

AN AWFUL STRUGGLE

REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES UPON LIFE'S SPIRITUAL CONFLICTS.

The Bible Combat With an Unknown Visitor, that Last Night Breaketh—When We are in the Most Dangerous Moment of Our Lives.

Brother, April 21—The church was crowded with an unusual throng of eager listeners. Dr. Talmage preached on the spiritual conflicts of life, taking for his text Genesis xxxiii, 24-26: "And Jacob was left alone, and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day."

The dust arose from a traveling herd of cattle and sheep and goats and camels. They are the present that Jacob sends to gain the good will of his offended brother. That night Jacob hails by the brook Jabbok. But there is no rest for the weary man, no shining ladder of angels down into his dream.

Christian Struggles. You see, in the first place, that God allows you people sometimes to get into a terrible struggle. Jacob was a good man, but here he is left alone in the midnight to wrestle with a tremendous influence by the brook Jabbok.

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Here is another soul in struggle with some bad appetite. He knew not how stealthily it was growing upon him. One hour he woke up. He said, "For the sake of my soul, of my family, and of my children, and of my God, I must stop this!"

From a wrestle with habit I have seen men fall back defeated. Calling for no help, but relying on their own resolutions, they have come into the struggle, and for a time it seemed as if they were getting the upper hand of their habit.

Learn again that while our wrestling with trouble may be triumphant we must expect that it will leave its mark upon us. Jacob prevailed, but the angel touched him, and his thigh bone sprang from its socket.

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widow's heart that first was desolated by bereavement and since by the anxieties and trials that came in the support of a family.

It is a sad thing to see a man contending for a livelihood under disadvantages, but to see a delicate woman, with helpless little ones at her back, fighting the giants of poverty and sorrow, is most affecting.

These heroes had the whole world to cheer them on, but there were none to applaud the struggle in the humble home. She fought for bread, for clothing, for fire, for shelter, with aching head, and weak side, and exhausted strength.

Some one said to a very poor woman, "How is it that you such distress you keep cheerless?" She said: "I do not by the Lord's cross, prayer. When I had my rent to pay and nothing to pay it with, and bread to buy and nothing to buy it with, I used to sit down and cry."

Learn again from this subject that people sometimes are surprised to find out that what they have been struggling with in the darkness is really an "angel of blessing." Jacob found in the morning that this strange personage was not an enemy, but a God dispatched messenger to promise prosperity for him and for his children.

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The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Before we reach the heavenly fields On earth the golden stairs.

It is prosperity that kills and trouble that saves. While the Israelites were on the march, amid great privations and hardships, they behaved well.

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drive them back to scald the heart. They fall into God's bottle. Afflicted ones have died because they could not weep. Thank God for the sweet, the mysterious relief that comes to us in tears!

The Day Breaketh. Again we may take the idea of the text and announce the approach of the day dawn. No one was ever more glad to see the morning than was Jacob after that night of struggle.

During my vacation one summer I was in a Presbyterian audience, and it was sacramental day, and with grateful heart I received the holy communion. On the next Sabbath I was in a Methodist church and sat at a love feast.

Luther and Melancthon were talking together gloomily about the prospects of the church. They could see no hope of deliverance. After awhile Luther got up and said to Melancthon: "Come, Philipp, let us sing the forty-sixth psalm of David."

The Death Struggle. Death to many, nay to all, is a struggle and a wrestle. We have many friends that it will be hard to leave. I care not how bright our future hope is.

So I would have it when I die. I am in no haste to be gone. I have no grudge against this world. The only fault I have to find with the world is that it treats me too well, but when the time comes to go I trust to be ready, my worldly affairs all settled.

Cooling Water. It is not generally known that water may be cooled almost to ice water temperature by putting it into an unglazed earthen jar and hanging it in a current of air.

An Answer. A rather gayly dressed young lady asked her Sunday class, "What is meant by the pomps and vanities of the world?" The answer was honest, but rather unexpected, "Them flowers in your hat."

Sir Andrew Clark's Aphorisms. The late Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Gladstone's physician, made use of the three following aphorisms during a conversation with Miss Frances Willard: "Labor is the life of life."

Stephen Elliott's Herbarium.

Dr. Nathaniel Lord Britton, of Columbia College, New York, an eminent young specialist in botany, recently spent several days in this city examining the herbarium of Stephen Elliott, one of the treasures of the Museum, of the College of Charleston.

In the February bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club Dr. Britton has the following interesting note on the herbarium of Stephen Elliott: "It will be of interest to botanists to know that the plants on which Elliott's 'Sketch of the Botany of South Carolina and Georgia,' published at Charleston, S. C., from 1816 to 1824, is based are preserved in the Museum of the College of Charleston and are readily accessible to students."

The representation of material from Muhlberg is probably more extensive than in any other collection in America, and this is a most important circumstance, because Muhlberg's own herbarium, in charge of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, is in very bad order.

The herbarium is in charge of Dr. G. E. Manigault, to whom I am indebted for much courtesy and who greatly facilitated my studies.

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