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The Need of Grace in the Affairs of Daily Life—Turns Discord Into Harmony — Final Reward of Patience—Causes of Pessimism.

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Washington, Dec. 2.—This discourse of Dr. Talmage is a full length portrait of a virtue which all admire, and the lessons taught are very helpful; text, Hebrews x, 36, "Ye have need of patience."

Yes, we are in awful need of it. Some of us have a little of it, and some of us have none at all. There is less of this grace in the world than of almost any other. Faith, hope and charity are all abloom in hundreds of souls where you find one specimen of patience. Paul, the author of the text, on a conspicuous occasion lost his patience with a co-worker, and from the way he urges this virtue upon the Hebrews, upon the Corinthians, upon the Thessalonians, upon the Romans, upon the Colossians, upon the [illegible] theological student Timothy, I conclude he was speaking out of his own need of more of this excellence. And I only wonder that Paul [illegible] nerves left. [illegible]

Patience Under Difficulties.

[illegible] ... passing [illegible] The Christian woman an angel of [illegible] now that some social slight is put upon her or her family, hear how her utterances increase in intensity. One of the ablest and best ministers of the gospel in America stopping at a hotel in a town where he had an evening engagement, was interrupted in his afternoon nap by a knock at the door by a minister who had come to welcome him, and after the second and third knock the sleeper opened the door and took the invader of his repose by the collar and twisted it with a force that, if continued, would have been strangulation. Oh! It is easy enough to be patient when there is nothing to be patient about. When the bank account is good and in no danger of being overdrawn, and the wardrobe is crowded with apparel appropriate for the cold, or the heat, or the wet, and all the family have attested their health by keen appetites at a loaded table, and the newspapers, if they mention us at all, put right construction upon what we do or say, and we can walk ten miles without getting tired, and we sleep eight solid hours without turning from side to side, the most useless grace I can think of is patience. It has no business anywhere in your house. You have no more need of it than a life preserver while you are walking the pavement of a city, no more need of it than an umbrella [illegible] more need of it [illegible] Davy's [illegible] you are [illegible] October [illegible]

Causes of Pessimism.

[illegible] if you will [illegible] the road or the sidewalk [illegible] of God. Her [illegible] She has no wings, for she is not an angel, but there is something in her countenance that implies rescue and deliverance. She comes up the steps that once were populous with the affluent and into the hallway where the tapestry is getting faded and frayed, the place now all empty of worldly admirers. I will tell you her name if you would like to know it. Paul baptized her and gave her the right name. She is not brilliant, but strong. There is a deep quiethood in her manner, and a firmness in her tread, and in her hand is a scroll revealing her mission. She comes from heaven. She was born in the throne room of the King. This is Patience. "Ye have need of patience."

Many of the nations of the earth have put their admiration of this virtue into proverb or epigram. One of those eastern proverbs says, "With time and patience the mulberry leaf becomes satin." A Spanish proverb says, "If I have lost the rings, here are the fingers still." The Italian proverb says, "The world is his who has patience." The English proverb declares, "When one door shuts, another opens." All these proverbs only put in another way Paul's terseness when he says, "Ye have need of patience."

Warm Hearted Christians.

But here comes a warm hearted, sympathetic, Christian man. He says: "There is a man down in the ditch. I must get him out. God help me to get him out!" And standing there on the edge of the ditch the good man soliloquizes and says to himself: "If I had had as bad a father and mother as he had and all the surroundings of my life had been as depraving as those that have cursed him I myself would probably have been down in the ditch, and if that man had been blessed with as good a father and mother as I have and he had been surrounded by the kindly influences which have encompassed all my days he would probably have been standing here looking down at me in the ditch." Then the good man puts his knee to the side of the ditch and bends over and says to the fallen one, "Brother, give me your hand," and with one stout grip lifts him up to God and heaven. There are wounds of the world that need the probe and the sharp knife and severe surgery, but the most of the wounds want an application of ointment or salve, and we ought to have three or four boxes of that gospel medicament in our pocket as we go out into the world. We all need to carry more of the "balm of Gilead" and less caustic, more benediction and less anathema. When I find a professed Christian man harsh and merciless in his estimates of others, I silently wonder if he has not been misusing trust funds or beating his wife. There is something awful the matter with him.

We also have need of patience with slow results of Christian work. We want to see our attempts to do good immediately successful. The world is improving, but improving at so deliberate a rate. Why not more rapidity and momentum? Other wheels turn so swiftly, why not the gospel chariot have speed electric? I do not know. I only know that it is God's way. We whose cradle and grave are so near together have to hurry up, but God, who manages this world and the universe, [illegible] from everlasting to everlasting. He takes 500 years to do that which He could do in five minutes. His clock strikes once in a thousand years. [illegible] the foundations of the world were even in being laid, and [illegible] the earthquakes and volcanoes [illegible] ... now that it has been raised. The [illegible] ... to be made the eternal abode of the [illegible] The wall of that temple is going up, and my only anxiety is to have the one brick that I am trying to make for that wall turn out to be of the right shape and smooth on all sides, so that the Master Mason will not reject it or have much work with the trowel to get it into place. I am responsible for only that one brick, though you may be responsible for a panel of the door or a carved pillar or a glittering dome.

