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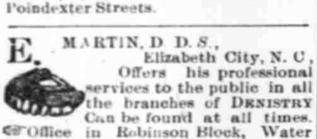
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Wenpon, So Should We Hold the Edged Sword of Truth.

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WASHINGTON, April 9 .- In the first notice concerning Dr. Talmage that Pastor Charles H. Spurgeon of London wrote the great English minister said he was glad to find a preacher that believed something. This discourse of Dr. Talmage is in that vein and urges close adherence to the old gospel; text, Il Samuel xxiii, 10, "And his hand clave unto the sword.

What a glorious thing to preach the gospel! Some suppose that because I have resigned a fixed pastorate I will cease to preach. No, no. I expect to preach more than I ever have If the Lord will, four times as much. though in manifold places. I would not dare to halt with such opportunity to declare the truth through the ear to audiences and to the eye through the printing press. And here we have a stirring theme put before us by the prophet.

A great general of King David was Eleazar, the hero of the text. The Philistines opened battle against him, and his troops retreated. The cowards fied. Eleazar and three of his comrades went into the battle and swept the field, for God against them. "Fall back!" shouted the commander of the Philistine army. The cry ran along the host. "Fall back!" Eleazar, having swept the field, throws himself on the ground to rest, but the muscles and sinews of his hand had been so long bent around the hilt of his sword that the hilt was imbedded in the flesh, and the gold wire of the hilt had broken through the skin of the palm of the hand, and he could not drop this sword which he had so gallantly wielded. "His hand clave unto the sword." That is what I call

magnificent fighting for the Lord God of Israel. And we want more of it.

Held In Firm Grasp. sword took hold of Eleazar. I look at | so abused, and they are so tempted, Eleazar's hand, and I come to the con- when Eleazar did not think whether he very tight grip. The cowards who fled wanted was victory. had no trouble in dropping their swords. the book until the tips of the fingers God created the heavens and the earth.' I like an infidel a great deal better than I do one of these namby pamby Chrislet the rest go. By miracle God preserved this Bible just as it is, and it is a Damascus blade. The severest test to which a sword can be put in a sword 10x10 engine and thirty-two horse power boiler. Cost four thousand dollars. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. to its own shape. Think of it! A book tight grip of Bishop Colenso will come Strauss will come along and try to Machine and Mill Supp ies at lowest | wrench out of your hand the miracles, and Renan will come along and try to Workgen sent out on application for wrench out of your hand the entire life of the Lord Jesus Christ, and your associates in the office or the factory or the banking house will try to wrench out of your hand the entire Bible, but in the strength of the Lord God of Israel and with Eleazar's grip hold on to it A Watter of Choice You give up the Bible, you give up any

part of it, and you give up pardon and peace and life and heaven Friend of All Good. Do not be ashamed, young man, to friend of the Bible. This book is the now in various ways. In 1849, in Madfriend of all that is good, and it is the sworn enemy of all that is bad. An eloquent writer recently gives an incident of a very bad man who stood in a cell of a western prison. This criminal had gone through all styles of crime, and he was there waiting for the gallows The convict standing there at the window of the cell, this writer says, "looked out and declared. 'I am an infidel and children who happened to be gath | sang Whether you have your teeth extract- ered there, 'I am an infidel.'" And the ed the old way, with pain, or use Gas, eloquent writer says, "Every man and Vitalized Air, Cocaine, and all their woman there believed him." And the attendant dangers, or with perfect writer goes on to say. "If he had stood safety, without pain or sleep at N. Y. there saving 'I am a Christian,' every there saying. 'I am a Christian,' every man and weman would have said. 'He

Main and Talbot streets, Norfolk, Va. man and is a liar! office hours: 8 to 6; Sundays 10 to 1 This Bible is the sworn enemy of all that is wrong, and it is the friend of feet on soft plush, the bed made up all that is good. Oh, hold on it! Do early, so we can sleep all the way, the not take part of it and throw the rest | black porter of death to wake us up | had a right to retire from the conflict. | the phone, and as it stands at the door away Hold on to all of it There are only in time to enter the golden city. It was old Joshua. Soldiers come back attach to its storage battery wires leadso many people now who do not know We want all the surgeons to fix our" from battle have the names of the bat- ing to the sickroom, and the skiagraph You ask them if the soul is immortal, hand up. Let them bring on all the | tles on their flags, showing where they | is taken without further trouble.-

