

WISE WORDS.

The genuine ideal is as sexless as a ray of white light.

Water is as often escaped through weakness as through strength.

It must have been a masculine power that formed woman's heart for forgiveness.

In greater need of an all-seeing eye was the proverbial falling sparrow stands on a white-black bird.

Man is a remnant composed principally of sentiments and instincts left over from the last state of existence.

Sex is like electric and magnetic poles—one in its nature and in reality made effective by a divided double current and corresponding poles.

Only a man's—or shall we say a woman's—philosophy will enable her to bear the burden of humanity which her philosophy has imposed upon her.

If one to whom love is forbidden be weak to love, he will probably escape temptation and consequent disaster, if he be strong enough to love she may escape disaster, but not temptation.

Though dishonesty may seem to flourish like the bay-tree while virtue withers like a forbidden thorny hedge, (both plain to all that the shade of the bay is poisonous and its branches withering), while the prickles of the other do not hurt unless struck against.

The Roumanian has, in every walk in life, a fierce and savage pride which causes him to abhor the idea of medicine and surgery, and to consider the loss of a limb as terrible as that of life itself.

He has become accustomed to the idea that only beggars are so disfigured, and believes that no necessity should constrain him to such a loss.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

CHARLES WILDE is about to revisit this country.

JEFFERSON, the comedian, is worth over a quarter of a million.

QUEEN NATALIE, of Serbia, has dramatized her matrimonial experiences.

Mrs. U. S. GRANT has concluded to spend several weeks of the summer at Cranston's, West Point, N. Y.

FRANK KIPPLING's contributions to the London Times are paid for at the rate of \$250 a letter.

JOSEPH LAMAR is frequently seen in Washington at an early hour doing the family marketing.

CORPUS VICTORIA, of England, is gradually being reconciled to her various royal relatives with whom she has not been on good terms.

W. LARK RUSSELL, the popular novelist, has conceived the idea of writing a story which is to be printed on board ship for insubordination.

SIMON GIOVANNI GIOLITTI, the Italian Premier, is the youngest head of a Ministry that Italy has had since Cavour. He is lately fifty years of age.

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GENERAL LONGSTREET has become very infirm with advancing years, and is so deaf that all conversation with him has to be carried on through an ear trumpet.

CARDINAL MANNING did not leave property enough to pay his funeral expenses. Those amounted to \$2100, and to meet them a subscription was started among his relatives and intimate friends.

WORKERS in Washington are represented as being with envy at the magnificent wardrobe of the Chinese Minister. He never appears at any public entertainment twice in the same costume, and his silk and satin garments are valued at \$150,000.

JOHN received a fee of \$40,000 for his opinion as an electrical expert when he was summoned by the company organized to bore the Niagara power tunnel to examine the ground, study conditions and plans, and give an opinion as to the feasibility and practicality of the work.

THE United States Marine Band will soon leave the services of John Philip Sousa as leader. He will, in about sixty days, take charge of a musical organization at Chicago at a salary of \$6000 per year. Mr. Sousa has for twelve years served the band and the praise of Washington with great merit.

Poisoned

Mrs. Mary E. O'Fallen, a nurse, of Piqua, Ohio, was poisoned while assisting physicians at an autopsy.

Her symptoms were agonizing and soon became unbearable. Her face and neck turned blue, her head, arms, tongue and throat, she coughed but she could not speak.

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REV. DR. TALMAGE

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN DAY SERMON.

TEXT.—"Put on the whole armor of God."—Ephesians vi., 11.

There is in this text a great rattle of shields and helmets and swords. Soldiers are getting ready for battle. We have had recently in this church new enlistments, and I shall address myself to those in this and other churches who are putting on the armor of God, and who may feel themselves to be as yet only recruits.

"Masterly retreat" is a term often used in military circles, but in religion there is no such thing. It is either glorious advance or disgraceful and ignominious falling back. It would be strange thing if all our anxiety about men ceased the moment they were converted.

You would almost doubt the soundness of that farmer who, having planted the corn and seen it just sprout above ground, should say: "My work is all done. I have no more anxiety for the field." No. There is work for the plow and the hoe, and there must be a careful keeping up of the fences, and there must be a frightening away of the birds that would pillage the field. And I say the entrance upon Christian life is only the beginning of grace in the heart.

