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Take such man's consure but reserve thy judgment,-Hamlet ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1898.

DR. TALMAGE TELLS HOW TO WRES-TLE WITH EVIL

We Must Be Trained For the Struggle - Silence and Discipline - One Fall Is Not the End-The Strength

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 .- In this discourse Dr. Talmage selects one of the

places."

Romans did not like this game very much, for it was not savage enough, no blows or kicks being allowed in the going to wrestle, you would not think game. They preferred the foot of hun- nine years of preparation were too gry panther on the breast of fallen much. An uneducated ministry was ex-

bow in apparent snavity, advance face to face, put down both feet solidly, take each other by the arms and push each other backward and forward until the work began in real earnest, and there were contortions and strangulations and violent strokes of the foot of one contestant against the foot of the other, tripping him up, or, with struggle that mouth wide and I fill it." Yes! He threatened apoplexy or death, the de- will fill it with wind. Preparation for feated fell, and the shouts of the spectators greeted the victor. I guess Paul had seen some such contest, and it reminded him of the struggle of the soul with temptation, and the struggle of gained the victory because they had so

amanuensis, for all his letters, save the one to Philemon, seem to have been dicties, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The Amenities of Life. I notice that as these wrestlers advanced to throw each other they bowed profuse gab remember that it is not

one to the other. It was a civility, not merely capacity to talk, but the fact and exhausted him worse than any not so much the bottle; it is the demon only in Grecian and Roman games, but that you have something to say that is Olympian game ever treated a Grecian, in later day, in all the wrestling bouts going to fit you for the struggle into and he was thrown. Thrown out of prosat Clerkenwell, England, and in the fa- which you are to go with a smile on perity into gloom. Thrown out of good lette table. It is not so much the act of mous wrestling match during the reign your face and illumination on your association into bad. Thrown out of stock gambling as it is the demon of of Henry III in St. Giles' Field between brow, but out of which you will not health into invalidism. Thrown out of stock gambling. It is the great host of men of Westminster and people of Lon- come until all your physical and mendon. However rough a twist and hard a tal and moral and religious energies pull each wrestler contemplated giving have been taxed to the utmost and you his opponent, they approached each oth- have not a nerve left, or a thought uner with politeness and suavity. The expended, or a prayer unsaid, or a symgenuflexions, the affability, the courtesy pathy unwept. In this struggle between | Arriving at his house, he calls his wife of evil are backed up by Plutonic agenin no wish hindered the decisiveness of right and wrong accept no challenge on in and shuts the door and says: "Mary, the contest. Well, Paul, I see what you platform or in newspaper unless you are I may going to do differently. This is steed, with panting nostril and flauntmean. In this awful struggle between prepared. Do not misapply the story of not what I promised you when we were ing mane and clattering hoof, rushing right and wrong we must not forget to Goliath the great, and David the lit- married. You have been very patient upon us, perhaps we might clutch him be gentlemen and ladies. Affability nev- tle. David had been practicing with a with me and have borne everything, aler hinders, but always helps. You are sling on dogs and wolves and bandits, though I would have had no right to haunches, but it is the black horse cavpowerless as soon as you get mad. Do and 1,000 times had he swirled a stone complain if you had left me and gone not call rumsellers murderers. Do not around his head before he aimed at the home to your father's house. It seems to their riders swing swords which, though call infidels fools. Do not call higher forehead of the giant and tumbled him me that once or twice, when I was not invisible, cleave individuals and homes critics reprobates. Do not call all card | backward, otherwise the big foot of Go- | myself, I struck you, and several times, players and theater goers children of the liath would almost have covered up the I know, I called you hard names. Now when he suggested that we wrestle, not devil. Do not say that the dance breaks crushed form of the son of Jesse. through into hell. Do not deal in vitu- Notice also that the success of peration and billingsgate and contempt | wrestler depended on his having his me." "Help you?" she says. "Bless and adjectives dynamitic. The other feet well planted before he grappled your soul! Of course I will help you! I have now, and further on will have in

