

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON

CLEVELAND—"OFF TRACK"—HOW TO GET ON AGAIN.

The Gospel in Handshaking—Christian People Do Not Give Proper Encouragement to the Outcast Who is Willing to Return.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 5.—The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., preached here to-day. Following is his sermon: Subject, "Off the Track; How to Get on Again."

Text: Proverbs xxiii, 35. "When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again."

With an insight into human nature such as no other man ever reached, Solomon, in my text, sketches the mental operations of one who, having stepped aside from the path of rectitude, desires to return.

Our libraries are adorned with an elegant literature addressed to young men, pointing out to them all the dangers and perils of life—complete maps of the voyage, showing all the rocks, the quicksands, the shoals.

The next thing in the way of your return is the power of evil habit. I know there are those who say it is very easy for them to give up evil habits. I do not believe them.

Take a man given to the habit of using tobacco, as most of you do, and let him resolve to stop, and he finds it very difficult.

Oh! the fact is, as we all know in our own experience that habit is a taskmaster; as long as we obey it it does not chastise us, but let us resist and we find we are to be lashed with scourges and whips and bound with ship cables, and thrown into the track of bone breaking juggernauts.

muzzles tearing away at the flanks of one poor reindeer. In Paris there is a sculptured representation of Bacchus, the god of revelry.

I have also to say that if a man wants to return from evil practices society repulses him. Desiring to return, he says: "Now, I will shake off my old associates, and I will find Christian companionship."

Oh, how few Christian people understand how much force and gospel there is in a good, honest handshaking! Sometimes, when you have felt the need of encouragement, and some Christian man has taken you heartily by the hand, have you not felt that thrilling through every fibre of your body, mind and soul, an encouragement that was just what you needed!

I think men also are often hindered from return by the fact that churches are too anxious about their membership, and too anxious about their denomination, and they rush out when they see a man about to give up his sin and return to God, and ask him how he is going to be baptized, whether by sprinkling or immersion, and what kind of church he is going to join.

Now, I have shown you these obstacles because I want you to understand I know all the difficulties in the way; but I am now to tell you how Hannibal may scale the Alps, and how the shackles may be unriveted, and how the paths of virtue forsaken may be regained.

Blessed be God for such a gospel as this! "Cut the slices thin," said the wife to the husband, "or there will not be enough to go all around for the children; cut the slices thin." Blessed be God there is a full loaf for every one that wants it; bread enough and

to spare. No thin slices at the Lord's table. I remember when the Master Street hospital in Philadelphia was opened during the war a telegram came saying: "There will be three hundred wounded men to-night, be ready to take care of them;" and from my church there went in some twenty or thirty men and women to look after these poor wounded fellows.

Then sign your name, and send the letter with the first post. Give up your bad companions, or give up heaven. It is not ten bad companions that destroy a man, nor five bad companions, nor three bad companions, but one.

I counsel you also, seek Christian advice. Every Christian man is bound to help you. If you find no other human ear willing to listen to your story of struggle, come to me, and I will, by every sympathy of my heart, and every prayer, and every toil of my hand, stand beside you in the struggle for reformation.

Oh, what glorious news it would be for some of these young men to send home to their parents in the country these holidays which are coming. Go to the postoffice every day or two to see whether there are any letters from you. How anxious they are to hear! You might send them for a holiday present this season a book from one of our best publishing houses, or a complete wardrobe from the importer's palace, it would not please them half as much as the news you might send home to-morrow that you had given your heart to God. I know how it is in the country. The night comes on, the cattle stand under the rack through which burst the trusses of hay.

Some one said to a Grecian general: "What was the proudest moment in your life?" He thought a moment, and said: "The proudest moment in my life was when I sent home word to my parents that I had gained a victory." And the proudest and most brilliant moment in your life will be the moment when you can send word to your parents that you have conquered your evil habits, by the grace of God, and become eternal victors.

The time will come when you will have neither father or mother, and you will go around the place where they used to watch you, and find them gone from the house, and gone from the field, and gone from the neighborhood. Cry as loud for forgiveness as you may over the mound in the churchyard, they will not answer. Dead! dead!

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