and perhaps it isn't. Perhaps it may "His hand clave unto the sword." be, figuratively, and perhaps it may be partly, and perhaps it may not be at all." They despise what they call the As the Soldier of Old Gripped His apostolic creed, but if their own creed were written out it would read like Bible - Grasp Tightly the Two this: "I believe in nothing, the maker of heaven and earth, and in nothing which it hath sent, which nothing was born of nothing and which nothing was dead and buried and descended into nothing and arose from nothing and ascended to nothing and now sitteth at the right hand of nothing, from which it will come to judge nothing. I believe in the holy agnostic church and in the communion of nothingarians and in the forgiveness of nothing and the resurrection of nothing and in the life that never shall be. Amen!" That is are 10,000 battalions of iniquity, armed the horse reared under him in the subthe creed of tens of thousands of people | Philistine iniquity. How are they to be | urbs of Damascus, as the supernatural | At present I can pull or lift as much in this day If you have a mind to adopt such a theory, I will not. "I believe in God the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ and in the holy catholic

church and in the communion of saints

and in the life everlasting. Amen!"

Oh, when I see Eleazar taking such a

stout grip of the sword in the battle

against sin and for righteousness, I

come to the conclusion that we ought

to take a stouter grip of God's eternal truth—the sword of righteousness. Forget Self. notice his spirit of self forgetfulness. sacre of the infants here. Strike for God ing hand clave unto the sword. so anxious for the victory he forgot himself, and that hilt might go never so deeply into the palm of his hand, it could not disturb him. "His hand clave unto the sword." Oh, my brothers and sisters, let us go into the Christian conflict with the spirit of self abnegation. Who cares whether the world praises us or denounces us? What do we care for misrepresentation or abuse or persecution in a conflict like this? Let us forget ourselves. That man who is afraid of getting his hand hurt will never kill a Philistine. Who cares whether you get hurt or not if you get the victory? Oh, how many Christians there are who are all the time worry-I propose to show you how Eleazar ing about the way the world treats took hold of the sword and how the them! They are so tired, and they are

clusion that he took the sword with a had a hand or an arm or a foot. All he We see how men forget themselves in As they fly over the rocks I hear their | worldly achievement. We have often swords clanging in every direction. It seen men who, in order to achieve is easy enough for them to drop their worldly success, will forget all physical swords, but Eleazar's hand clave unto fatigue and all annoyance and all obthe sword. In this Christian conflict we stacle. Just after the battle of Yorkwant a tighter grip of the gospel weap- town in the American Revolution a ons, a tighter grasp of the two edged musician, wounded, was told he must sword of the truth. It makes me sick to have his limbs amputated, and they see these Christian people who hold only | were about to fasten him to the sura part of the truth and let the rest of geon's table, for it was long before the the sword.' the truth go, so that the Philistines, merciful discovery of anæsthetics. He seeing the loosened grasp, wrench the said: "No; don't fasten me to that tawhole sword away from them. The only | ble. Get me a violin." A violin was safe thing for us to do is to put our brought to him, and he said, "Now, go thumb on the book of Genesis and to work as I begin to play," and for 40 sweep our hand around the book until minutes, during the awful pangs of the New Testament comes into the palm amputation, he moved not a muscle and keep on sweeping our hand around nor dropped a note, while he played some sweet tune. Oh, is it not strange clutch at the words "In the beginning that with the music of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and with this grand march of the church militant on the way to become the church triumphant, tians who hold a part of the truth and | we cannot forget ourselves and forget all pang and all sorrow and all perse-