We are in the strength of God to ali throw flat on its back every abomina- weighered to a t, he is not ready. A tion that curses the earth, but let us slight of House antagonist will capsize and kind business people help the man approach our mighty antagonist with him. A success of the heel of the other to something to do, so that he can again suavity. Hercules, son of Jupiter and wrestler will trip him. And in this earn a living. The children soon have Alemena, will by a precursor of smiles struggle for God and righteousness, as clothing so that they can go to school. be helped rather than damaged for the well as for our own souls, we want our The old songs which the wife sang lust, or in mperance, or gambling, or performance of his "12 labors." Let us feet firmly planted in the gospel-both | years ago come back to her memory, be as wisely strategio in religious cir- feet on the Rock of Ages. It will not and she sings them over again at the cles as attorneys in courtrooms, who are do to believe the Bible in spots, or think | cradle or while preparing the moonday of the will be the evil the complimentary to each other in the some of it true and some of it untrue. opening remarks, before they come into You just make up your mind that the home earlier than he used to, and he is legal struggle such as that which left story of the garden of Eden is an al- glad to spend the evening playing games Rufus Choate or David Paul Brown legory, and the epistle of James an in- with the children or helping them with triumphant or defeated. People who get | terpolation, and that the miracles of | arithmetic or grammar lessons which into a rage in reformatory work accom- Christ can be accounted for on natural are a little too hard. Time passes on, plish nothing but the depletion of their grounds, without any belief in the su- and some outsider suggests to him that own nervous system. There is such a pernatural, and the first time you are he is not getting as much out of life as thing as having a gun so hot at the interlocked in a wrestle with sin and he ought and proposes an occasional touchhole that it explodes, killing the satan you will go under and your feet visit to scenes of worldliness and dissione that sets it off. There are some re- will be higher than your head. It will pation. He consents to go once, and formatory meetings to which I always not do to have one foot on a rock and after much solicitation twice. Then his decline to go and take part, because the other on the sand. The old book old habit comes back. He says he has Machin and Mill Supp'ie at lowests they are apt to become demonstrations would long ago have gone to pieces if been belated and could not get back unof bad temper. I never like to hear a it had been vulnerable. But of the mil- til midnight. He had to see some westman swear, even though he swear on lions of Bibles that have been printed ern merchant that had arrived and talk Special Sales Agent for Merchan the right side. The very Paul who in within the last 25 years not one chap of business with him before he got out my text employed in illustration the ter has been omitted, and the omission of town. Kindness and geniality again wrestling match, behaved on a memora- of one chapter would have been the quit the disposition of that husband and ble occasion as we ought to behave. The cause of the rejection of the whole edi- father. The wife's heart breaks in a translators of the Bible made an unin- tion.

THE POWER TO FIGHT there were some things they did not up fories of assault on the book would it once gone wrong." So with this unforderstand about God, he proposed to say not be a matter of economy, to say the tunste, things get worse and worse, and deine that can throw me. I have ruined some things concerning him, beginning least economy of brain and economy of his family have to give up the house, whole generations, and I swear by all where they had left off. The ame Paul stationery and economy of printer's ink and the last valuable goes to the pawn- the thrones of diabolism that I will who said in one place, "Be courteous," -if the batteries now assailing the book and who had noticed the bow preceding would change their aim and be trained the wrestling match, here exercises against some other books, and the world suavities before he proceeds practically shown that Walter Scott did not write door, and the congregation are singing ye thrones. I challenge you. I plant to throw down the rocky side of the Acropolis the whole Pathenon of idelatries, Minerva and Jupiter smashed up with the rest of them. In this holy war Rookh," or that Washington's farepolished rifles will co more execution well address was written by Thomas than blunderbusses. Let our wrestlers Paine, and that the war of the Ameribow as they go into the struggle which can Revolution never occurred. That atwill leave all perdition under and all tempt would be quite as successful as

this long timed attack anti-Biblical, and

then it would be new. Oh, keep out of

this wrestling bout with the ighorance

and the wretchedness of the world unless you feel that both feet are planted in the eternal veracities of the book of Almighty God! The Fallen May Rise. wrestling, to which Paul refers in my ed the contest. A wrestler might be take me out of this lost condition. Oh, death, and I will give thee a crown."

