Rev. Dr. Talmage Gives Words of Counsel to Young Men.

Points Out the Dangers Which Await Unwary Feet--Warning Against Drinking, Gambling and Unthrifty Habits--Close to God.

inspiration to those who are now starting in life. His text is Zechariah ii, 4, "Run, speak to this young man."

There was no snow on the beard of the proplet of my text, and no crow's feet | who was the son of a barber, and Lord had left their mark near his eyes. Zechariah was a young man, and in a day dream he saw and heard two angels talking about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. One of these angels desires that young Zechariah should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, its circumference and the height of its walls, and he says to the other angel, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not walk, but run, for the message is argent and imminent. So every young man needs to have immediate advice about the dimensions, the height and the circumference of that which under God he is to build-namely, his own character and destiny. No slow or laggard pace will do. A little farther on and counsel will be of no advantage. Swift footed must be the practical and important suggestions, or they might as well never be made at all. Run at the pace of five miles the hour and speak to that young man. Run, before this year of 1898 is ended. Run, before this century is closed. Run, before his character is inexorably decided for two worlds, this world and the next. How many of us have found out by long and bitter experience things that we eught to have teen told before we were 25 years of age! Now I propose to tell you some things which if you will seriously and prayerfully observe will make you master of the situation in which you are now placed and master of every situation in which you ever will be placed. And in order that my subject may be elimacteric I begin on the outside edge of that advice, which will be more and more important as the subject unfolds.

Now, if you would be master of the

situation do not expend money before you get it. How many young men irretrievably mortgage their future because of resources that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the money either in your hand or in a safety deposit or in a bank or in a this time, when it is estimated that gam-United States bond before you make purchases or go into expensive enterprises or hitch a spanking team to a glittering turnout or contract for the building of a mansion on the Potomac or the Hudson. Do not depend on an inheritance from your father or uncle. The old man may live on a good deal longer than you expect, and the day of your enforced payment may come before the day of his decease. You cannot depend upon rheumatism or heart failure or senility to do its work. Longevity is so wonderfully improved that you cannot depend upon to. They live to be septuagenarians or ectogenarians or nonagenarians or even centenarians, and meanwhile their heirs go into bankruptcy, or, tempted to forgery or misappropriation of trust funds er watering of railroad or mining stock, go into the penitentiary. Neither had you better spread yourself out because of the 16 or 20 per cent. you expect from an save the privilege of being assessed to meet the obligations of the company in Better get 31/2 per cent. from a Government bond than be promised 15 per cent. dividend which will never be declared or dividends, a letter from the president and secretary of the company saying they are very sorry.

Save a Little Money. or ten years or most of your lifetime after you get it do not spend it all. Never farewell to home and heaven. Most spend a dollar until you have 50 cents | merciless of all habits! that you do not spend. In the Governary, but enough to keep them from have been! starvation and the poorhouse! Such men do not die; they abscond. I cannot understand how such spendthrift and reckless improvident men dare at their decease appear at the door of heaven seeking admission when they have left their families in the tophet of want and mendicancy. Such men do not deserve a throne and a harp and a mansion, but an everlasting poornouse. From no disappointed or disgruntled state of mind do I give this counsel, for life has been to me a glad surprise, as it has been to most peoof advantage or opportunity, and so pleased amazement, but I have seen so many men ruined for time and eternity by going in to expenditure, with nothing to depend up on except anticipation, that if I had power to put all warnings into long fing er out toward some Senatorial opponent and with shril voice cried out,

"Gentle pay as you go!"

