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A selling race often turns out to be a racing sell.

The man who never failed is unable to appreciate success.

A good example may be a disease, but it is seldom contagious.

The man who drives a furniture wagon is usually in the van.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook may get fat while wasting away.

There is a big difference between a working man and a working politician.

A man often has more respect for his servant than his servant has for the man.

An actor makes a hit when he strikes the manager for an increase in salary.

Some people flatter themselves when they are unable to get others to do it for them.

The Ohio man who hanged himself with a towel simply wiped himself out of existence.

Whenever you hear a man refer to life as a lottery the chances are he has drawn a blank.

It's positively cruel to keep up the jokes at the expense of the dude when he isn't capable of understanding them.

A man never fully understands the meaning of court costs until he has been the defendant in a breach of promise suit.

The constant duty of every man to his fellow is to ascertain his own powers and special gifts; and to strengthen them for the help of others.

It is the road we are traveling, the everyday tread of our lives, which decides our moral and spiritual quality. The ends which we propose to ourselves are but points in our lives, whose life itself is made up by the means we take to further them. All neglect of these means, all indifference to them, all undue haste to get through them, or to brush them aside as tiresome or unimportant, must therefore be fatal to the value of life and the growth of character.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—James i. 27. We know that the word ——translated "religion" means "outward service." It does not refer to the man's belief, but to the way in which it ought to be shown. There are various forms of worship whereby Christians display their faith. Religious ritual has many shapes. These give prominence to one feature or another of our Creed, according to the mind of the worshiper. St. James does not here trouble himself about these. They may legitimately differ. Whatever they may be, he points to that which should always mark the outcome of our faith, and is "undefiled before God and the Father." The true notes of our outward Christian service or observance are "sympathy" and "purity." These are required by God of all, and they are illustrated by a man's visitation of widows and fatherless in their affliction, and also by a keeping of himself unspotted from the world.

Newspaper correspondents in Berlin report that Denmark is beginning to retaliate upon Germany for the expulsion of King Christian's subjects from Northern Schleswig. The activity of the Prussian government since these evictions began has been unparalleled. Hundreds of persons—men, women and children of all ages—have been forced to give up their homes and flee over the frontier into the northern peninsula. Germany, however, is not invulnerable, and the Danes know it. The Danish press is urging the striking of a blow at German trade. Denmark imports from Germany goods to the value of not less than $35,000,000 annually, more than half as much as from all the rest of the world. Danes are urged to stop the importation of German manufactures, and the temper of the people is favorable to the proposition. An association of merchants has been formed in Copenhagen, the members of which are pledged to buy nothing that is imported from Germany. The threat is not lost on Germany. Berlin merchants are tremendously stirred up over the prospect of losing so good a customer. Already Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, has received scores of communications—some of them numerously-signed petitions—begging that the persecution of the Schleswig Danes may be forbidden.

There is an electric fire in human nature tending to purity, so that among human creatures there is continually some birth of new heroism. The pity is that we must wonder at it, as we should in finding a pearl in rubbish. No doubt, thousands of people never heard of have hearts completely disinterested.

It sometimes happens that when a man arrives at home at about 2 a. m., and his wife tells him to go straight upstairs to bed, she is asking the impossible.

A clever mot of Lord Rosebery's is repeated by Miss de Forest in the Bazar. At a dinner, not long ago, some one asked the owner of Eolus and prime minister what memory was. "Memory," replied Lord Rosebery, "is the feeling that steals over us when we listen to our friends' original stories."

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for something that would ennoble and interest us in all that would enrich and beautify our lives.—Phillips Brooks.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

ON THE SUBJECT: "MASTER OF THE SITUATION."

An Arousing and Practical Discourse from the Following Bible Text: Zechariah ii., 4; "Run, Speak to This Young Man."

There was no snow on the beard of the prophet of my text, and no crows'-feet had left their mark near his eyes. Zechariah was a young man, and in a day-dream he saw and heard two angels talking about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. One of these angels desires that young Zechariah should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, its circumference and the height of its walls, and he says to the other angels, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not walk, but run, for the message is urgent and imminent. So every young man needs to have immediate advice about the dimensions, the height, and the circumference of that which, under God, he is to build; namely, his own character and destiny. No slow or laggard pace will do. A little farther on, and counsel will be of no advantage. Swift-footed must be the practical and important suggestions, or they might as well never be made at all. Run at the pace of five miles the hour, and speak to that young man. Run, before this year of 1898 is ended. Run before this century is closed. Run, before his character is inexorably decided for two worlds, this world and the next. How many of us have found out by long and bitter experience things that we ought to have been told before we were twenty-five years of age. Now, I propose to tell you some things, which, if you will seriously and prayerfully observe, will make you master of the situation in which you are now placed, and master of every situation in which you ever will be placed. And in order that my subject may be climacteric, I begin on the outside edge of that advice, which will be more and more important as the subject unfolds.