sye, by voice or printed page, have been story, and he is encouraged and invited on its face, and then rolling off and prised that in my text he calls upon a for days and weeks and months so that thrown in their wrestle with evil habit. to come again, and the way is cleared down, with a crash wilder than that Plutarch says that wrestling is the most giant. And, my friends, if we do not but that does not mean, oh, worsted church, and he feels the omnipotence of of Dagon when he got hold of its two artistic and cunning of athletic games. | want ourselves to be thrown in this soul, that you are thrown forever! I what Peter, the apostle, said when he chief pillars, but more like the throwwrestle with the sin and error of the have no authority for saying how many spoke of those "kept by the power of ing of satan out of heaven, as described tween pugilism, the lowest of spectacles, world, we had better get ready by times a man may sin and be forgiven or God through faith unto complete salva- by John Milton: and wrestling, which is an effort in Christian discipline, by holy self de- how many times he may fall and yet tion." Yet he is to have one more ground, and we, all of us, indulged in ting to divine supervisal and direction. saying that he may fall 490 times and land he goes into it, not in his own To bottomless perdition, there to dwell it in our boyhood days if we were Do not begrudge the time and the money 490 times get up. The Bible declares strength, for that has failed him twice, In adamantine chains and penal fire that God will forgive 70 times 7, and if but in the strength of the Lord God tion you will find that 70 times 7 is 490. and he seizes it, and the wrestlers bend Blessed be God for such a gospel of high | backward and forward and from side to hope and thrilling encouragement and side, in awful struggle, until the momagnificent rescue! A gospel of lost ment comes for his liberation and, with sheep brought home on Shepherd's both arms infused with strength from shoulder, and the prodigals who got in- God, he lifts that habit, swings it in swines' troughs brought home to jewel- which it came and from which it never

> nounced in greeting or not every morning was a "Good morning" and every ous. After awhile, his money gone and spiritual wickedness in high places." not able to bear his part of the expense, he is gradually shoved out and ignored and pushed away. Now, what a dilapidated home is his! A dissipated life always shows itself in faded window curtains, and impoverished wardrobe, and dejected surroundings, and in brounhinged gate, and the dislocated door- the pantheism, and the Brahmanism, shone the brightest and laughed the wickednesses of our day. But these are gladdest. If any man was ever down, only a part of the hostilities arrayed that husband and father is down. The fact is, he got into a wrestle with evil humanity. The invisible hosts are far that pushed and pulled and contorted more numerous than the visible. It is happiness into misery; but one day, while slinking through one of the back | Lucifer or Beelzebub or Asmodeus or streets, not wishing to be recognized, a Ahrimanes or Abaddon, just as you good thought crosses his mind, for he please to call the leader infernalistic. has heard of men flung flat rising again. | Can you doubt that the human agencies I want you to forgive me. I am going a to do better, and I want you to help

Sympathizing friends come around meal. Domestic resurrection! He comes new place. That man goes into a second whom ye ignorantly worship." Instead the whale of unbelief, which digests, who have no faith in the reformation fist at the Almighty, saying: "Nothing of charging them with ignorance, the but never ejects its victims. The inspi- of a fallen man. "I told you so! You can put me down. I have seen all the

-if the batteries now assailing the book broker's shop. But that infortunate ruin this generation Come on, all ye man is sauntering along the street one churches and all ye reformatory insti-Sunday night, and he goes up to a church tutions and all ye legislatures and all the second hymn, the one just before my feet on this red hot rock of the sermon, and it is William Cowper's world's woe. I stretch forth my arms glorious hymn:

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains. Wavering at the Door.

