



PROGRESS.

He led the van of Progress till he stood Upon the height he oft had hoped to gain...

and Elsie then wishes it, I will withdraw my opposition. "Mr. Daniels!" I exclaimed, gratefully clasping his hand.

hand. "Aha! my boy," he laughed, "so there is an Elsie in the case. Well, murder and love will out. Let me doubly congratulate you."

REV. DR. TALMAGE. The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Selah." Text: "Selah."—Psalms lxi., 4. The majority of Bible readers look upon this word of my text as of no importance.

child, if He is so soon going to take it away. Oh, my desolate home! Oh, my broken heart! You could not understand it. But it was not a Selah of overthrow. It gave you greater appreciation of the blessings that have gone; it will yet give you greater appreciation of the blessings that will come.

Oh, we want in all our ancient departments of usefulness—and I address hundreds of people who are trying to do good—we want more of the dramatic element in the life of the didactic. The tendency in this way is to dress religion, to make religion, to religion, to secularize religion, when we ought to present it in animated and spectacular manner.

AN INCURABLE HOYDEN.

MORE varied emotions and apprehensions surged in my soul than I could either analyze or describe, as I stood on the threshold of Mr. Daniels' library.

"I kissed her. "And then I shall grow older and more sensible, more dignified. My pride in you will make me more worthy to be your wife. This severe trial will make it unnecessary for you to scold me any more for my unconventional boisterousness; and we shall go through life, so happy, so—"

The old reception-room seemed to have changed; its furniture was newer, more elegant; it breathed an air of conventionalality that oppressed me; and like a premonition of some impending misfortune, it made my heart beat a funeral knell.

Whoever you find this word Selah it means that you are to open your soul to great analogies, that you are to spread the wing of your imagination for great flight.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground Till the last trumpet's joyful sound. Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, And in my Saviour's image rise.

Next I speak of the Selah of perpetuity. The Targum, which is the Bible in Chaldee, renders this word of my text "forever." Many writers agree in believing and stating that one meaning of this word is "forever."

"Thank you, Mr. Daniels," I managed to respond. "I did my best at college, and now I hope to succeed as well in my profession."

"Darling," she said, "I want to be worthy of you; and this is not doing it. I'll tell you, dear, what we will do. We, must not communicate with each other, but we will keep a diary, and when our probation," she suppressed a sob, "is over, we will exchange our little books."

"Why, Mr. Hoyt, I am very glad to see you. Do be seated. Did you have a pleasant trip home, and do you find me much changed in these—let me see—oh, yes, five years or so? But do take a seat."

Richard Cameron, the Scotch covenantor, went into the battle three times praying: "Lord, spare the green and take the ripe. This is the day I have longed for. This is the day I shall get my crown. Come, let us fight it to the last. Forward!"

Next speak of the Selah of emphasis. Ewald, the German orientalist and theologian, says that this word means to ascend and to ascend you find in "Selah," you must look after the modulation of the voice and you must put more force into your utterance.

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"Well, well, well, to think of it!" Mr. Daniels said, almost as much to himself as to me. "How easily I can remember the time when you and Elsie were little children. Now she is a young lady, somewhat of a hoyden still, certainly; but she will get over that before long, I have no doubt. And you, Frank Hoyt, whom I saw, but a few short years ago, playing your part as a few little boys, in your short trousers and shorter jacket, are now a man and have obtained your diploma as a civil engineer. All the prizes of Queen's College! The Gold Medal of the Royal University! I say, Frank—he abruptly interrupted himself. "I presume I shall have to call you Mr. Hoyt now."

"Yes," sneered the chief-engineer, "I presume he now parts his hair in the middle as he does his name. If he can't like 'Jones,' let him buy a handsomer name. As far as I'm concerned, I shall write home that I'm an engineer and not a diplomatist. If they don't like it, they can have my resignation as soon as they please. In fact, I'm beginning to yearn for the fog of dear old London again; and I'm getting old and lazy."

"You will not take it amiss, Mr. Hoyt, that I have spoken so frankly; will you? I really wish to count you among my friends and hope you will visit us often. I am at home Thursdays, and you will meet very many pleasant—yes, charming people here. And do you recall, when I was your little—sister, Mr. Hoyt, how you chided my boisterousness? I feel sure you will have no occasion now to even deplore my lack of conventionalities—indeed, I flatter myself that I do not need a mentor any more."

Whoever you find this word Selah it is a signal for you are to tell you stand out on the track while the rushing train goes by with its imperial passengers, Poetic word, charged with sunrise and sunset, and tempest and earthquake, and resurrections and millenniums.

On the other hand, look at Satisfaction and the worst earthly disadvantage. "I never saw until I was blind," said a Christian man. "I never knew what contentment was while I had my eyesight as I know what content is now that I have lost my eyesight. I suffer, though few words, in position and circumstances for my circumstances before I lost my eyesight." That man put the emphasis in the right place. We want to put less stress upon this world and more stress upon our God as our everlasting portion.

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