cution and all perturbation? Weak Christians. We know what men accomplish unfactory is to wind the blade around a der worldly opposition. Men do not gun barrel like a ribbon, and then when shrink back for antagonism or for hardthe sword is let loose it flies back to its ship. You have admired Prescott's own shape. So the sword of God's truth | "Conquest of Mexico," as brilliant and has been fully tested, and it is bent this beautiful a history as was ever writway and that way and wound this way | ten, but some of you may not know unand that way, but it always comes back | der what disadvantages it was written -that "Conquest of Mexico"-for written near 19 centuries ago, and some | Prescott was totally blind, and he had of it thousands of years ago, and yet in two pieces of wood parallel to each other our time the average sale of this book fastened, and, totally blind, with his is more than 20,000 copies every week pen between those pieces of wood, he and more than 1,000,000 copies a year! wrote the stroke against one piece of say now that a book which is divinely | wood telling how far the pen must go inspired and divinely kept and divinely in one way, the stroke against the other scattered is a weapon worth holding a piece of wood telling how far the pen must go the other way. Oh, how much | took off more of the heads of Philistine | along and try to wrench out of your men will endure for worldly knowledge iniquity than you could count from the Piedmontese soldiery pitched them hand the five books of Moses, and and for worldly success, and yet how lit- noon to sundown. You put that old over the rocks. And there will be those we endure for Jesus Christ! How many Christians there are that go around saying, "Oh, my hand; oh, my hand, my hurt hand! Don't you see there is blood on the sword?" while Eleazar, with the hilt imbedded in the flesh of his right hand, does not know it Must I be carried to the skies

> While others fought to win the prize Or sailed through bloody seas? What have we suffered in comparison with those who expired with suffocation or were burned or were chopped to agascar, 18 men were put to death for Christ's sake. They were to be hurled over the rocks, and before they were hurled over the rocks, in order to make their death the more dreadful in anticipation, they were put in baskets and swung to and fro over the precipice that they might see how many hundred feet they would have to be dashed

On flowery beds of ease,

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly, While the billows near me roll,

While the tempest still is high. dured for Christ, and how little we enheaven in a Pullman sleeping car, our | to his sword. and they say. "I guess it is; I don't lint and all the bandages and all the distinguished themselves, and it is a Medical Record.

snow. Perhaps it is; perhaps it isn't." salve, for our hand is hurt, while Elea-Is the Bitle true? "Well, perhaps it is, | zar does not know his hand is hurt. Strike Hard For Right.

> As I look at Eleazar's hand I come to sword clave to his hand, for every time the sword, the sword took hold of him.

"halleluiah" a little softer. It seems as clave unto the sword." if in our churches we wanted a baptism of cologne and balm of a thousand flowers when we actually need a baptism of fire from the Lord God of Pentecost.

Strong to the End. But I see in the next place what a hard thing it was for Eleazar to get his hand and his sword parted. The musgrasped around the sword he could not drop it when he proposed to drop it, and his three comrades, I suppose, came up and tried to help him, and they bathed the back part of the hand, hoping the sinews and muscles would resword." Then they tried to pull open the fingers and to pull back the thumb, awhile they were successful, and then they noticed that the curve in the palm of the hand corresponded exactly with

unto the sword." You and I have seen it many a time. many aged ministers of the gospel. had small salaries and but few books, and they swam spring freshets to meet their appointments, but they did in their day a mighty work for God. They minister of the gospel now into a prayer meeting or occasional pulpit or a sickroom where there is some one to be comforted, and it is the same old ring to his voice and the same old story of pardon and peace and Christ and heaven. His Christian conflict he cannot drop it "His hand clave unto the sword."

I had in my parish in Philadelphia a early presidents, Madison and Monroe. pieces for the truth's sake? We talk of | He had wielded vast influence, but I the persecution of olden times. There only knew him as a very aged man. have the world know that you are a is just as much persecution going on The most remarable thing about him streets of heaven that on earth we arm around a pillar of the church, and miration and were moved when he spoke. I was called to see him die. I entered the room, and he said, "Mr. down, and while they were swinging | Talmage, I cannot speak to you now. He said that to all the men and women in these baskets over the rocks they He was in a very pleasant delirium, as he imagined he had an audience before him. He said, "I must tell these people to come to Christ and prepare for heav en." And then in this pleasant deliri-Then they were dashed down to um, both arms lifted, this octogenarian death. Oh, how much others have en- preached Christ and told of the glories of the world to come. There, lying on dure for Christ! We want to ride to his dying pillow. his dying hand clave tient's house it is no longer necessary

No Retiring From the Conflict.

very appropriate inscription. Look at that flag of old General Joshua. On it Jericho, Gibeon, Hazar, city of Ai, and, instead of the stars sprinkled on the flag, the sun and the moon which stood the conclusion that he has done a great still. There he is, 110 years old. He is deal of hard hitting. I am not surprised lying flat on his back, but he is preachwhen I see that these four men-Eleazar ing. His dying words are a battle and his three companions drove back charge against idolatry and a rallying of the ulna which projects behind the the army of Philistines-that Eleazar's cry for the Lord of Hosts as he says, "Behold, this day I go the way of all he struck an enemy with one end of the the earth, and God hath not failed to sword the other end of the sword fulfill his promise concerning Israel." wounded him. When he took hold of His dying fand clave unto the sword.