Washington, Dec. 18.—This arousing astronomer of his day, once peldling caband practical sermon by Dr. Talmage bages in the street, and Martin Luther will reach many hearts and be an espec- singing on the public square for any pennies that he might pick up, and John Bunyan mending kettles, and the late flax." Judge Bradley of the United States Supreme Court, who was the son of a charcoal burner, and Turner, the painter, Clive, who saved India to England, shipped by his father to Madras as a useless boy whom he wanted to get rid ot, and Prideaux, the world renowned scholar and theologian, scouring pots and pans to work his way through collegs. and the mother of the late William E. Dodge, the philanthropist and magnificent man, keeping a thread and needle store, and Peter Cooper, who worked on small wages in a glue factory, living to give \$500,000 for the founding of an institute that has already educated thousands of the poor sons and daughters of America, and Bowditch, the scientist, beginning his useful learning and affluent career by reading the books that had been drive ashore from a shipwreck at Salem. There is, young man, a great financial or literary or moral or religious success awaiting you if you only know how to go up and take it. Then take it or get ready to take it. The mightier the opposition the grander the triumph when you have conquered. There is a flower in Siberia that blooms only in January, the severest month of that cold climate. It is a star shaped flower and covered with glistening specks that look like diamonds. A Russian took some of the seeds of that flower to St. Petersburg and planted them, and they grew, and on the coldest day of January they pushed back the snow and ice and burst into full bloom. They called it the "snow flower," and it makes me think of those whom the world tries to freeze out and snow under. but who in the strength of God push through and up and out and bloom in the hardest weather of the world's cold treatment, starred and radiant with a beauty given only to those who find life a struggle and turn it into a victory.

Avoid Gambling.

situation, expect nothing from good luck of temptation and obstacles-and a young or haphazard or gaming adventures. In man undertaking life with every wing of bling exchanges money to the amount of pledged for his defense and advancement about \$80,000 000 a day, this remark -the difference between a young man may be useful. There come times in alone and a young man befriended by many a man's life when he hopes to get the Maker and Upholder of the universe? something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are 50 kinds of

a disease, and the more successful you are went to escort the Princess Elizabeth to the more certain you are to go right on Russia to a throne which was then unto your own ruin. Having made his occupied. She halted, she hesitated, she thousands, why does not the gambler wondered whether she had better go to stop and make a safe investment of what the palace and mount the throne of all he has gained and spend the rest of his the Russias. Then Count Lessock drew people dying when you think they ought life in quiet or less hazardous style of on a paper two sketches, the one of heroccupation? The reason is he cannot self and the count in disgrace and on the stop. Nothing but death ever cures a scaffold and the other of herself on a confirmed gambier. Dr. Keeley's gold throne amid huzzaing subjects. When cure rescues the drunkard, and there are she saw plainly that she must make a anti-tobacco preparations that will arrest choice, she chose the throne. I put before the victim of nicotine, and religion can the young man of Washington and the save any one except a gambler. The fact young men of America the choice between is he is irresponsible. Having got the overthrow and enthronement. You may habit in him, he is no more responsible have what you will. Will you be the investmen). Most of the 15 or 20 per for keeping on than a man falling from slave of passion and sin and death or a cent. investments are apt to pay nothing | the roof of a four storey house can stop | conqueror empalaced? The Spanish provat the window of the second storey. Here | erb was right when it said, "The road of and there you may find an instance where By and By leads to the town of Never." the affairs of which you get involved. a gambler has been reported or reports himself as being converted, but in that case the man was not fully under the heel of the passion. The real gambler is paid only once or twice, so as to tempt a through passenger to death and perdiyou deeper in before the grand smash up | tion. The only use in referring to him and you receive, instead of a payment of is in the way of prevention. He began by taking chances on a bookcase or a sewing machine at a church fair and ended by getting a few pennies for his last valuable in a pawnbroker's shop. The only If you have to wait a year or five years | man who gambles successfully is the man who loses so fearfully at the start that then you had better wait rather than he is disgusted and quits. Let him win spend money you expect to get. Then at the start and win again, and it means

Horace Walpole says that a man dropment service in this city how many ped down at the door of a clubhouse in splendid women who are the daughters | London and was carried in, and the gamof men who spent all they got and then blers began to bet whether he was dead sneaked out of life to leave their daugh- or not, and when it was proposed to ters penniless, to be looked after by some | bleed him for his recovery the gamblers kind Senator or other friend who might | objected that it would affect the fairness solicit for them a position on small sal. of the bet. What noble men they must