There is earnest, hard work yet to be done and perhaps many years of anxiety before there shall be heard the glorious shout of "Harvest home."

The beginning to be a Christian is only putting down the foundation; but after that there are years of hammering, polishing, carving, lifting, before the structure is completed. It takes five years to make a Christian character; it takes twenty years, it takes forty years, it takes seventy years, if a man shall live so long. In other words, the experience feels that he has only learned the "A. P. C.'s" of the glorious alphabet.

The next year will decide a great deal in your life, young Christian man. It will decide whether you are to be a burning and shining light of the church, or a spark of green grass covered up in a barrel of ashes. It will decide whether you are to be a strong man in Christ Jesus, with gigantic blows striking the iron mail of darkness, or a bedridden, whimpering, grumbling soldier, that ought to be drummed out of the Lord's camp with the "Log Cabin" March.

Only just been launched; the voyage to be made. Earth and heaven and hell are watching to see how fast you will sail, how well you will weather the tempest, and what you will do at the last, amid the shouting of angels, you shall come into the right harbor. May God help this morning to give you three or four words of Christian counsel, as I address myself more especially to those who have just now entered the Christian life.

My first word of counsel is, hold before your soul a very high model. Do not say, "I wish I could pray like that man, or speak like this man, or have the consecration of this one." Say: "Here is the Lord Jesus Christ, a perfect pattern. By that I mean, how is that man, to slaps all my life." In other words, you will never be any more a Christian than you strive to be. If you build a foundation twenty by thirty feet you will only have a small house. If you build a foundation one hundred by one hundred you will have a large house. If you resolve to be only a middling Christian, you will only be a middling Christian. If you have no high aspiration in a worldly direction you will never succeed in business. If you have no high aspiration in religious things you will never succeed in religion.

You have a right to aspire to the very highest style of Christian character. From your feet there reaches out a path of Christian attainment which you may take, and I deliberately say that you may be a better man than Paul or David or Samuel or David or David—a better woman than Hannah More or Charlotte Elizabeth. Why not? Did they have a monopoly of Christian grace? Did they have a private key to the storeroom of God's grace, that shut you out from the gladness and goodness to which they were introduced? Oh, no. You have just the same promises, just the same Christ, just the same Holy Ghost, just the same offers of present and everlasting life, and if you fall short of what they were—aye, if you do not come up to the point which they reached and go beyond it—it is not because Christ has shut you out from any point of moral and spiritual elevation, but because you deliberately refused to take it. I admit that man cannot become a Christian like that without a struggle; but what do you get without fighting for it? The fortresses of darkness are to be taken by storm. You may by acute strategy flank the hosts of temptation, but there are dangers, there are evils in the way that you will have to meet face to face, and it will be shot for shot, gun for gun, grip for grip, slaughter for slaughter. The apostle Paul over and over again represents the Christian life as a combat.

When the vessel of Christ's church comes into glory bringing its crew and its passengers it will not come in like a North River yacht, beautifully painted and adorned, swinging into the boathouse after a pleasure excursion. Oh, no; it will be like a vessel coming with a heavy cargo from China or India, the marks of the waves and the hurricane upon it—sails rent, rigging spoiled, pumps all working to keep her afloat, but wares knocked away. I see such a vessel coming and get out my small boat and push out on her head, arms, tongue and throat. She coughed but she could not speak. When she began to take HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA, and at once improved, could soon get on her feet, and she is now perfectly well, and weighs 125 lbs., and does the work for a large family.

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an everlasting victory. Stand off from all evil associations. A man is no better than the company he keeps. Go among those who are better than you are and you will be made better. Go among those who are worse than you are and you will be made worse.

My next word of counsel is, that you be actively employed. See that you are busy Christians with doubts and perplexities, and they seem to be proud of them. Their entire Christian life is made up of gloom, and they seem to cultivate that spiritual despondency, when I wish to undertake to say that in nine cases out of ten spiritual despondency is a judgment of God upon idleness. Who are the happy people in the church to-day? The busy people. Show me the man who professes the religion of Jesus Christ and is idle, and I will show you an unhappy man.