Now, if you would be master of the situation, do not expend money before you get it. How many young men irretrievably mortgage their future because of resources that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the money either in your hand, or in a safety deposit, or in a bank, or in a United States bond before you make purchases, or go into expensive enterprises, or hitch a spanking team to a glittering turnout, or contract for the building of a mansion on the Potomac or the Hudson. Do not depend on an inheritance from your father or uncle. The old man may live on a good deal longer than you expect, and the day of your enforced payment may come before the day of his decease. You cannot depend upon rheumatism or heart failure or senility to do its work. Longevity is so wonderfully improved that you cannot depend upon people dying when you think they ought to. They live to be septuagenarians, or octogenarians, and meanwhile their heirs go into bankruptcy, or, tempted to forgery, or misappropriation of trust funds, or watering of railroad or mining stock, go into the penitentiary. Neither had you better spread yourself out because of the fifteen or twenty per cent you expect from an investment. Most of the fifteen or twenty per cent investments are apt to pay nothing save the privilege of being assessed to meet the obligations of the company in the affairs of which you get involved. Better get three and a half per cent from a government bond than be promised fifteen per cent from a dividend which will never be declared, or paid only once or twice, so as to tempt you deeper in before the grand smash-up, and you receive, instead of a payment of dividends, a letter from the president and secretary of the company saying they are very sorry.

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Do not say you have no chance, but remember Isaac Newton, the greatest astronomer of his day, once peddling cabbages in the street; and Martin Luther, singing on the public square for any pennies that he might pick up; and John Bunyan, mending kettles; and the late Judge Bradley, of the United States Supreme court, who was the son of a charcoal-burner; and Turner, the painter, who was the son of a barber; and Lord Clive, who saved India to England, shipped by his father to Madras as a useless boy whom he wanted to get rid of; and Prideaux, the world renowned scholar and theologian, scouring pots and pans to work his way through college; and the mother of the late William F. Dodge, the philanthropist and magnificent man, keeping a thread and needle store; and Peter Cooper, who worked on small wages in a glue factory, living to give five hundred thousand dollars for the founding of an institute that has already educated thousands of the poor sons and daughters of America; and Bowditch, the scientist, beginning his useful learning and affluent career by reading the books that had been driven ashore from a shipwreck at Salem. There is, young man, a great financial or literary or moral or religious success awaiting you if you only know how to go up and take it.

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Again: If you would master the situation; when angry do not utter a word or write a letter, but before you speak a word or write a word, sing a verse of some hymn, in a tune arranged in minor key and having no staccato passages. If very angry, sing two verses. If in a positive rage, sing three verses. First of all, the unhealthiest thing on earth is to get mad. It jangles the nerves, enlarges the spleen, and sets the heart into a wild thumping. Many a man and many a woman has in time of such mental and physical agitation dropped dead. Not only that, but it makes enemies out of friends, and makes enemies more virulent, and anger is partial or consummate suicide. Great attorneys, understanding this, have often won their cause by wilfully throwing the opposing counsel into a rage. There is one man you must manage, or one woman you must control, in order to please God and make life a success, and that is yourself. There are drawbridges to every castle by which you may keep out of your nature foreign foes, but no man has a defense against himself unless it be a divine defense. Out of the millions of the human race there is only one person who can do you permanent and everlasting harm, and that is the being that walks under your own hat and in your own shoes. The hardest realm that you will ever have to govern is the realm between your scalp and heel. The most dangerous cargo a ship can carry is dynamite, and the most perilous thing in one's nature is an explosive temper. If your nature is hopelessly irascible and tempestuous, then dramatize placidity. If the ship is on fire and you cannot extinguish the flames, at any rate keep down the hatches. When at some injustice inflicted upon you, or some insult offered, or some wrong done, the best thing for you to say is to say nothing, and the best thing for you to write is to write nothing. If the meanness done you is unbearable, or you must express yourself or die, then I commend a plan that I have once or twice successfully adopted. Take a sheet of paper. Date it at your home or office. Then put the wrong-doer's name at the head of the letter-page, without any prefix of "Colonel" or suffix of "D. D.," and begin with no term of courtesy, but a bold and abrupt "Sir." Then follow it with a statement of the wrong he has done you, and of the indignation you have felt. Put into it the strongest terms of execration you can employ without being profane. Sign your name to the red-hot epistle. Fold it. Envelope it. Direct it plainly to the man who has done you wrong. Carry the letter a week, or two weeks, if need be, and then destroy it. In God's name, destroy it!

