text shall find fulfillment at the end of the Christian life. You know how short a winter's day is, and how little you can do. Now, my friends, life is a short winter's day.

What if the grace of God hold one up in such circumstances? What have become of the great multitude of God's children who have been pumpled of the ball and crushed under the wheel and trampled under the horse?

"It is good that I have been afflicted," cries David. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." Exclaim Job: "Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing," says St. Paul.

The text shall also find fulfillment in the time of old age. It is a grand thing to be young—to have the sight clear and the hearing acute and the step elastic, and all our pulses marching on, and the dream of a stout heart. Middle age and old age will be denied many of us, but youth—we all know what that is. Those wrinkles were not always on your brow. That snow was not always on your head.

But youth will not always last. It stays only long enough to give us exuberant spirits, and broad shoulders for burden carrying, and an arm by which to battle our way through difficulties. Life's path is not a fellow it long enough will come under frowning brow and across trembling causeway.

How many and women will lie! They say they are 40, but they are 60. They say they are 60, but they are 80. How some people will lie! Glorious old age if found in the way of righteousness! How beautiful the old age of Jacob, leaning on the top of his staff of John Quincy Adams falling with the harness on, of Washington Irving sitting pen in hand and the scenes himself had made classical, of John Ansell James to the last proclaiming the Gospel to the masses of Birmingham, of Theodore Tilton leaning down to feebleness and emaciation devoting his illustrious faculties to the kingdom of God.

See that you do honor to the aged. A philosopher stood at the corner of the street one day saying to the passer-by: "You will be an old man. You will be an old woman." "You will be an old man. You will be an old woman. You will be an old man. You will be an old woman."

'The password.' They answer, 'We were wanderers from God and deserved to die, but we heard the voice of Jesus.' 'Aye,' said the gatekeeper, 'that is the password! Lift up your heads, ye everlasting gates, and let these people come in! They go in and surround the throne, jubilant forever.'

It is early yet in the history of everything good. Civilization and Christianity are just getting out of the cradle. The light of martyr stakes flaming all up and down the sky is but the flaming of the morning, but when the evening of the world shall come, glory to God's conquering truth, it shall be light. War's sword clanging back in the scabbard; interpenetration buried under 10,000 broken decenterers; the world's impurity turning its brow heavenward for the benediction.

I want to see John Howard when the last prisoner is reformed. I want to see Florence Nightingale when the cholera has stopped hurting. I want to see William Penn when the last Indian has been civilized. I want to see John Huss when the last flame of persecution has been extinguished.

You have watched the calmness and the glory of the evening hour. The laborers have come from the field. The heavens are glowing with an indescribable effulgence, as though the sun in departing had forgotten to shut the gate after it.

Thus bright and beautiful shall be the evening of the world. The heats of earthly conflict are cooled. The glory of heaven fills all the scene with love and joy and peace. At eventide it is light—light!

I went into the house of one of my parishioners on Thanksgiving day. The light of the household was bright and glad, and with it I bounded up and down the hall. Christmas day came, and the light of that household had perished. We stood, with black book, reading over the grave, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

But I hurl away this darkness. I cannot have you weep. Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory, at eventide it shall be light! I have seen many Christians die. I never saw any of them die in darkness. What if the billows of death do rise above our heads? What if the waves do wash about our necks? What if the billows of death do rise above our heads? What if the waves do wash about our necks?

A minister of Christ in Philadelphia, dying, said in his last moments: "I move into the light!" They did not go down dour and fearing and shivering, but their battlerary rang through all the caverns of the sepulchre, and they echoed back from all the thrones of heaven: "O death! where is thy sting? O grave! where is thy victory?" Sing, my soul, of joys to come.

A Cyclone's Deadly Work. A terrific cyclone struck Stillwater, Minn., on Friday afternoon. Samuel Simonsen and Winfield Abee were killed and several buildings blown down. Many people are injured and some are missing.

Three Helpless Children Evaporated. At Duran, Miss., three colored children were locked up in a house by their father and mother, who then went to church. During the absence of the parents the cabin was destroyed by fire and the children cremated.

—SEVEN men attempted to hold up a St. Louis mule car Monday night but were frustrated by the driver's bravery. The car was filled with men and women returning from the races.

At Dentrice, Neb., while Mrs. C. H. Van Arsdale and a domestic, Mary Hegellu, were cleaning bedsteads with gasoline the can exploded and both women were burned to death.

—MINNESOTA'S anti-scalpers law is now in effect. Ticket brokers will contest its constitutionality before the Supreme Court.

