



TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE PREACHER CHOOSES AN INTERESTING TOPIC.

His Views of the New Woman—Spiritual and Physical Health—A Word for Mothers—Their Influence and Counsel—A Strong Peroration.

A Word with Women.

Rev. Dr. Talmage took for the subject of last Sunday's sermon "A Word with Women," the text for the occasion being the following, as received by the distinguished preacher:

Reverend Sir—You delivered a discourse in answer to a letter from six young men of Fayette, Ohio, requesting you to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Men." Are we justified in asking you to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Women?"

Letter Signed by Six Young Women.

Christ, who took his text from a flock of birds flying overhead, saying, "Behold the fowls of the air;" and from the flowers in the valley, saying, "Consider the lilies of the field;" and from the clucking of a barnyard fowl, saying, "As a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing;" and from a crystal of salt picked up by the roadside, saying, "Salt is good," will grant us a blessing, if, instead of taking a text from the Bible, I take for my text this letter from Cincinnati, which is only one of many letters which I have received from young women in New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, London, Edinburgh, and from the ends of the earth all preaching that, having some months ago preached the sermon on "Advice to Young Men," I could not, without neglect of duty, refuse to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Women."

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One theory is that she will be an athlete and boxing glove and foot-ball and pugilistic encounter will characterize her.

Another theory is that she will superintend ballot boxes, sit in Congressional hall and through improved politics bring the millennium by the evil she will extirpate and the good she will install.

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A Word for Mothers.

Advice the third: Appreciate your mother while you have her, for she is the almost universal companion of young women who have lost mother that they did not realize what she was to them until after her exit from this life. Indeed, mother is in the appreciation of many a young lady a hindrance. The maternal inspection is often considered an obstacle. Mother has so many notions about that which is proper and that which is improper. It is astounding how much more many girls know at 18 than their mothers at 45. With what an elaborate argument, perhaps spiced with some temper, the youngling tries to reverse the opinion of the oldling. The spriggle of gray on the maternal forehead is rather an indication to the recent graduate of the female seminary that the circumstances of to-day or to-night are not fully appreciated. What a wise boarding school would be if the mothers were the pupils and the daughters the teachers! How well the teens could chaperon the fifties! Then mothers do not amount to much, anyhow. They are the way and are always asking questions about postage marks of letters and asking, "What did you get this morning?" and "Where did you get this ring?" and "Where did you get the ring?" Myra?" For mothers have such unprecedented means of knowing everything. They say "It was a bird in the air" that told them. Alas, for that bird in the air! Will not some one lift his gun and shoot it? It would take whole libraries to hold the wisdom which the daughter knows more than her mother. "Why cannot I have this?" "Why cannot I do that?"

And the question in many a group has been, although not plainly stated: "What shall we do with the mothers, anyhow? They are so far behind the times."

Permit me to suggest that if the mother had given more time to looking after herself and less time to looking after you she would have been as fully up to date as you in music, in style of gait, in aesthetic taste and in all sorts of information. I except, of course, you were studying botany and chemistry and electricity and household economics. But one day, from over-work, or sitting up of nights with a neighbor's sick child, or a blast of the east wind, on which pneumonias are born, mother is sick. Yet the family think she will soon be well, for she has been sick so often and always has got well, and the physician comes three times a day, and there is a consultation of the doctors, and the news is gradually broken that recovery is impossible, given in the words, "While there is life there is hope." And the white pillow over which are strewn the locks a little tinted with snow becomes the point around which all the family gather, some standing, some kneeling, and the pulse beats the last throb, and the bosom trembles with the last breath, and the question is asked in a whisper by all the group, "Is she gone?" And all is over.

Maternal Supervision.

Now come the regrets. Now the daughter reviews her former criticism of maternal supervision. For the first time she realizes what it is to have a mother and what it is to lose a mother. Tell me, men and women, young and old, did any of us appreciate how much mother was to us until we saw her gone? A young woman, who had better believe it is unsafe or imprudent. When she declares it is something you ought to do, I think you had better do it. She has seen more of the world than you have. Do you think she could have any mercenary or contemptible motive in what she advises you? She would give God love me, the angels in heaven are in sympathy with me, and I can afford to be pious until the day when the impious chariot shall wheel to my door to take me up to the confectionery. If health goes, she says, "I can endure the present distress, for I am on the way to the first breath of which will make no proof against even the slightest discomfit." If she is jested with perturbations of social life, she can say, "Well, when I begin my life among the thrones of heaven and the king and queen unto God shall be my associates, it will not make much difference who on earth forgot me when the invitations to that reception were made out." All right with God, you are all right with everything.

Martin Luther, writing a letter of condolence to one of his friends who had lost his daughter, began by saying, "This is a hard world for girls." It is for those who are dependent upon their own wife and the whims of the world and the preferences of human favor, but those who take the Eternal God for their portion not later than 15 years of age, and that is ten years later than it ought to be, will find that Martin Luther's letter of condolence was true in regard to many, if not most, with respect to those who have the wisdom and promptitude and the

earnestness to get right with God, I declare that this is a good world for girls.

Importance of Physical Health.