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Let me know how you meet that first great offense and I will tell you whether your life is to be a triumph or a failure. You see, equipoise at such a time means so many things: It means self-control. It means a capacity to foresee results. It means a confidence in your own integrity. It means a faith in the Lord God that he will see you through.

Again: If you would be master of the situation, put the best interpretation on the character and behavior of others. Do not be looking for hypocrites in churches, or thieving among domestic servants, or swindlers among business men, or malfeasance in office. There is much in life to make men suspicious of others, and when that characteristic of suspicion becomes dominant, a man has secured his own unhappiness, and he has become an offense in all circles, religious, commercial and political. The man who moves for a committee of investigation is generally a moral derelict. The man who goes with his nostrils inflated, trying to discover something malodorous, is not a man, but a sleuth-hound! The world is full of nice people, generous people, people who are doing their best—good husbands, good wives, good fathers, good mothers, good governors, good state and national legislators, good rulers. Does some man growl out, "That has not been my experience, and I think just the opposite?" Well, my brother, I am sorry for your afflictive circumstances, and that you had an unfortunate ancestry, and that you have kept such bad company, and had such discouraging environment. I notice that after a man has been making a violent tirade against his fellow-men, he is on his way down, and if he live long enough he will be asking you for a quarter of a dollar to get a drink or a night's lodging. Behave yourself well, oh, young man, and you will find life a pleasant thing to live, and the world full of friends, and God's benediction everywhere about you.

Again: If you would be master of the situation, expect nothing from good luck, or haphazard, or gaming adventures. In this time, when it is estimated that gambling exchanges money to the amount of about eighty million dollars a day, this remark may be useful. There come times in many a man's life when he hopes to get something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are fifty kinds of gambling. Stand aloof from all of them. Understand that the gambling spirit is a disease, and the more successful you are, the more certain you are to go right on to your own ruin.

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Again: If you would be master of the situation, never adjourn until tomorrow what you can do today. The difference between happy and inspiring work and wearying and exhausting and dispiriting work is the difference between work behind you and work before you. But always wait until you feel like it, wait until circumstances are more propitious, wait till next week, or wait till next year, and the probability is the work will be only half done, or never done at all. Postponement is the curse of a vast population. After awhile all the things that ought to have been done previously will rush in upon you, and it being too much for your brain and nerves, you will be a fit subject for paralysis or nervous prostration.

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Again: If you would be master of the situation, and I name it last, because it is the most important, for you know that which is last mentioned is apt to be best remembered, I charge you get into your heart and life, your conversation and your manners, your body, mind and soul, the near six thousand-year-old religion of the Bible. Why so? Because the large majority of people quit this life before twenty-five years of age and the possibility is that if you do not take possession of this religion, and religion does not take possession of you while you are young, you will never come into alliance. Mrs. McKinley, the mother of our president, said to me at the White House: "I am living on borrowed time, for I am over eighty years of age." My reply to her was the reply I make to you: "All those who are over fifteen years of age are living on borrowed time, since the majority of people go out of the world before fifteen years of age."

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More young men would take this advantage which I speak of if they did not have the notion that religion puts one into depressing process. They have heard, for instance, the absurd preachment: "You ought to live every day as though it were your last." Such a lachrymose man I would not want anywhere around me. On the contrary, you ought to live as though you were going to live a great while in this world, and to live forever in the next world. There is no smell of varnish of coffin-lids in our genuine religion. Get in right relation with God through Jesus Christ, and you need not bother yourself the rest of your life for two minutes about your death or about your funeral. Here is a manly religion, one that will extirpate from your nature all that ought to be extirpated, and irradiate it with every virtue, and make it glow with every anticipation.

Neither would I have you adopt that other absurd preachment, that the things of this world are of little importance as compared with the next world. On the contrary, you cannot sufficiently appreciate the importance of this world, for it decides your next world. You might as well despise a school house because it is not a university. In the school house we prepare for the university. If this world is of such little importance, I do not think the first-born and the last-born of heaven would have spent thirty-three years down here to redeem it.

Do not postpone to the fifties or even the forties of your life that which you can be and do in the twenties or thirties. If you do not amount to much before forty years of age, you will never amount to much.

