

A DOWNWARD PATH.

DR. TALMAGE'S WARNING AGAINST RUNNING INTO DEBT.

The Evil Influences of Social Life That Drive Men "Like an Ox to the Slaughter."—Rewards of Honesty and Industry.

Rev. Dr. Talmage preached on Sunday morning from Proverbs vi, 22, "As an ox to the slaughter." There is nothing in the voice or manner of the butcher to educate the ox that there is death ahead. The ox thinks he is going on to a rich pasture field or to a green meadow where he will revel in the herbaceous luxuriance, but after awhile the men and the boys close in upon him with sticks and stones and shouting, and drive him through his death throes, and where he is fastened, and with a well-aimed stroke the ax falls him, and so the anticipation of the redolent pasture field is completely disappointed.

We are apt to blame young men for being destroyed when we ought to blame the influences that destroy them. Society slaughters a great many young men by the best: "You must keep up appearances. Whatever your salary, you must dress as well as others. You must give wine and brandy to as many friends, you must smoke as costly cigars, you must give as expensive entertainments and you must live in as fashionable a boarding house as you can afford the money borrow. If you can't borrow, make a false entry or subtract here and there a bill from a bundle of bank bills. You will have to make the deception a little while. In a few months or in a year or two you can make it all right. Nobody will be hurt by it, nobody will be the wiser. You yourself will not be hurt. By that awful process you have ruined two or three men and have slaughtered for time and slaughter for eternity.

Suppose you borrow. There is nothing wrong with borrowing money. There is nothing wrong with a man who has not sometimes borrowed money. Vast estates have been built on a borrowed dollar. But there are two kinds of borrowed money: money borrowed for the purpose of starting or keeping up legitimate enterprises and expense and money borrowed to get that which you can do without. The first is right, the other is wrong. You can't have money enough of your own to buy a coat, however plain, and then you borrow money for a dandy's outfit, you have taken the first revolution of the wheel down your back. Borrow for the necessities; that may be well. Borrow for the luxuries; that tips your prospects over in the wrong direction.

The Bible does not say the borrower is servant of the lender. It is a bad state of things when you have to go down some other street to escape meeting someone whom you owe. If you don't know what to do, don't borrow. Being in debt, more than anything else, will ruin you. What did debt do for Lord Bacon, with a mind towering above the centuries? It induced him to do a deed which convicted him as a criminal before all ages. What did debt do for Walter Scott, brokenhearted at Abbotford? It kept him writing until his hand gave out in paralysis. What did debt do for his pictures and statues. Better for him if he had minded the maxim which he had chiseled over the fireplace at Abbotford: "Death, that they may come in and drive the stake for their encampment."

A steamer 1500 miles from shore with a hundred men on board and a hundred hulk leaking 50 gallons the hour is better off than a young man when you have robbed him of his Bible. Have you ever seen a young man who has been robbed of his Bible? He is a young man who has been robbed of his Bible without proposing a substitute? It is meaner than to come to a sick man and steal his watch. It is meaner than to come to a poor man and burn his house down. It is the worst of all things that a man can do. He has been robbed of his Bible and of his health and of his life. He has been robbed of his Bible and of his health and of his life. He has been robbed of his Bible and of his health and of his life.

Yet in all our cities there are families who move every day to get into proximity to the butcher and the meat shops and apothecaries. They are everybody within a half a mile of where they now live, and next May they will move into a new home. They are finding a new lot of victims. Meanwhile you, the honest family in the new house, are bothered day by day by the knocking at the door of disappointed bakers and newspaper carriers, and you are asked where your predecessor is. You do not know. It was arranged you should not know. Meanwhile your predecessor has gone to some distant part of the city, and the people who have anything to sell have sent their wagons and stopped there to solicit the valuable customer of the new neighbor. He is the new neighbor, with great complacency and an air of affluence, orders the finest stakes and the highest priced suet and the best of canned fruits and the finest newspapers. And the debts will keep on accumulating until he gets his goods on the 30th of next April in the furniture cart.