He goes into the vestibale of the

ry and banqueting and hilarity that again will rise. Victory, victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ! Hear it, all ye Three sketches of the same man: A | wrestlers! It threw him twice, but the happy home, of which he and a lassie third time he threw it, and, by the taken from a neighbor's house are the grace of God, threw it so hard he is as united head. Years of happiness roll on | safe now as if he had been ten years in after years of happiness. Stars pointing heaven. Oh, I am so glad that Paul in down to nativities. And whether an- my text suggests the wrestler and the

power of the third throw! But notice that my text suggests that night a "Good night." Christmas trees | the wrestlers on the other side in the and May queens, and birthday festivi- great struggle for the world's redempties and Thanksgiving gatherings tion have all the forces of demonology around leaded tables. But that husband to help them, "We wrestle not against and father forms an unfortunate ac- flesh and blood, but against principaliquaintance who leads him in circles too | ties, against powers, against the rulers convivial, too late houred, too scandal- of the darkness of this world, against

All military men will tell you that there is nothing more unwise than to underestimate an army. In estimating what we have to contend with, the most of the reformers do not recognize the biggest opposers. They talk about the agnosticism, and the atheism, and ken palings of the garden fence, and the the materialism, and the nihilism, and bell, and the disappearance of wife and | and the Mohammedanism as well as the children from scenes among which they | more agile and organized and endowed against God and the best interests of of the bottle. It is not so much the roulette table; it is the demon of the rouspiritual antagonists led on by Aziel or cies? If it were only a common war by the bit and hurl him back upon his alry of perdition who dash down and and nations. I tell you, Paul was right with pygmies, but with giants that will down us, unless the Lord Almighty is our coadjutor. Blessed be God that we The Overthrow of Evil.

> The time is coming-I know it will quicken your pulses when I mention it -when the last mighty evil of the world will be grappled by righteousness and thrown. Which of the great evils will survive all the others I know not, whether ... or revenge, or fraud, or Sabbath c eration. It will not be "the survival o the fittest," but the survival most thor aghly intrenched, most completely re nforced, most patronized by wealth and fashion and pomp, most applauded by all the principalities and powers and rulers of darkness. It will stand with grim visage looking down upon the graves of all the other slain abominations-graves dug by the hot shovels of despair and surmounted by such epitaphiology as this, "It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," "The wages of sin is death," "Her house inclineth unto death and her paths unto the dead," "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof is death." Yes, I imagine we have arrived at the time when we may say, Yonder stands the last and only great evil of all the world to be wrestled down. It stands not only looking upon the graves of all the entombed and epitaphed iniquities of the world, but ever and anon gazing upward in defiance of the heavens and shaking its

for the mightiest wrestle any world has ever seen. Come on. Come on."

Then righteousness will accept the challenge, and the two mighty wrestlers will grapple, while all the galleries of earth and heaven look down from one church and stops there, not feeling well | side and all 'the fiery chasms of perdienough dressed to go among the wor- tion look up from the other side. The shipers, and he hears the minister say, two wrestlers sway to and fro and turn "You will find the words of my text in | this way and that, and now the mon-Luke, the nineteenth chapter and tenth ster, evil, seems the mightier of the verse, 'The Son of Man is come to seek two, and now righteousness seems about and save that which was lost.' " The to triumph. The prize is worth a struglistener in the vestibule says: "If any gle, for it is not a chaplet of laurel or Notice also that in this science of man was ever lost, I am lost, and the palm, but the rescue of a world, and a Son of Man came to save that which is wreath put on the brow by him who text, it was the third throw that decid- lost, and he has found me and he will promised, "Be thou faithful unto thrown once and thrown twice, but the Christ, have mercy on me!'s The poor Three worlds-earth, heaven and hell third time he might recover himself, man has courage now to enter the main | -hold their breath while waiting for and by an unexpected twist of arm or audience room, and he sits down on the the result of this struggle, when with curve of foot gain the day. Well, that first seat by the door, and when at the one mighty swing of an arm muscled is broad, smiling, unmistakable gospel. | close of the service the minister comes | with omnipotence righteousness hurls Some whom I address through ear or down the aisle the poor man tells his the last evil, first on its knees and then Aye, you have been thrown twice, for him for membership in a Christian with which Samson hurled the temple

Nine times the space that measures day and

To mortal man he, with his horrid crew Lay vanquished, rolling in the flery gulf. Confounded, though immortal