Young man, start right, and the only way to start right is to put yourself into companionship with the best friend a young man ever had—Christ the Lord. He will give you equipoise amid the rocking of life's uncertainties. He will support you in a day of loss. He will direct you when you come to the forks of the road and know not which road to take. He will guide you in your home life, if you are wise enough to have a home of your own. If you live on to great prosperity He will show you how to manage a fortune. If your earthly projects fail, and you are put in financial straits, He will see to it that that is the best condition for your soul, and the discipline and the hardship will make you more and more of a man. If you live on to old age, He will make the evening twilight as bright as, and perhaps brighter than, was the morning twilight, and when your work on earth is done, the gates of a better world will open on expansions and enthronements and felicities which St. John describes, sometimes as orchards, sometimes as shaded streets, and sometimes as a crystaline river, and sometimes as an orchestra with mighty instruments, blown on by lips cherubic, or thrummed by fingers seraphic, and inhabitants always tearless, and songful, and respendent, so that the mightiest calamity of the universe is the portion of that one who fails to enter it.

Young man, seek only elevating and improving companionship. Do not let the last scion of a noble family, a fellow with a big name but bad habits, for he drinks and swears and is dissolute, take your arm to walk down the street, or spend an evening with you, either at your room or his room. Remember that sin is the most expensive thing in God's universe. I have read that Sir Brasil, the Knight, tired out with the chase, had a falcon on his wrist, as they did in days of falconry, when with hawks or falcons they went forth to bring down partridges, or grouse, or pigeons, and being very thirsty, came to a stream struggling from a rock, and releasing the falcon from his wrist, he took the bugle which he carried, and stopping the mouth-piece of his bugle with a tuft of moss, he put this extemporized cup under the water which came down, drop by drop, from the rock until the cup was full, and then lifted it to drink, when the falcon he had released, with sudden swoop, dashed the cup from his hand. By the same process he filled the cup again, and was about to drink when the falcon by another swoop dashed down the cup. Enraged at this insolence and violence of the bird, he cried, "I will wring thy neck if thou doest that again." But having filled the cup a third time the falcon dashed it down. Then Sir Brasil with his fist struck the bird, which fluttered and looked lovingly and reproachfully at him and dropped dead. Then Sir Brasil, looking up to the top of the rock whence dripped the water, saw a great green serpent, coiled fold above fold, the venom from his mouth dropping into that from which Sir Brasil had filled his cup. Then exclaimed the knight, "What a kind thing it was for the falcon to dash down that poisoned cup, and what a sad thing that I killed him, and what a narrow escape I had!" So now there are no more certainly waters that refresh than waters that poison. This moment there are thousands of young men, unwittingly and not knowing what they do, taking into their bugle-cup of earthly joy that which is deadly because it drips from the jaws of that old serpent, the devil, and the dove of God's Spirit in kindly warning dashes down the cup; but again it is filled and again dashed down, and again filled and again dashed down. Why not turn away and slake your thirst at the clear, bright, perennial fountain that breaks from the Rock of Ages, a fountain so wide and so deep that all the inhabitants of earth, and all the armies of heaven, may stoop down and fill their chalices?

Winning for Aaron.

From the New York Press: All the sporting world knows the venerable prize fighter and race track patron, Barney Aaron, and nearly everybody knows Al Smith, who is in all kinds of innocent amusements up to his neck, and is commonly accounted a good fellow. In the kindness of his heart Al once upon a time undertook to make $50 for Barney in the stock market. It was something like this: "Come on, old man; I'll just sell fifty shares of St. Paul for you. We can make the turn in a few minutes." Barney thought it the easiest thing in all the world, and it would have been but for the fact that St. Paul, instead of going down, plunged skyward like a rocket. Before Al could do a thing he was $200 or $300 loser. This he could not tell Barney, of course, but he determined to recoup and make that $50 anyway. His gambling blood was up. To make a long story short, the effort to do this kind office for a poor old friend cost him no less than $4,500.

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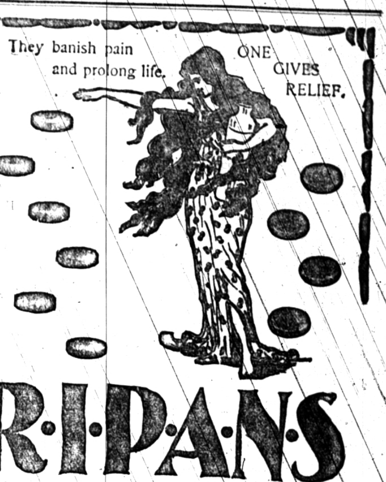

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