To-day, Not To-morrow.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, never adjourn until to-morrow what you can do to-day. The difference between happy and inspiring work and wearying and exhausting and dispiriting work is the difference between work behind you and work before you. But always wait until you feel like it, wait until circumstances are more propitious, wait till next week or wait till next year, and the probability is the work will be only half done or never done at all. Postple a disappointment. I expected nothing ponement is the curse of a vast population. After awhile all the things that serving a nas been to me a matter of ought to have been done previously will rush in upon you, and, it being too much for your brain and nerves, you will be a fit subject for paralysis or nervous prostration. How many battles have been lost because the general did not strike lone clap thunder I would with that quick enough, and the enemy had full startling vehemence say to all young time to gather re-enforcement! You inmen what John Randolph said in yon- tend some time to write that important der Sena e Chamber as he stretched his letter. You intend some time to make your own. If you live on to great prosthat business call. You intend some time to finish that book. You intend some time to preach that sermon. Where is some time? What is some time? Does it | see to it that that is the best condition

walk or does it float about you? Will it happen to come? No! Some time is never. There are no stragglers in the days and months and years. If one day should refuse to keep step and become a straggler, it would wreck the universe. Promptness! Up to time! To-day! Now! You

will get only what you win. There are accidents, like the printer's mistake which caused Louis Napoleon to be called "Napoleon III." A Parisian editor at the time that Louis Napoleon by base strategy turned the republic into a monarchy wrote in derision the word "Napoleon," followed by three exclamation points. These exclamation points the printer mistook for the letter 'I' three times written, and hence he was called "Napoleon III." But promotions by accident are not to be depended on. Depand on getting nothing except that which under God by your own industry and good sense you achieve. That was a good maxim of olden time, 'Get thy spindle ready and God will send once

Religion Necessary.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, and I name it last because it is the most important, for you know that which is last mentioned is apt to be best remembered, I charge you get into your heart and life, your conversation and your manners, your body, mind and Heraclitus, according to Plato, said that one who fails to enter it.

asking - omniscience, omniprasence, omnigotence! Can you imagine a greater contrast than a young man undertaking Again, if you would be master of the life alone - life, with all its confrontments angel and every thunderbolt of heaven The battle of life is so severe that no young man can afford to decline any gambling. Stand aloof from all of them. help, and the mightiest help is God. One Understand that the gambling spirit is night in the year 1741 Count Lessock

> Get Close to God. More young men would take this advantage which I speak of if they did not stoop down and fill their chalices? have the notion that religion puts one into depressing process. They have heard, for instance, the absurd preachment, "You ought to live every day as though it were your last." Such a lachrymose man I would not want anywhere around me. On the contrary, you ought to live as though you were going to live a great while in this world and to live forever in the next world. There is no smell of varnish of collin lids in our genuine religion. Get in right relation with God through Jesus Christ, and you need not bother yourself the rest of your life for two minutes about death or about your funeral. Here is a manly religion, one that will extirpate from your nature all that ought to be extirpated and irradiate it with every virtue and make it glow

with every anticipation. Neither would I have you adopt that other absurd preachment, that the things of this world are of little importance as compared with the next world. On the contrary, you cannot sufficiently appreciate the importance of this world, for it decides your next world. You might as well despise a schoolhouse because it is not a university. In the schoolhouse we prepare for the university. If this world is of such little importance, I do not think the first born and the last born of heaven would have spent 33 years down here to redeem it.

Start Right.

Young man, start right, and the only way to start right is to put yourself into companionship with the best friend a young man ever had-Christ the Lord. He will give you equipoise amid the rocking of life's uncertainties. He will support you in day of loss. He will direct you when you come to the forks of the road and know not which road to take. He will guide you in your home life, if you are wise enough to have a home of perity, he will show you how to manage a fortune. If your earthly projects fail and you are put in financial straits, he will Have you noticed that one pound of Blue Ribbon Ter is equal to a pound and a quarter of any other kind?