Now, how is this wholesale slaughter to be stopped? The answer is that the object of my sermon is to put a weapon in each of your hands for your own defense. Wait not for Young Men's Christian Associations to protect you and churches to protect you. Appealing to God for help, take care of yourself.

First, have a room somewhere that you can call your own. Whether it be the back parlor of a fashionable boarding house or a room in the fourth story of a cheap lodging house, it is not the dissipation or undue step over the threshold. If they come on the long flight of stairs, look them in the eye and firmly refuse them admittance. Have a few family portraits on the wall, a picture of your mother and father in your room. Have a Bible on a stand. If you can afford it and can play on one, have an instrument of music—harp or flute or cornet or melodeon or violin or piano. Every morning before you leave the room pray. When passing them the wind gate may be closed and snow permitted to accumulate until the air is turned out again. Neither the snow remaining or removed is melted. The plow is adjusted in regular work to remove fifteen inches.

FEAR OF LIGHTNING.

FOR THE MOST PART THE ALARM FELT IS GROUNDFLESS.

The Electric Bolt From Heaven's Blue Frigidity. It Is True, But Its Hills Still Fret—The Science of Lightning.

A current news item gives the results of an investigation carried on by Dr. G. Stanley Hall, President of Case University on the things that most excite fear in people. Of the 2-8 classes of objects of fear to which 1707 persons confessed, thunder and lightning led the list, although in certain localities, as, for instance, those subject to cyclones, etc., the fear of the latter predominates. It may be accepted as probably true that thunderstorms constitute the most pronounced source of fear with the majority of people, due, no doubt, to the always impressive and not infrequently overpowering nature of the storm. In fact for this fear so far as fatal results are concerned.

We believe there is not, but on the contrary, that many other causes which have a bare place in Dr. Hall's list are infinitely more entitled to the distinction as fear producers than lightning. As proof of this we may cite statistics from the records of the Bureau of Census. These show that for the four years, 1890-93, the deaths from lightning numbered 764, or an average of 196 a year. Again, the record of nearly 200 newspapers for the five years, 1888-98, there were 1030 deaths caused by lightning, or an average of 206 a year. Now, if we consider the number of deaths classed as "accidental" in the whole United States, any one group can show so small a number. In New York city alone, for example, there were 200 lightning deaths, and nearly 150 are burned or scalded to death, and close on to 500 persons meet their end by falls of one kind or another. The number of deaths from lightning fatalities for the whole country with the above records for New York city, its total of nearly 1600 accidental deaths every year, is not a very large number, less is the popular fear of lightning. It is a survival, an inherited superstition.

But there is another point in connection with this lightning which will be particularly comforting to city dwellers, albeit country dwellers may not be affected in like manner, and that is, that statistics show that the risk of lightning is not so great as the popular fear in the city. The cause of this immunity for city dwellers is not far to seek. It is doubtless due to the predominance of iron pipes in houses, all probably as much as anything to the prospective network of overhead electric wires of all kinds. Five miles in New York city there are invariably fatal is also not borne out by facts. Indeed, one record specially devoted to this feature shows that of 212 persons struck, 100 were killed. This is a very small percentage of the total number of strikes.

The Great Bustard. The great bustard (Otis tarda), a bird still found in the southern provinces of Russia and the heaviest European fowl. In size it exceeds the Norwegian blackcock, says The New York Times. The old bustard was a weight of 50 pounds and where food is plentiful specimens weighing 35 pounds, and even 40 pounds, have been captured. It has been described as a "Western Europe, where once they were almost as numerous as partridges, and are seen only in small flocks in the sand-dunes of the lower valley of the Dnieper, and here and there along the coast of the Caspian. A large and heavier bird—the casovary—was once a common sight in the Caspian region, but it is now extinct. It is incapable of flight, but it can kick with the strength of a man, and with its sharp, horny beak it can pierce a cork stopper.