There is the headless body of Paul on Oh, we have found an enemy who the road to Ostea. His great brain and Henry Fish of Fargo told me. It was cannot be conquered by rosewater and his great heart have been severed. The soft speeches. It must be sharp stroke elmwood rods had stung him fearfully. and straight thrust. There is intemper- When the cornship broke up, he swam | tion. ance, and there is fraud, and there is ashore, coming up drenched with the gambling, and there is lust, and there brine. Every day since that day when captured and overthrown? Soft sermons light fell, down to this day, when he is in morocco cases laid down in front of the years of age and ill from the prison but I cannot strike or push with it and an exquisite audience will not do it cell of the Mamartine, he has been out- cannot exert downward pressure with You have got to call things by their rageously treated, and be is waiting to it at all, unless I hold my arm rigid right name. You have got to expel die. How does he spend his last hours? and put the weight of my body upon it. from our churches Christians who eat | Telling the world how tadly he feels | I can scarcely hold a sheet of paper the sacrament on Sunday and devour and describing the rheumatism that he upon my desk, and for fully 12 months widows' houses all the week. We have got in prison, the rheumatism afflicting I could not use my left arm at all. Pergot to stop our indignation against the his limbs or the neuralgia piercing his haps it was because I did not have Hittites and the Jebusites and the Gir- temples or the thirst that fevers his surgical attention soon enough. Recentgashites and let those poor wretches go | tongue? Oh, no! His last words are the | ly I had a radiograph made, and the and apply our indignation to the mod- battle shout for Christendom, "I am fragment of bone was clearly shown lyern transgressions which need to be now ready to be offered, and the time ing loosely in the joint. After the fracdragged out and slain. Ahabs here, of my departure is at hand; I have ture two splinters protruded from the As I look at Eleazar's hand I also Herods here, Jezebels here, the mas- fought the good fight." And so his dy- skin and were removed."

He did not notice that the hilt of the so hard that while you slay the sin the It was in the front room on the secfour men with God on their side are sword was eating through the palm of sword will adhere to your own hand. I ond floor that my father lay a-dying stronger than a whole regiment with his hand. He did not know it hurt him. tell you, my friends, we want a few It was Saturday morning, 4 o'clock. men always have an air of recent be-As he went out into the conflict he was | John Knoxes and John Wesleys in the | Just three years before that day my | reavement which misleads the ordinary Christian church today. The whole mother had left him for the skies, and mind. At a railway station in this state tendency is to refine on Christian work. he had been homesick to join her com- not long ago a tall woman robed in We keep on refining on it until we pany. He was 83 years of age. Minis- deep black, accompanied by a young send apologetic word to iniquity we are | ters of the gospel came in to comfort | woman in colored garb, sat waiting for about to capture it. And we must go him, but he comforted them. How a train. The station matron hovered in with sword silver chased and presented | wonderfully the words sounded out | the vicinity, evidently with something by the ladies, and we must ride on from his dying pillow, "I have been on her mind, and finally beckened to the white palfrey under embroidered hous- young and now am old, yet have I young woman, who went to see what ing, putting the spurs in only just never seen the righteous forsaken or was wanted. enough to make the charger dance his seed begging bread." They bathed gracefully, and then we must send a his brow and they bathed his hands and missive, delicate as a wedding card, to they bathed his feet and they succeeded grace of God and on glorious mission hand so it would stay open. They with her? What do you mean?" sent, detained from Sabbath classes be- bathed the hand open, but it came shut. cause their new hat is not done. They bathed it open again, but it came great revivals sending around to ask thumb and the fingers of that old hand? | train. I just wanted to know if your some demonstrative worshiper if he Ah, it had so long touched the sword lady had a corpse with her. will not please to say "amen" and of Christian conflict that "his hand