for your soul, and the discipline and the hardship will make you more and more of a man. If you live on to old age, he will make the evening twilight as bright as and perhaps brighter than was the live? merning twilight, and when your work on earth is done the gates of a better world will open on expansions and enthronements and felicities which St. John describes sometimes as orchards, soul, the near 6,000-year-old religion of sometimes as shaded streets and somethe Bible. Why so? Because the large times as a crystalline river and somemajority of people quit this life before times as an orchestra with mighty instru-25 years of age, and the possibility is ments, blown on by lips cherabic or that if you do not take possession of this thrummed by fingers seraphic, and inreligion, and religion does not take habitants always tearless and songful possession of you while you are young, and resplendent, so that the mightiest you will never come into alliance. Mrs | calamity of the universe is the portion of

that no man bathes twice in the same Young man, seek only elevating and river. But, suppose you live to be octo- improving companionship. Do not let the genarians, do you not see that postpone- last scion of a noble family, a fellow ment is an awful waste of nerve and with a big name, but bad habits, for he muscle and brain? What is the use of drinks and swears and is dissolute, take your pulling a heavy load all your life your arm to walk down the street or when you can have two of the white spend an evening with you, either at horses that St. John saw in heaven har- your room or his room. Remember that nessed to your load? Suppose you have a sin is the most expensive thing in God's great mill wheel to turn. You can put universe. I have read that Sir Brasil, the that mill wheel where it will be turned knight, tired out with the chase, had a by a mill race of water one foot deep, falcon on his wrist, as they did in days poured by a small brook, or you can put of falconry, when with hawks or falcons it along the deep and swift St. Law- they went forth to bring down partridges rence, which will roll through the mill or grouse or pigeons, and, being very race tons of water every second of time. thirsty, came to a stream struggling Are you going to run your life by the from a rock, and, releasing the falcon How Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him of shallow drippings of earthly influencee from his wrist, he took the bugle which or by the rolling rivers of omnipotent he carried, and, stopping the mouth piece power? Are you going to undertake the of his bugle with a tuft of moss, he put work of life with nothing but your own this extemporized cup under the water brain and arm backed up by all the ter- which came down drop by drop from the restrial and all the celestial forces of the rock until the cup was full and then lift-Almighty? I make as great an offer as ed it to drink, when the falcon he had was ever made by man. I offer you God. released with sudden swoop dashed the He tells me to make that point blank cup from his hand. By the same process proposition. If you want them you can he filled the cup again and was about to have them on your side for the earnest | drink when the falcon by another swoop dashed down the cup. Enraged at this insolence and violence of the bird, he cried, "I will wring thy neck if thou doest that again." But, having filled the cup a third time and trying to drink, a

> third time the falcon dashed it down. Then Sir Brasil with his fist struck the bird, which fluttered and looked lovingly and repreachfully at him and dropped

Then Sir Brasli, looking up to the top of the rock whence dripped the water, saw a great green serpent coiled fold above fold, the venom from his mouth G. Cragg, Esq., ex-reeve of the town, dropping into that from which Sir Brazil and one of our most prominent merhad filled his cup. Then exclaimed the chants. knight, "What a kind thing it was for him, and what a narrow escape I had!" So now there are no more certainly wa-This moment there are thousands of young men, unwittingly and not knowing what they do, taking into their bugle cup of earthly joy that which is deadly because it drips from the jaws of that old serpent, the devil, and the dove of God's Spirit in kindly warning dashes down the cup, but again it is filled and of earth and all the armies of heaven may

Knights of Trafalgar.

in 1809 in London to commemorate the stores. battle of Trafalgar, and it now flourishes as a benevolent institution in Spital. fields, where, in fact, it originated. At the annual meeting the other day, the statement was made that last winter the Knights of Trafalgar distributed nearly 10,000 loaves of bread and about the same number of cwts. of coal, and it will be admitted that this is a worthy mode of now almost unknown in Spitalfields.

In the whole of Europe the women have a majority of 4,579,000.

Pressure of the Ocean.

There are spots in the ocean where the the pressure of water on any body in the water is one pound to the square inch for every two feet of the depth anything at the bottom of one of the "five-mile-holes" would have a pressure about it of 13,200 pounds to every square inch. There is nothing of human manufacture that would resist such a pressure.

That it exists there is no doubt. It is known that the pressure of a well-corked glass bottle at the depth of 300 feet is so through the pores of the glass. It is also weighted and sunk in the sea to such a never used any medicine that can equal depth that the tissues have become so It could not even be made to burn when

A Use For Waste Places.