I have another word of counsel to give those who have just entered Christian life, and that is, be faithful in prayer. You might as well, business men, start out in the morning without the usual expectation of doing all that day—you might as well expect to run from food all the week and expect to be strong physically, as to be strong without prayer. The only way to get any strength is to get it from God. Prayer is the only difference between a Christian and a non-Christian, and that is the only thing that is worth anything, and that is the only thing that is worth anything that the last does not pray and the other does.

And the only difference between this Christian who is getting along very fast in the holy life, and this, who is just getting along tolerably, is that the first prays more than the last. You can graduate a man's progress in religion by the amount of prayer; not by the number of hours, perhaps, but by the earnest application that he puts up to God. The man who prays to the rule, show me a Christian man who neglects this kind of duty, and I will show you one who is inconsistent. Show me a man who prays, and his strength and his power cannot be measured. Why, just give to a man this power of prayer and you give him almost omnipotence.

This afternoon you will see two Sabbath school teachers. That one does not gain the attention of her class. This one does. What is the difference between them? Their subjects being about equal. The first thought only of her own apparel. The other came from great prostration before God in earnest supplication, asking that God's mercy might come upon the school and that in the afternoon she might gain the attention of those five or six immortals that would be around her. The one teacher has no control over her class. The other sits with the strength of the Lord God Almighty.

Another word of counsel I have to give to those who are now coming out. We can't get out of them, as we can't get out of the printing press they are coming. They cover our parlor tables, and are in our sitting rooms and libraries. Glorious books they are. We thank God every day for the work of the Christian printing press. But I have thought that the followers of Christ sometimes allow this religious literature to take their attention from God's Word, and that there may not be as much Bible reading as there ought to be.

It is that, with your own experience! Just calculate in your mind how much religious literature you have read during the year and then how large a portion of the Word of God you have read, and then contrast the two and answer within your own soul whether you are giving more attention to the books that were written by the hand of man or that were written by the hand of God. Now, you go to the drug store and you get the mineral waters, but you have noticed that the waters are not so fresh or sparkling or healthful as when you get these very waters at Saratoga and Sharon—getting them right where they bubble from the rock.

And I have noticed the same thing in regard to the truth of the Gospel; while there is a good deal of refreshment and health of the Gospel, as we can see in the high and noble books, I find it is better when I come to the eternal rock of God's Word and drink forth that fountain that bubbles up fresh and pure to the life and the refreshment and the health of the soul.

Read the Bible and it brings you into the association of the best people that ever lived. You stand beside Moses and learn his meekness, beside Job and learn his patience, beside Paul and catch something of his enthusiasm, beside Christ and you feel His love. And yet how strange it is that a great many men have given their whole lives to the reading of that book. I cannot understand it. Tom Paine worked against that book as though he received large wages and was inspired by the very power of darkness, contending that the book was untrue, that it did not have the Bible anywhere near him. How many powerful intellects have endeavored to destroy it. Hume, Bolingbroke, Voltaire have been after it. Ten thousand men now are warring against the truth of God's Word, and you may think, "I will prove it is the meanest thing that has ever been done in all the centuries."

There is a ship at sea and in trouble. The captain and the crew are at their wits' end. You are on board. You are an expert. You come up and give some good counsel, which is kindly taken. That is all right. But suppose, instead of doing that, in the midst of all the trouble, you pick up the only compass that is on board and pitch it over the board. Oh, you say, "That is a disaster. But it is as men as this? Here is the vessel of the world going on with sixteen hundred millions of passengers, tossed and driven in the tempest, and at the time we want help, we have destroyed the only compass and the only compass and he tries to pitch it overboard. It is contemptible beyond everything that is contemptible. Have you any better light? Bring it on if you have. Have you any better comfort to give? Bring it on if you have. Have you any better hope? Bring it on if you have. And then you may have this Bible and I shall never want it again.

But I can think of a meaner thing than that, and that is, to take the compass from the mountain with a staff of iron, and to take a lantern in the other. Darkness has come on suddenly. He is very old, just able to pick his way out amid the rocks and precipices, leaning on his staff with one hand and quivering himself with the light in the other. You come up and say, "Father, you seem to be lost. You are a long way from home." "Yes," he replies. "And then you take him by the hand and lead him home. That is very kind of you. But suppose instead of that you should snatch the staff from his hands and turn it over the rocks, and snout the lantern and blow it out? That would be dastardly, contemptible until there is no depth of contempt beneath it. If you have a better staff, give it to him. If you have a better light, give it to him.

