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The Same Old Sarsaparilla.

That's Ayer's. The same old sarsaparilla as it was made and sold 50 years ago. In the laboratory it is different. There modern appliances lead speed to skill and experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparilla that made the record—50 years of cures.

THE GIANT SAMSON.

HIS STRENGTH THE SUBJECT OF REV. DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Sanctified Muscle and What It Can Do. The Treacherous Delilah and Her Work. Samson's Misguided Strength—The Weak That Are Strong and That Are Weak.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Taking the exciting story of Samson's fall as a suggestion, Dr. Talmage in this discourse shows how giants in body and mind or soul ought to be consecrated to good and great purposes.

There are two sides to the character of Samson. The one phase of his life, if followed into the particulars, would administer to the grotesque and mirthful, but there is a phase of his character fraught with lessons of solemn and eternal import.

But, while you find great many men who realize that they ought to use their money aright and use their intelligence aright, how few men you find aware of the fact that they ought to use their physical organism aright! With every thump of the heart there is something saying, "Work, work!" And lest we should complain that we have no tools to work with, God gives us our hands and feet, with every knuckle and with every joint and with every muscle, saying to us, "Lay hold, and do something."

There is a dissolute woman living in the valley of Siddon, the name of Delilah. They appoint her the agent in the case. The Philistines are secreted in the same building, and then Delilah goes to work and coaxes Samson to tell what is the secret of his strength.

There he stands, looming up above other men, a mountain of flesh, his arms bunched with muscle that can lift the gate of a city, taking an attitude defiant of everything. His hair had never been cut, and it rolled down in seven great plaits over his shoulders, adding to his bulk fierceness and terror.

There are men who are so great in moral and spiritual stature. While there are achievements for those who are bent all their days with sickness—achievements of patience, achievement of endurance—I call to mind the men of health today, men of muscle, men of nerve, men of physical power, to devote themselves to the Lord.

Behold also in the story of my text illustration of the damage that strength can do if it is misguided. It seems to me that this man spent a great deal of his time in doing evil—this Samson of old, he was a bet which he had lost by guessing of his riddle he robs and kills 30 people.

Behold also in this giant of the text and in the giant of our own century that great physical power must crumble and expire. The Samson of the text long ago went away. He fought the lion. He fought the Philistines. He could fight anything, but death was too much for him.

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who never saw a sick day, and who, like Hercules, show the giant in the cradle, have more to answer for than those who are the subjects of lifelong infirmities. He who can lift twice as much as you can and walk twice as far and work twice as long will have a double account to meet in the judgment.

Behold also a giant may be slain! Delilah started the train of circumstances that pulled down the temple of Dagon about Samson's ears, and tens of thousands of giants have gone down to death and hell through the same impure fascinations. It seems to me that it is high time that pulp and platform and printing press speak out against the impurities of modern society.

You who are seated in your Christian homes, compassed by moral and religious restraints, do not realize the gulf of iniquity that bounds you on the north and the south and the east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of men and women going over the awful plunge of an impure life, and while I cry to God for mercy upon them, each upon you to mark the end in the defense of your homes, your church and your nation.

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controllable grudge against religion in his history of one of the most fascinating periods of the world's existence, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"—a book in which, with all the splendors of his genius, he magnified the errors of Christian disciples, while, with a sharpness of notice that never can be forgiven he treated of the Christian heroes of whom the world was not worthy?

A Crown on Earth. Oh, men of stout physical health, men of great mental stature, men of high social position, men of great power of any sort, I want you to understand your power, and I want you to know that that power devoted to God will be a crown on earth, to you typical of a crown in heaven, but misguided, be-dragged in sin, administrative of evil, God will thunder against you with his condemnation in the day when millionaire and pauper, master and slave, king and subject, shall stand side by side in the judgment, and money bags and judicial ermine and royal robe shall be riven with the lightnings.

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had only little physical energy and yet consumed that energy in a conflagration of religious enthusiasm, how will we feel abashed! The Weak That Are Strong. Oh, men of the strong arm and the stout heart, what use are you making of your physical forces? Will you be able to stand the test of that day when we must answer for the use of every talent, whether it were a physical energy or a mental acumen or a spiritual power?

The day approaches, and I see one who in this world was an invalid, and as she stands before the throne of God to answer she says: "I was sick all my days. I had but very little strength, but I did as well as I could in being kind to those who were more sick and more suffering." And Christ will say, "Well done, faithful servant."

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