The Grip of Truth. I intend this sermon as a tonic. I shock people that way. Don't you ever want you to hold the truth with in- treat me that way again." eradicable grip, and I want you to But we are so afraid somebody will strike so hard for God that it will react pointed, and the young woman went criticise our sermons or criticise our and while you take the sword the sword back and sat down without even feelprayers or criticise our religious work | will take you. You notice that the offi- | ing at liberty to tell the lady in black that our anxiety for the world's re- cers of the northern army every year | what had happened. - Indianapolis demption is lost in the fear we will get assemble, and you notice that the offi-Journal. our hand hurt, while Eleazar went into | cers of the southern army every year the conflict, "and his hand clave unto assemble. Soldiers coming together are very apt to recount their experiences and to show their scars. Here is a soldier who pulls up his sleeve and says, "There; I was wounded in that arm," and shows the scar. And another solcles and the sinews had been so long dier pulls down his collar and says, "There; I was wounded on the neck." And another soldier says, "I have had no use of that limb since the gunshot fracture." Oh, my friends, when the battle of life is over and the resurrection has come and our bodies rise from lax. But no. "His hand clave unto the the dead, will we have on us any scars showing our bravery for God? Christ remarked: will be there all covered with scars. "No, sir," replied the colored citizen

but no sooner were they pulled back Scars on the brow, scars on the hand, than they closed again, "and his hand scars on the feet, scars all over the heart clave unto the sword." But after won in the battle of redemption. And all heaven will sob aloud with emotion as they look at those scars. Ignatius will be there, and he will point out the the curve of the hilt. "His hand clave place where the tooth and paw of the lion seized him in the Coliseum, and John Huss will be there, and he will There are in the United States today show where the coal first scorched the foot on that day when his spirit took They are too feeble now to preach. In | wing of flame from Constance. M'Milthe church records the word standing lan and Campbell and Freeman, Ameropposite their name is "emeritus," or ican missionaries in India, will be the words are "a minister without | there-the men who with their wives charge." They were a heroic race. They and children went down in the awful massacre at Cawnpur, and they will show where the daggers of the sepoys struck them. The Waldenses will be there, and they will show where their bones were broken on that day when there who took care of the sick and who looked after the poor, and they will have evidences of earthly exhaustion. And Christ, with his scarred hand waying over the scarred multitude, will say: "You suffered with me on earth. hand has so long clutched the sword in Now be glorified with me in heaven. And then the great organs of eternity will take to the chant, and St. John will play. "These are they who came very aged man who in his early life had out of great tribulation and had their been the companion and adviser of the robes was to d and made white in the

blood of the Lamb." But what will your chagrin and mine be if it shall be told that day on the was his ardor for Christ. When he shrank back from all toil and sacrifice could not stand up in the meetings and hardship? No scars to show the without propping, he would throw his heavenly soldiery. Not so much as one ridge on the palm of the hand to show though his mind was partially gone, his that just once in all this battle for God love for Christ was so great that all and the truth we grasped the sword so were in deep respect and profound ad- firmly and struck so hard that the sword and the hand stuck together and the hand clave to the sword. Oh, my Lord Jesus, rouse us to thy service.

Thy saints in all this glorious war. Shall conquer, though they die.
They see the triumph from afar And seize it with the eye.

When that illustrious day shall rise And all thy armies shine In robes of victory through the skies, The glory shall be thine.

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"A new development set in then, and the lower part of my forearm became flat, while the upper muscles developed. with that arm as I could at any time,

She Wanted to Know.

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"Corpse?" the young woman exask the old black giant of sin if he will in straightening out the feet, but they claimed, looking over her shoulder in not surrender. Women saved by the did not succeed in bathing open the ghastly fright. "Who's got a corpse "Don't be scared, lady," the matron exclaimed. "Most of 'em that travels Churches that shook our cities with shut. What was the matter with the in deep mournin has corpses on the

> "Goodness, no!" said the young woman. "Her husband's been dead 50 years. You ought to be ashamed to

The station matron looked disap-

Werze Than Not Stopping. An Englishman traveling in Maryland had occasion to investigate the running time of the trains that passed through the small place where he was stopping. Carefully searching a time table he found apparently that there would be an express train due at 4 o'clock that afternoon. The Englishman was on time with his grip, etc., and so was the express train. The intending passenger watched it approach and thunder by the station at top speed. The traveler was annoyed, and, turning to a colored man who stood near, "That train didn't stop!"

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