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THE MOTHERS OF MEN

DR. TALMAGE SHOWS HOW WOMEN SHAPE DESTINY.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The augmentation of parental influence as the centuries go by, Dr. Talmage here sets forth, while discussing about one of the grandmothers of Bible times. The text is II Timothy 1, 5, "The unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois."

It is not time that you and I do two things—living open a picture gallery of the wrinkled faces and stooped shoulders of the past and call down from their heavenly thrones the godly grandmothers, to give them our thanks, and then to persuade the mothers of today that they are living for all time and that against the sides of every cradle in which a child is rocked beat the two eternities.

Here we have an untired, undisciplined and unexplored subject. You often hear about your influence upon your own children. I am not talking about that. What about your influence upon the twentieth century, upon the thirtieth century, upon the fortieth century, upon the year 2000, upon the year 4000, if the world lasts so long?

But Timothy, not strong physically, is encouraged spiritually by the recital of grandmotherly excellence, Paul hinting to him, as I hint this day to you, that God sometimes gathers up as in a reservoir, away back of the active generations of today, a godly influence, and then in response to prayer lets down the power upon children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The good women whose tombstones were planted in the eighteenth century are more alive for good than the young teeth of those who were before, as the good women of this nineteenth century will be more alive for good in the twentieth century than now.

The celebrated Frenchman, Volney, visited this country in 1796, and he says of woman's diet in those times, "If a premium was offered for a regimen most destructive to health, none could be devised more efficacious for these ends than that in use among these people." That eclipses our lobster salad at midnight.

But still, notwithstanding that those times were so much worse than ours, there was a glorious race of godly women in 70 and 100 years ago who held the world back from sin and lifted it toward virtue, and without their exalted and sanctified influence before this the last good influence would have perished from the earth.

What a magnificent and beautiful subject! It is not the danger of the sea that distresses me; it is not the hardship he must undergo; it is not the dread of never seeing him more in this world; it is because I cannot discern the fulfillment of the promise in him.

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that process that granite column would be worn out of existence before mother's influence will begin to give way.

It is a mother told a child he is not good some bugaboo will come and catch him, the fear excited may make the child a coward, and the fact that he finds that there is no bugaboo may make him a liar, and the echo of that false alarm may be heard after 15 generations have been born and have expired.

God fill the earth and the heavens with such grandmothers. We must some day go up and thank these dear old souls. Surely God will let us go up and tell them of the results of their influence. Among our first questions in heaven will be, "Where is grandmother?"

Good or bad influence may skip one generation or two generations, but it will be sure to land in the third or fourth generation, just as the Ten Commandments, speaking of the visitation of God on families, says nothing about the second generation, but entirely skips the second and speaks of the third and fourth generation.

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