An Egg's Romantic Message. There is a pretty dairy maid in Silver Lake, Ind., who is seeking a husband, and who has advertised her want in a unique manner. The New York Times tells that the woman, a cocoa merchant of West Hoboken, N.J., bought a lot of eggs the other day, and on one of them found a note which she found to be a letter from a young man. The note was written in a cursive hand, and was addressed to her. The note was a love letter, and was signed "John Doe." The woman was very much interested in the note, and she decided to write back to the young man. She wrote a letter to the young man, and she told him that she was very much interested in him. She told him that she was very much interested in him, and she told him that she was very much interested in him.

Oliver Schreiner ("Hohlof"), who started the literary world some years ago with "The Story of a Boy," has just completed another book, which is rather impatiently awaited by an expectant public. Whether this latest will be as stimulating a social study as his first remains to be seen, but it is safe to say that it will be worth reading, as Miss Schreiner is a woman who can write.

Victoria's Coronation Ring. There is a ring which the Queen cherishes more than anything else she possesses save her betrothal and wedding rings—a circlet of diamonds and rubies signifying the sovereign's union with her nation; her coronation ring, in fact, which she has worn every year since she became queen. It is a ring which is jealously guarded when not encircling her finger.

Forty young ladies will participate in a novel entertainment for charity's sake in Atlanta next month. It is to be a prize military drill and the girls are now being drilled by a company of the United States Cavalry. They will carry regulation rifles and wear a navy uniform which is being made specially for the event.

MAKING HUSBANDS HAPPY.

How to Fulfill the Sacred Duty of Every Married Woman.

Recipes for making husbands happy are almost as multitudinous as dyspepsia cures; but one of the most notable additions to the list, which possesses at once the charm of novelty, was that prescribed at a recent meeting of the Professional Women's League, in New York by Mrs. Emma Sheridan Fry, who in a brightly humorous paper on the frivolities of her sex threw out this specific:

asked a friend of mine, who is the happiest man I know—that is to say, whose husband is the happiest man I know—how she made it, and she looks good dressed and fitting. And when I inquired about the fitting, she explained that she had a very good husband before she married him. That is, as she has said, she had a very good husband before she married him. That is, as she has said, she had a very good husband before she married him. That is, as she has said, she had a very good husband before she married him.

The Winter's Vogue in Furs. It is predicted that for the winter the furs most in vogue will be chinchilla, seal, and sable in the dark shades, seal, astrakhan, and that peculiar variety of astrakhan called breitschwanz (still-born lamb), an exquisitely soft skin like moire velvet, which is specially adapted for the blouses and jackets, which will be really the novelties of the season. The long cloaks in blue, green, and red, and the long, although they are straight in front—Ladies' Home Journal.

Ventilation in the Cowhouse. A constant and abundant supply of fresh air is recognized as an essential factor in sanitation of the cowhouse. To secure this desirable result, there must be sufficient cubic capacity and ventilation. Dairy authorities prescribe from 500 to 1000 cubic feet per cow. The former is not enough, unless the ventilation is very much better than it is in the great majority of cowhouses. In the effort to secure warm cowhouses, the cow-owners allow too little space to the cow, and make the cowhouses too nearly airtight. As a consequence, the purity of the air is sacrificed to secure warmth. It is kept warm, but made foul. Now, pure air is of far greater importance than heat or warmth. If a cow must breathe either foul air or cold air, it would be much better for her to take the cold air. But it is rarely necessary to provide good cowhouses. It is quite practicable to build cowhouses that will secure comfort with ventilation. Cowhouses should be built on a high and airy site, and they should be built in a way that will allow the air to circulate freely. The cowhouses should be built in a way that will allow the air to circulate freely. The cowhouses should be built in a way that will allow the air to circulate freely.