Advice the second: Make it a matter of religion to take care of your physical health. I do not wonder that the Greeks deified health and hailed Hygeia as a goddess. I rejoice that there have been so many modes of maintaining and restoring young womanly health invented in time. They may have been known a long time back, but they have been popularized in our day—talcum, croquet and golf and the bicycle. It always seemed strange and inscrutable that our human race could be so slow of locomotion, when creatures of less importance have powers of velocity, wing of bird or foot of antelope, leaving us far behind, and while it seems so important that we be in many places in a short while we were weighed down with incapacities, and most men, if they run a mile, are exhausted and dead from the exhaustion. It was left until the last decade of the nineteenth century to give the speed which we see whirling through all our cities and along the country roads, and with that speed comes health. The women of the next decade will be healthier than at any time since the world was created, while the invalidism which has so often characterized womanhood will pass over to manhood, which, by its posture on the wheel, is causing a curved spine and cramped chest and a deformity for which another fifty years will not have power to make resolute. Young man, sit up straight when you ride. Darwin says the human race is descended from the monkey, but the bicycle will turn a hundred thousand men of the next generation in physical condition from man to monkey. For good womanhood, I thank God that this mode of recreation has been invented. Use it wisely, modestly, Christianly. No good woman needs to be told what attire is proper and what behavior is right. If anything be doubtful, reject it. A hotheaded, boisterous, masculine woman is the detestation of all, and every revolution of the wheel she rides is toward depreciation and downfall. Take care of your health, O woman, of your nerves in not reading the trash which makes up ninety-nine out of one hundred novels, or by eating too many cornucopias of confectionery. Take care of your eyes by not reading at hours when you ought to be sleeping. Take care of your ears by stopping them against the tides of gossip that surge through every neighborhood.

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A Word for the New Woman.

Heaven deliver the church and the world from any one of these styles of new woman! She will never come. I have so much faith in the evangelistic triumph and in the progress of all things in the right direction that I prophesy that style of new woman will never arrive. She would hand over this world to diabolism, and from being, as she is now, the mightiest agency for the world's uplifting she would be the mightiest force for its down thrust. I will tell you who the new woman will be. She will be the good woman of all the ages past. Here and there a difference of attire as the temporary custom may command, but the same good, honest, lovely, Christian, all influential being that your mother and mine was. Of that kind of woman was Christian Edwards talking to a man who was so much of an unbeliever he had married two children Voltaire and Tom Paine nevertheless saw him converted, he breaking down with emotion as said to her: "I cannot stand you. You talk like my mother." And telling the story of his conversion to twelve companions who had been blatant opposers of religion they asked her to come and see them also and tell them of Christ, and four of them were converted and all the others greatly changed, and the leader of the band departing for heaven, shouted: "Joyful! Joyful!"

If you know any better style of woman than that, where is she? The world can't improve on that kind. The new woman may have more knowledge, because she will have more books, but she will have no more common sense than that which tried to manage and discipline and educate as well as she could with education and material. She may have more health than the woman of other days, for the sewing machine and the sanitary regulations and added intelligence on the subjects of diet, ventilation and exercise and rescue from many forms of drudgery may allow her more longevity, but she will have the same characteristics which God gave her in paradise, with the exception of the nervous shock and moral jolt of the fall she got that day when not noticing where she stepped she looked up into the branches of the fruit tree.

But I must be specific. This letter before me wants advice to young women.

The First Need.

Advice the first: Get your soul right with God, and you will be in the best attitude for everything that comes. New ways of voyaging by sea, new ways of traveling by land, new ways of threshing the harvests, new ways of printing books—and the patent office is enough to enchant a man who has mechanical ingenuity and knows a good deal of levers and wheels—and we hardly do anything as it used to be done; invention after invention, invention on top of invention. But in the matter of getting right with God there has been a invention for 6,000 years. It is the same line of repentance that David practiced.

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Thus did Lydia E. Pinkham hand over to her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Pinkham, what may be termed the salvation of her sex; and that wonderful remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which all druggists consider as standard as flour, goes on redeeming hundreds of women from the fearful consequences of female diseases.

A NOBLE LIFE
SPENT FOR AND WITH SUFFERING WOMEN.

A Life's Work Perpetuated through a Faithful Daughter, and Records of Priceless Value.

What a vast amount of misery and suffering has been prevented by the clear-headed foresight of one noble woman! She had struggled, labored, and sacrificed for the welfare of her sex. The eyes of the women of the world were upon her.



As she recalled the past, and tried to penetrate the future, a smile of supreme satisfaction passed over her honest face as she remembered that her life's work would be perpetuated.

The room in which she sat contained hundreds of volumes of records; and, turning to her daughter, she said, "My daughter, this room, as you well know, contains the records of my life's work, in which for many years you have so diligently assisted me."

"Do I understand that you have compassed my methods; and it is a hard task to think that when I leave the glorious work will, through you, go on."

"The mission is a noble one. Do as I have done: never permit a woman's appeal to go unheeded."

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The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age.

KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

DONALD KENNEDY, OF ROXBURY, MASS.,
Has discovered in one of our common pastures a remedy that cures every kind of humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common Pimple.

He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humor). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston. Send postal card for book.

A benefit is always experienced from the first bottle, and a perfect cure is warranted when the right quantity is taken.

When the lungs are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it. Read the label.

If the stomach is foul or bilious it will cause squeamish feelings at first.

No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bed-time. Sold by all Druggists.

Artificial Faults.

Many things which are harmless in themselves are often condemned for what they are supposed to lead to; social pleasures are looked upon askance, and trifling things said or done without the least intention are exaggerated into serious transgressions. Honest opinions are made a cause of reprobation, and failure to meet conventional requirements is regarded as a blot on the character. One would think there were enough real faults in the world to be repented of and abandoned without setting up imaginary ones that have no foundation and can serve only to bring needless trouble and to confuse the moral sense.

Observations and calculations have led Mr. A. Mellock to conclude that insects do not see well, especially at a distance. Their composite eye, however, has an advantage over the simple eye, in the fact that there is hardly any practical limit in the nearness of objects it can examine. The best insect eye examined would give a picture about as good as if it were executed in rather coarse woodwork, and viewed at a distance of a foot.

In England and Scotland milkmaids believe that if they forgot to wash their hands after milking their cows will go dry. This superstition is diligently fostered by the owners of the cows.

The use of the sun, the air, and exercise is the best remedy for all diseases.

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