PROMINENT PEOPLE. JULES VERNE has written seventy-four novels. QX an average, the letters received by the Emperor of Germany number 600 a day. SAMUEL MIXTER PECK, the Alabama poet, is running a turkey farm at Tusculooosa. GOVERNOR FLOWER, of New York, is one of the best amateur trap-shooters in America.

W. A. DENAHITT, the Mayor of Elwood, Ind., for nearly twenty years, and he is probably the youngest mayor in the country. The Princesses of Siam, each such names as Walat-alongkorn and Sirapongsophon, which will make Ealiala sound sweeter than ever.

THE Army of the Potomac, encamped at Boston, elected Major-General Nelson A. Miles, United States Army, President of its organization.

REY. W. H. FERNER, pastor emeritus of the First Unitarian Church in Philadelphia, was ninety-one years old a few days ago. He is the oldest living graduate of Harvard University and is the only survivor of the class of 1820.

MISS EMMA SECKELS, the Indian philanthropist, has three proteges, who are wanderers in the musical world. They are the Misses Bluejacket, and they sing like nightingales. Of real Cherokee origin, they have the richest of copper-colored skin, brightest of black eyes and reddest of lips.

THE Archdiocese of Canterbury is one of the most regular attendees at the sitting of the British House of Lords. There is an unwritten rule of that body that information on any matter relating to the church should be asked direct of the Archbishop. His Grace therefore considers it his duty to be in his place punctually at 4 o'clock.

THE LABOR WORLD. St. Louis has a huckster's union. BOSTON has a Hebrew carpenters' union. CHICAGO has 1400 union cloak and suit cutters. A MANIAN K. of L. want alien contract labor prohibited.

FALL RIVER (Mass.) spinners are paid a sum by the union during illness caused by accident. MEMBERS of Syracuse (N. Y.) unions will be fined \$5 for marching in any parade in which a non-union band takes part.

A Boston clothing house looked out its hands because they would not deposit a week's wages with the firm. Men have been making \$7.15 a week and women \$5.13. It is said that in some sections of Berks County, Pennsylvania, farmers have been earning \$1.75 per day and boarding to farm hands during haymaking and harvest. Fifty years ago the price of this labor was never more than a dollar a day.

The scarcity of servant-girls in all the large cities of the Dominion of Canada is creating considerable comment. It is stated that many of these have gone to Chicago, where they were allured by the statements that they would be given work in hotels.

The grades and pay of elevated railroad employes in New York City are as follows: Gate-man—First year, \$1.25 a day; after the first year, \$1.50 a day. Agent—First year, \$1.75 a day; after the first year, \$2 a day. Agent and telegraph operator, \$2.25 a day. Guard—First year, \$1.50 a day; second year, \$1.75 a day; third year, \$1.75 a day; fourth year, \$1.85 a day. Conductor—First year, \$2 a day; second year, \$2.20 a day; third year and afterward, \$2.30 a day.

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The only surprising thing about reduction of the time between New York and Chicago is that it has come so late. Twenty hours are ample for a little less than a thousand miles. The waste of time that has deferred until so late a day the arrangement of this new table between the lakes and the seaboard has been at stations where the switching of rolling stock, the transfer of baggage and mails and the appointing of coaches have been done without that dispatch that has characterized the running of the fast expresses.

The Southern planter ought to insist on better time for the valuable but perishable freights they send to Northern markets. Southern business men have everything to gain by bringing South and North more closely together.

The next step for Northern and Eastern, as well as Western and Southern railway management, ought to be popularizing the improved service by lowering the rates. Travel is like postal service—the cheaper the stamp the greater the number of letters. The lower the railroad ticket the more the thousands that will use it.

Woman's Influence in China. The laws and social customs of China make a woman's life a most restricted one in every way; and yet, in spite of all disadvantages, in no country is female influence more powerful. The women of China are the very backbone of the Nation, seeming to be born with a natural sense of honesty which is conspicuously absent among the men.

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The Vegetarian Theory. Vegetarians say it is a popular fallacy that meat is needed for strength. One prominent exponent of the faith says it is a fact that the strongest animals in the world are vegetarian and not carnivorous. It is the ferocity of the lion rather than his strength that makes him formidable. An elephant is a match for several lions, and is a vegetarian. The animals with most speed and endurance—the horse, the reindeer, the antelope and others—are also vegetarians. Dog trainers, says the authority, always feed their trick animals on a strict vegetarian diet, and many hunters do the same thing.

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