

THE OPENING WINTER

REV. DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON AT THE METROPOLITAN.

Beware of the Special Allurements of the Season—Parents Should Make Home Attractive—Arm the Young Against Temptations—Bum's Horrors.

Washington, December 8.—To-day Dr. Talma... these as the subject of his sermon "The Opening Winter." Although the cold comes earlier or later, according to the latitude, the sermon is sooner or later as appropriate everywhere as it is in Washington.

Paul was not independent of the seasons. He sent for his overcoat to Troas in a memorable occasion. And now in the text he is making arrangements for the approaching cold weather and makes an appointment with Titus to meet him at Nicopolis, saying, "I have determined there to winter."

astes and our appetites for the rescue of others? Surely it is not a very great sacrifice. Oh, mix not with the innocent beverage of the holiday the white sugar of the cups the snow of this awful leprosy! Mar not the clatter of the chink of a madman's chain!

The winter season is especially full of temptation, because of the long evenings allowing such full swing for evil inclinations. You can scarcely expect a young man to go into his room and sit there from 7 to 11 o'clock in the evening reading Motley's "Dutch Republic" or John Foster's essays.

your home happy. You go around your house growing under your roof and your sons will go into the world and plunge and scum the indignities and plagues and disreputations and have their hearts broken by the snow of aches. Do not forget to take notice of these. You were young once, and you had your bright and joyous times. A student in a school, and you were glad to see the owner of a house and a splendid tree. He said in a winning tone, "Yes, but it will fade. I walk around my garden and say, 'This is a glorious tree, you have.' Yes, he said, 'but it will wither, and I will be left with a little child, whom I was leading along, 'Come and kiss me.'"

Lower down, lower down, until, out-cast of God and man, he lies in the asylum, a blotch of loathsomeness and pain. One moment he calls for God, and then he calls for rum. He prays; he curses; he laughs as a fiend laugh; then bites his hands into the quick, then puts his hands through the hair hanging around his head like the mane of a wild beast, then shivers until the cot shudders with unbearable terror.

on earth could whitens it. For all Christian hearts the winter nights of earth will end in the June morning of heaven. The river of life from the throne never freezes over. The foliage of life's fair tree is never frost-bitten. The festivities, the hilarities, the family greetings of earthly Christmas times will give way to larger reunion and brighter lights and sweeter garlands and mightier joy in the great holiday of heaven.

MR. ROCKEFELLER. THE DEMOCRATIC HABITS OF THE GREAT MILLIONAIRE.

An Indifferently Dressed Man—For Such a Celebrity He Is Known by Sight to Fewer People Than Any Man in New York—Many Institutions Have Profited by His Modesty.

His gifts have been mainly to Baptist organizations. He has been interested in the religious education of negroes in the South and gave the building for the Spelman institute (named for his wife, who was a school teacher in Cleveland, at Selma, Ala., which is under Baptist control). He built the Rockefeller hall at Rochester, and his gifts to that university have amounted to more than \$100,000. Substantial gifts he has also made to the Cook academy at Hightstown, N. J., and Vassar college, the latter receiving \$100,000.

Mr. Rockefeller is a man of great wealth and power. He is known to few people in New York because of his democratic habits. He is a man who has profited many institutions by his modesty.

WARNING TO FAT PEOPLE. They Run the Risk of Shortening Their Lives in Trying to Reduce Their Flesh.

Fat men, do not try to make yourselves thin. It is thus that Prof. Eulenberg of Berlin, assures you in one of the last numbers of the German Medical Weekly. It is not that he would advise you to persist in your obesity, but he has discovered that all the means that you may employ to get rid of it would have the effect of ruining your health and even shortening your life.

It seems to be clearly proved that we can not make ourselves thin with impunity. Nature creates the fat and the lean, and it is the part of wisdom for one and the other to resign themselves to their condition.

A Runaway Elevator. A very peculiar elevator accident is reported in New Haven. David C. Silvey operates the elevator in the Hubinger Building. He was at the fourth floor the other night when a call came from the bottom landing. He pulled the lever, but could not stop the machinery when the elevator reached the ground floor.

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