The Strength of Right. Aye, that suggests a cheering thought -that if all the realms of demonology are on the other side, all the realms of angelology are on our side, among then Gabriel, and Michael the erchange, and the angel of the new covenant, and they are now talking over the present awful struggle and final glorious triumph, talking amid the alabaster pillars and in the ivory palaces, and along the broad ways and grand avenues of the great capital of the universe, and amid the spray of fountains with rainbows like the "rainbow round the throne," and as they take their morning ride in the chariots with white horses bitted with gold that were seen by John in vision apocalyptic, and while waiting in temples for the one hundred and forty and four thousand to chant, accompanied by harpers and trumpeters, and thunderings and halleluiahs like the voice of many waters. Yes, all heaven is on our side, and the "high places of wickedness" spoken of in my text are not so high as the high places of heaven, where there are enough reserve forces if our earthly forces should be overpowered, or in cowardice fall back, to sweep down some morning at daybreak and take all this earth for God before the city clocks could strike 12 for noon. And the cabinet of heaven, the most august cabinet in the universe, made up of three-God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost-are now in session in the King's palace, and they are with us, and they are going to see us through, and they invite us, as soon as we have done

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boldest figures of the Bible to present most practical and encouraging truths; text Ephesians vi, 12, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high course of preparation for their work.

Squeamishness and fastidiousness were never charged against Paul's rhetoric. In the war against evil he took the first weapon he could lay his hand theater, the arena, the foot race, and gle in sport with each other to develop there was nothing in the Isthmian game. | strength and give quickness to dodge of with its wreath of pine leaves, or Pythian game, with its wreath of laurel each other off the ground; suddenly and palm, or Nemean game, with its rushing forward; suddenly pulling wreath of parsley, or any Roman circus, backward; putting the left foot behind but he felt he had a right to put it in the other's right foot and getting his sermon or epistle, and are you not sur- opponent off his balance; hard training wrestling bout for suggestiveness? when they met it was giant clutching We must make a wide difference besport to put down another on floor or nial, by constant practice, by submit- rise again, but I have authority for wrestle before he is free from evil habits | Headlong flaming from the ethered sky. throw decided the victory, and many a in college and three years in theological or second throw in the third throw was big slice to take off of a man's active on top and his opponent under. The life, but if you realized the height and

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FORGINGS and CASTINGS. tentional mistake when they represent- Alas for those who, while trying to wrestle with evil habit and is flung,

best develop their muscle. As Paul says "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." The wrestlers were put under complete For illustration, he employed the discipline-bathing, gymnastics, strughead and trip of foot; stooping to lift

Strength From Discipline.

went through severe and continuous

They were put upon such diet as would

Remember also that these wrestlers

heaven on top.

healthful and plucky. The ancient for that young man who is in preparawrestlers were first bathed in oil and tion for the ministry, spending two you will employ the rule of multiplica- Almighty. The old habit seizes him, then sprinkled with sand. The third years in grammar school and four years man who went down in the first throw seminary. I know that nine years are a strength of the archangels of evil in our time with which that young man is to the low work of putting husks into air and hurls it into the perdition from made the rafters ring! cusable in other days, but not in this time, loaded with schools and colleges. A man who wrote me the other day a letter asking advice, as he felt called to preach the gospel, began the word "God" with a small "g." That kind

of a man is not called to preach the gospel. Illiterate men, preaching the gospel, quote for their own encouragement the Scriptural passage, "Open thy this wrestling is absolutely necessary. Many years ago Dr. Newman and Dr. Sunderland, on the platform of Brigham Young's tabernacle at Salt Lake City long been skillful wrestlers for God. Otherwise Brigham Young, who was

himself a giant in some things, would have thrown them out of the window. The Silent Worker. Your going around with a Bagster's Bible with flaps at the edges under your arm does not qualify you for the

work of an evangelist. In this day of

way the wrestler stands. Standing on treated me roughly. All that is in the wtain piece of ground or bearing past. Never refer to it again. Today on right foot or all his let us begin anew."

ed Paul as insulting the people of Ath- prove that Jonah was never swallowed and all hell cackles at the moral defeat. ens by speaking of "the unknown god of a whale, themselves get swallowed of "I told you so," say many good people original indicates he complimented ration of the Bible is not more certain made a great fuss about his restored other enemies of the human race wresthem by suggesting that they were very than the preservation of the Bible in its home, but I knew it would not last. Ited down and destroyed, but there is religious, but as they confessed that present condition. After so many cen-

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