Business Man-I don't see why you farmers are forever complaining. What is the matter with the place where you

Mr. Hayseed-Waal, in th' fust place, the land ain't no good-nothin but stone -can't hardly get grass to grow. "Then let the land go and use the lum-

"No lumber there. Trees all cut down years ago."

"How about fruit?"

"No fruit, either; all killed by grubs." "You might turn the streams into a pond and raise carp for the market."

"Can't make a pond. Got no stream. Can't hardly get well water even." "How is the well water?"

"Bad as kin be."

"Humph! No soil, no fruit, no trees, no streams, no water but bad water. Well, my friend, the only way out that I can see is for you to quit farming and turn the place into a summer resort."-

Prominent Dresden Citizen Tells an Interesting Story.

Rheumatism and Gout After the Best Doctors and Many Medicines Had Failed.

Dresden, Dec. 12.-This town boasts peculiarity of which its people may well be proud, as it proves beyond dispute, that they possess that desirable attribute, common sense, in no small degree. The peculiarity is the remarkable decrease in the number of cases of Rheumatism during the past few

Eight years ago, Dresden was afflicted by that curse of modern civilization, Rheumatism, to as great an extent as any other place of its size in the Dominion. To-day such a complaint is practically unknown here.

A clue to the means by which this desirable condition has been brought about may be found in the following statement, given for publication by W.

"For eight years I was a martyr to the falcon to dash down that poisoned | Rheumatism, of the inflammatory type, cup, and what a sad thing that I killed and during that period my sufferings beggared description. To add to my misery. I was attacked by Gout. The best ters that refresh than waters that poison. | dectors failed to benefit me, and no good was done by the many patent medicines

> At times I could not get about at all, and, at the best, it was a severe task for me to make my way about my

"Hearing that Dodd's Kidney Pills again dashed down and again filled and had cured a Dresden lady of Rheumaagain dashed down. Why not turn away tism. I decided to try the medicine. and slake your thirst at the clear, | Imagine my delightful surprise when bright, perennial fountain that breaks I found myself growing better after from the Rock of Ages, a fountain so having taken half a dozen doses. I used wide and so deep that all the inhabitants | six boxes of the pills and am now as sound and well as ever I was. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me. This I am ready and willing to swear to."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are the surest. Very few people are aware of the exist- quickest and best cure for Rheumatism ence of "The Knights of Trafalgar." ever known. They never fail. And they Such a society was, however, established cost only fifty cents a box, at all drug

Alone at Christmas.

In this age of organizations innumer able, there is room for one more, it is for an organization which would bring together, especially on Christmas, those who are alone in the world, particularly women who are alone. I do not think paying honor to the name of Nelson. In that many of us who have our kin clos-1809 Spitalfields was a very flourishing est to us on Christmas day stop to realcentre; in these days it is a densely ize what our feelings would be if they populated district, and the residents are were not with us. It is so hard to almost entirely limited to the poorest imagine ourselves in a position other class. Yet so admirable is the work done than the one we are in. And yet the by the "Knights" that outdoor relief is position might easily be other than it is. With many that position is other than God has made our own; a fact we are all apt to forget. We remember some poor family at Christmas, but at least it is a family. It is together. The one is company for the other, even in poverty. We remember the sick, and water is five miles deep. If it is true that God blesses those who do. But I wish some of us might cast a look around and give a thought to those who are not sick, who are not perhaps poor, as the world judges, yet who are alone Some girl, perhaps, alone; some woman alone; some young man; some old man; alone! 'Atone at Christmas!-Edward Bok. in The Ladies' Home Journal.

The proprietors of Parmelee's Pills are great that the water will force its way constantly receiving letters similar to the following which explains itself. Mr. John said that pieces of wood have been A. Beam, Waterloo, Ont., writes: "I Parmelees Pills for Dyspensia or Liver condensed that the wood has lost its and Kidney Complaints. The relief exbuoyancy and would never float again. perienced after using them was wonderfull' As a safe family medicine Parmelee's Vegetable Pills can be given in all cases requiring a Cathartic.