When God has put the staff of the Gospel in our hands and the lamp of God's Word to light our feet, are you going to take from our only support and our only illumination? I love the sting of the wasp and the rattlesnake better than I do the man who wants to clutch the Word of God from my grasp. Cling to your Bible! This Bible should be destroyed, if all the Bibles that have ever been printed should be destroyed, we could make up a Bible right out of this audience. From that Christian man's experience I take one cluster of promises, and from that old Christian man's experience another. I put them together, and I think I would have a Bible.

You see, my friends, I have not tried to hide the fact that I have large expectations of you who have entered the Christian life. Do not be discouraged. Press on toward the prize; God beside you and heaven before you. Keep your course up. Look in thirty years from now upon this church. Another man in the pulpit. Other faces in the news. Another man leading the news. Others carrying around the alms boxes of the church. All changed. Thirty years have gone and I look into the faces of the people, and I say: "Why, it seems to me I have seen these people somewhere, but I cannot exactly say where. Oh, yes, now I begin to

think. These were the converts in 1892 and 1893. Why, how you have changed!" "Oh, yes," they say, "of course we have changed. Thirty years makes a great change. I say 'How many wrinkles there are in your faces?' 'Oh, yes,' they say, 'Thirty years makes a great many wrinkles.' 'Have you kept the faith?' 'Yes, we have kept the faith.' 'Where are those people who used to sit in the pew with you?' 'All gone.' 'Then I say, 'Well, I feel lonely; come, let us sing one of the old hymns we used to sing thirty years ago, in 1892, on communion day. Any of you know the old tune?' Some one hum it. Yes, that's it, that's it. Now, altogether, let us sing, just as we did in 1892."

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

VESUVIUS is again active. GENERAL business is on the mend. THERE are 527 missionaries in Japan.

DAMAGES to crops by rust are reported from many places. FIRES are being sacrificed by Western farmers to save the corn.

CATTLE feeders are very much at sea in their prognostications for the future. THERE are thirty ordained colored clergymen in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

KENNESSEE'S State report on cotton shows decreased acreage of twenty-two per cent. WHOLESALE dealers from British warships are going on at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GUATEMALA has granted a subsidy of \$1,500,000 to the Northern Railway Company. An enormous increase is reported in immigration from Upper Alsace, Germany, to America.

A SENTRY at Berlin, Germany, bayoneted a spectator who had thoughtlessly stepped into military grounds.

IMMIGRATION agents in Canada are removing families from Upper Michigan to the Northwest territories.

GERMANY has abandoned the proposed Berlin exhibition because it may interfere with our World's Fair.

The damage by the recent floods is estimated to \$50,000 in the aggregate, from the upper rivers to New Orleans.

The Iowa People's Party elected Mrs. M. J. Coggeshall, a prominent woman suffragist, as a delegate to the St. Louis Convention.

THERE are 626 Chinese attending Sunday-schools in the United States and thirty-five per cent. of the pupils become Christians.

It is estimated that the cholera epidemics of the past year caused 50,000 deaths in Mexico, 10,000 in Syria and 15,000 in Persia.

A BLIZZARD raged in the Northwest. South Dakota and Wyoming were covered with snow, and crops and live stock suffered greatly.

The Ohio penitentiary's population has reached high-water mark, the count showing 1734 prisoners confined within the walls at Columbus. 300 convicts are now nightly sleeping on cots, owing to the overcrowded condition of the prison. There are only twenty female convicts.

THE LABOR WORLD.

New York cash girls get \$1.50 a week. Tax formation of a National organization of engravers has been set on foot.

The Californians are alarmed by reports that Japanese cheap labor is being brought in.

CHINESE laborers are to be imported into Africa to teach the natives how to cultivate tobacco.

AUSTRALIAN colonies are proposing combined action against the importation of colored labor.

The sponge industry of the Bahamas Islands employs 500 boats and nearly 5000 workmen and boys.

