

Beware of the Knife.

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WOMEN ENCOURAGED

DR. TALMAGE'S WORDS OF CHEER TO THE GENTLE SEX.

Better Single Blessedness Than a Life of Misery With an Unworthy Husband. Girls Should Be Taught to Take Care of Themselves.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—This sermon of Dr. Talmage is a great encouragement to women who have to earn their own living, as well as to all toilers with hand or brain; text, Proverbs xiv, 1, "Every wise woman buildeth her house."

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Who are these men who year after year hang around hotels and engine houses and theater doors and come in and out to bother busy clerks and merchants and mechanics, doing nothing when there is plenty to do? They are men supported by their wives and mothers. If the statistics of any of our cities could be taken on this subject, you would find that a vast multitude of women not only support themselves, but also

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Occupations for Women.

Among the occupations appropriate for women I place the following, into many of which she has already entered, and all the others she will enter: Stenography, and you may find her neatly roundings by the visit of death and bankruptcy to the household turned out by the tens of thousands to take the vacant places, and multitudes of women who had been hitherto supported by fathers and brothers and sons were compelled from that time to take care of themselves. From that time a mighty change took place favorable to female employment.

Many a woman who has had the hand of a young inebriate offered, but declined it, or who was asked to chain her life to a man selfish or of bad temper and refused the siren, will bless God throughout all eternity that she escaped that earthly demon.

Husbands Not Necessary.

Besides all this, in our country about 1,000,000 men were sacrificed in our civil war, and that decree, 1,000,000 women to celibacy. Besides that, since the war several armies of men as large as the Federal and Confederate armies put together have fallen under malt liquors and distilled spirits, so full of poisoned ingredients that the work was done more rapidly, and the victims fell while yet young. And if 50,000 men are destroyed every year by strong drink before marriage that makes in the 33 years since the war 1,650,000 men slain and decimated, 1,650,000 women to celibacy. Take, then, the fact that so many women are unhappy in their marriage and the fact that the slaughter of 2,550,000 men by war and rum combined decides that at least that number of women shall be unafforded for life, my text comes in with a cheer and a potency and appropriateness that you may never have seen in it before when it says, "Every wise woman buildeth her house"—that is, let woman be her own architect, lay out her own plans, be her

own supervisor, achieve her own destiny.

In addressing those women who have to fight the battle alone I congratulate you on your happy escape. Rejoice forever that you will not have to navigate the faults of the other sex when you have faults enough of your own. Think of the bereavements you avoid, of the risks of unassimilated temper which you will not have to run, of the cures you will never have to carry and of the opportunity of outside usefulness from which marital life would have partially debared you, and that you are free to go and come as one who has the responsibilities of a household can seldom bear. God has given you a hard lot as compared with your sisters. When young women shall make up their minds at the start that masculine companionship is not a necessity in the life of a woman, not because woman is physically weaker than man, and therefore ought to have more honor with him, but because she is dishonored in that she is not a woman.

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Girls Should Be Taught Self Reliance.

As no boy ought to be brought up without learning some lessons by which he could earn a livelihood, so no girl ought to be brought up without learning the science of self support. The difficulty is that many a family goes sailing on the high tides of success and the husband and father depends on his own health and acumen for the welfare of his household, but one day he gets his feet wet, and in three days pneumonia has closed his life, and the daughters are turned out on a cold world to earn bread, and there is nothing practical that they can do. The friends come in and hold consultation "Give music lessons," says an adviser. Yes, that is a useful calling, and if you have great genius for it go on in that direction. But there are enough music teachers now starving to death in our towns and cities to occupy all the piano stools and sofas and chairs and front doorsteps of the city. Besides that the daughter has been playing on by all prosperities, learn how to do some kind of work that the world must have as long as the world stands. Turn your attention from the embroidery of fine slippers, of which there is a surplus, and make a useful shoe. Expect the time when you adorn a cigar case in learning how to make a good, honest leaf of read. Turn your attention from the making of flimsy nothings to the manufacturing of important somethings.

Much of the time spent in young ladies' seminaries in studying what are called the "higher branches" might better be expended in teaching them something by which they could support themselves. If you are going to be teachers or if you have so much assured wealth that you can always dwell in high regions, trigonometry of course, metaphysics of course, Latin and Greek and German and French and Italian of course, and a hundred other things of course, but if you are not expecting to teach and your wealth is not established beyond misfortune after you have learned the ordinary branches take hold of that kind of study that will pay in dollars and cents in case you are thrown on your own resources. Learn to do something better than anybody else.

"No, no," says some young woman. "I will not undertake anything so unromantic and commonplace as that." An excellent author writes that after he had a book, argued for efficiency in womanly work in order to success and positive apprenticeship by way of preparation a prominent chemist advertised that he would teach a class of women to become druggists and apothecaries if they would go through an apprenticeship as men do, and a printer advertised that he would take a class of women to learn the printer's trade if they would go through an apprenticeship as men do, and how many, according to the account of the author, do you suppose applied to become skilled in the druggist business and printing business? Not one.

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