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The following sermon on the subject "From Conquest to Conquest," was delivered by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage in the Brooklyn tabernacle, being based on the text:

"This is the day when harvest begins, the plowman shall overtake the reaper—Amos, ix. 13." Picture of a tropical climate with a season so prosperous that the harvest reaches clear over to the planting time.

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neither read this alone nor his answer to it. He wrote back that the captain was not known to discuss his heart's affairs, but there was a story to the effect that he had loved and was on the point of declaring it when the war came on.

There was an unusually long delay between that letter and the next which went from the army. Berrien had received a slight wound which disabled his right arm for a time.

Not long after this Berrien's regiment was transferred to his own state. The men did not know just where they were going or what service was in store for them.

The commissary department failed to provide for some of the troops which were sent away down the coast. They had to forage. They could give orders for what they took and the orders were honored by the commissary department.

"A black Mercury," the captain remarked. An elderly gentleman came out on the veranda as Capt. Berrien walked up in advance of his men.

"You say morphia puts one to sleep. You say in time of sickness it is very useful. I deny it. Morphia never puts anybody to sleep, it never alleviates pain. You ask me why I say that. I have never tried it, I never took it."

"Do you think that such a scene could be enacted now as was enacted in the days of Robespierre, when a shameless woman was elevated as a goddess, and was carried in a golden chair to a cathedral, where incense was burned to her, and people bowed down before her as to a divine being, she taking the place of the Bible and God Almighty, while in the corridors of that cathedral were enacted such scenes of drunkenness, and debauchery, and obscenity as has never been witnessed before?"

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