Orchards Kept in Grass. It is possible by heavily mulching orchards, where grass is allowed to grow, to keep the surface moist and loose, so that the grass does not injure. But in such cases it is better to have the trees naturally go to reach moisture and water. This makes such orchards very fertile and very productive. It is better to have the trees naturally go to reach moisture and water. This makes such orchards very fertile and very productive. It is better to have the trees naturally go to reach moisture and water. This makes such orchards very fertile and very productive.

Poultry Management. One pound of corn converted into eggs will quadruple the value of the corn, and pay for the labor used in feeding it to the fowls. The fowls on a farm open the way to larger profits, because there is always a certain proportion of waste food that can be utilized by poultry which will be of much value as food for large stock. The farmer who is a business man is not content to sell his crops off the farm at low prices to be converted to a better marketable product, but uses his intelligence with his labor. There is room on all farms for poultry, but it is not usually given. To make poultry profitable, the farmer must be willing to invest in the necessary equipment, and he must be willing to invest in the necessary equipment, and he must be willing to invest in the necessary equipment.

Fair Collateral. A soldier in the Guards came to me in Queen's Square to swear to his being a fair collateral. He looked at me and said, "I was military accoutrements, etc., that he had pawned, when to my surprise I found that he had pawned a bank note for the £22 note and was resolved to pass it off as a bank note. He looked at me and said, "I was military accoutrements, etc., that he had pawned, when to my surprise I found that he had pawned a bank note for the £22 note and was resolved to pass it off as a bank note.

A Woman's Invention. A New York woman has obtained a patent on an attachment for skirts by which they may be lifted in crossing the street, a series of cords being attached to the skirt at the back and sides, with the opposite ends running through an opening in the back front to draw the skirts by pulling up the cords.

British Savings. About three weeks ago, according to The London Economist, there was deposited in the joint banks of England and Wales the sum of \$500,000,000 of the people's savings.

ATTACKED WITH INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM AT AN EARLY AGE.

Each Successive Year Brought Fresh Attacks With Increasing Severity Until He Was a Physical Wreck.

From the San, Belleville: Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Kelly are people who are deeply grateful for a kind intervention of Providence whereby the life, health and happiness of their twelve year old son, Master Harry, has been restored and preserved. Mr. Kelly is one of the best known conductors on the Midland division of the G.T.R., and is now residing in this city. A Sun reporter having heard of the cure of the little fellow and the joy of his parents, called at their home and was met by Mrs. Kelly, who on being informed of the object of his visit, at once told the story of the cure and how the results were attained. We were living in Madoc when our boy was about five years of age and in the spring I went to call him one morning. He replied to my call by saying he could not rise. I at once went to him and found that he was unable to walk. Medical advice being summoned we discovered that inflammatory rheumatism had got little boy in its grasp. All that attention and doctors could do was done and the attack passed off, but the following spring while in Peterboro he was again seized with the dread disease and again we were in terrible dread of losing the child. When the warm weather came again he rallied, but was very weak and only a shadow of his former self.

Despite all we could do he was again attacked in the next spring. You can imagine the fear and dread with which we watched these recurring attacks, each one more severe than the last, and each one leaving our boy in worse condition than those that went before. His last attack confined him to bed for three months, and his heart was dangerously affected. His sufferings were terrible, and it was pitiful to see him trying to carry food to his mouth. His nervous system was so shattered that a form of St. Vitus' dance had affected him, and his hand and arm trembled so that he could not feed or aid himself. Some friends advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I cheerfully recommended them to myself so highly that my husband and myself decided to try them. We gave them to Harry for several months and when the spring came watched anxiously for a return of the trouble, but was thankful and delighted to see no symptoms of it, nor has been troubled for the past three years. "What is the condition of his health at present?" asked the reporter. "He is as sturdy and as healthy a boy as parents could wish for. I attribute his recovery and present health to nothing but Pink Pills, and I cheerfully recommend them to all."

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