It is calculated that the aggregate annual income of the working classes of England is about \$1,500,000,000.

The National Federation of Sailors, recently organized in Chicago, is taking steps to form an international organization comprising America, England, India and Australia.

A LAW in operation in Missouri compels railroad companies to fill or block all switches, frogs and guard rails with the best known appliances for the protection of employees.

Governor Flower has issued a pardon to Joseph Barondess, the leader of the New York Cloakmakers' Union, who was convicted and sentenced for extorting money as a condition of ending a strike.

The report of the Secretary of the Order of Railway Telegraphers to the convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., showed a membership of 26,000, with a protective fund of \$20,000 and a general fund of \$40,000.

The superintendent of the new elevated road in Chicago makes all applicants for conductorships sing him a song or two. He is determined to have clear-voiced young men who will not mumble hoarsely the names of the stations.

In the United States the average expenditure per family is stated at \$611 in the cotton industry and only \$394 in the woolen industry, a difference of \$217, while the difference in income is only \$5, and that in favor of the industry in which the expenditure per family is least.

Origin of Our Weeds. Most of our weeds, like much of our vermin, have come to us from beyond the sea. Just how they emigrate in every case will never be known; some came as legitimate freight, but many were "stowaways." Some entered from border lands upon the wings of the wind, on river bosoms, in the stomachs of migrating birds, clinging to hats of passing animals, and a hundred other ways besides by man himself.

Into the New England soil and that south along the Atlantic seaboard the weed seeds first took root. Also the native plants, with a strong weedy nature, developed into pests of the farm and garden. Many of the native weeds are shy and harmless in comparison with the persistent and pugnacious ones that have like vagabonds emigrated to our shores. Why should it be that plants of another country not only find their way here, but after arriving assert themselves with a vigor far surpassing our native herbs? Dr. Gray, in writing upon this point, says: "As the district here in which the weeds of the Old World prevail was naturally forested, there were few of its native herbs which, if they could bear the exposure at all, were capable of competition in the cleared land with emigrants from the Old World." The European weeds had through long ages adapted themselves to the change from forest to cleared land, and were therefore prepared to flourish here in the rich forest soil that was suddenly exposed to the sun and subjected to other new conditions by the felling of the trees.—Popular Science Monthly.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LEONARD G. BROWN, County Clerk, do hereby certify that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of \$100 for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.



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For impure of thin Blood, Weakness, Malaria, Nervousness, Indigestion, and Biliousness, take Brown's Iron Bitters—it gives strength, making old persons feel young—and young persons strong, pleasant to take.

Protestant natives in Africa are waging a war of extermination on Catholic missionaries.

Ladies, ladies, think of the engagements you have broken and the disappointments you have sent to others and perhaps also to yourself. All you want is health. Rejuvenator will cure you in fifteen minutes. Fifty cents.

Too much silver in Havana has caused a great depreciation in the white metal throughout Cuba.

For Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and Stomach Disorders, use Brown's Iron Bitters. The Best Tonic, it rebuilds the system, cleans the Blood and strengthens the muscles. A splendid tonic for weak and debilitated persons.

The Mississippi is changing its course near Memphis, Tenn.

BERGHAN'S PILLS act like magic on the liver and all the vital organs. One dose relieves sick headache in 20 minutes.

The maple sugar counties in Ohio are increasing.

Advertisement for SYRUP OF FIGS, featuring an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., with address information for San Francisco, Cal., Louisville, Ky., and New York, N.Y.

Advertisement for "German Syrup," featuring a woman's portrait and text describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

Advertisement for TITT'S HAIR DYE, with text describing its benefits for hair care.

Advertisement for DROPSY Treated FREE, with text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for LOVELL DIAMOND CYCLES, featuring an illustration of a bicycle and text describing its features and price.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, featuring text describing its benefits for various ailments and its status as a "good you get."

Advertisement for PATENTS W. T. Fitzgerald, Washington, D.C., featuring the text "KILLER" and "CONSUMPTION."

Advertisement for "IF YOU OWN CHICKENS," featuring text describing the benefits of the product for poultry.

Advertisement for "German Syrup" featuring a woman's portrait and text describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

Advertisement for DR. FARRER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS, with text describing its benefits for liver health.

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