Patience Under Injury.

Again, we have need of patience under wrong inflicted, and who escapes it in some form? It comes to all people in professional life in the shape of being misunderstood. Because of this how many people fly to newspapers for an explanation. You see their card signed by their own name declaring that they did not say this or did not do that. [illegible] ... not realizing that every man comes to be taken for what he is worth, and you cannot by any newspaper paid to taken for more than you are worth nor by any newspaper depreciation be put down. There is a spirit of [illegible] ... [illegible] The world misunderstood Him, and [illegible] They charged Him with [illegible] called Him a winebibber. They [illegible] misunderstood Him, and when it was put to the vote whether He was guilty or not of treason He got not one vote, while all the others voted "Aye, aye." They misunderstood His cross and [illegible] divine power He would effect His own rescue. They misunderstood His grave and declared that His body had been stolen by infamous [illegible] He so fully consented to be misunderstood that, harried and stripped and submerged with scorn, He answered not a word. You cannot come up to that, but you can imitate in some small degree the patience of Christ.

Patience Under Physical Pain.

Again, this grace is needed to help in time of physical ailments. What vast multitudes are in perpetual pain while others are subject to occasional paroxysm! Almost every one has some disorder to which he is occasionally subjected. It is rheumatism or neuralgia or sick headache or indigestion, brings on that old spell and you think you would rather have almost anything else, but that is because you have not tried the other. Almost everyone has something which he wishes he had not. [illegible] ... marched as the army of physical suf[illegible] ... for a good while [illegible] culosis, next organic heart [illegible] next pneumonia, next in number of its victims is apoplexy, next Bright's disease, next cancer, next typhoid fever, next paralysis. Those eight diseases are the worst despoilers of human life. The doctors with solutions and lancets and anodynes and cataplasms are in a brave fight against these physiological devils that try to possess the human race. But after all the scientists can do there is a demand for patience. Nothing can take the place of that. It is needed this moment in every sickroom and along the streets and in business places and shops where breadwinners are compelled to toil when physically incompetent to move a pen or calculate a column of figures or control a shovel. But every pastor could show you instances of complete happiness under physical suffering. He could take you to that garret or to that hospital or to some room in his parish where sits in rocking chair or lies upon a pillow some one who has not seen a well day in ten years and yet has never been heard to utter a word of complaint. The grace of God has triumphed in her soul as it never triumphs in the soul of one who is vigorous and athletic.

Banishment of Care.

Now let us this hour turn over a new leaf and banish worriment and care out of all our lives. Just see how those perversities have multiplied wrinkles in your face and acidulated your disposition and torn your nerves. You are ten years older than you ought to be. Do two things, one for the betterment of your spiritual condition and the other for the safety of your worldly interests. First, get your heart right. And that will be being pardoned through [illegible] ... [illegible]

Many a breadwinner [illegible] would now have been alive and well but for the reason that when he was prostrated he saw that in case of his decease his family would go to the poorhouse [illegible] ... duties attended to, the one for the safety of your soul in this world and the next, and the other for the safety of your family if you pass out of this life, make a new start. If possible have your family sitting room where you can let in the sunlight. Have a musical instrument if you can afford it, harp or piano or cabinet or parlor organ. Learn how to play on it yourself or have your children learn how to play on it. Let bright colors dominate in your room. If there are pictures on the wall let them not be suggestive of battlefields, which are always cruel, or deathbeds, which are always sad, or partings, which are always heartbreaking. There are enough present woes in the world without the perpetual commemoration of past miseries. If you sing in your home or your church do not always choose tunes in long meter.

The Reward of Patience.

This last summer I stood on Sparrow hill, four miles from Moscow. It was the place where Napoleon stood and looked upon the city which he was about to capture. His army had been in long marches and awful fights and fearful exposures, and when they came [illegible] ... [illegible] ... army into the snows. This under which 95,000 men perished. How soon a triumphal march turn into horrible demolition. Today, while I speak, we come on a high hill, a glorious hill of Christian anticipation. These hosts of God have had a long march, and fearful battles and defeats have again and again mingled with the victories. But today we come in sight of the great city, the capital of the universe, the residence of the King and the home of those who are to reign with him forever and ever. Look at the towers and hear them ring with eternal jubilee. Look at the domes of those mansions, where many of our loved ones are. Behold the streets of cornaline gold and hear the rumble of the chariots of those who are more than conquerors. So far from being driven back, all the twelve gates are wide open for our entrance. We are marching on and marching on, and our every step brings us nearer to that city.

Complimented His Wife.

Some automobilists along a lonely country road stopped at a wayside cabin to get a drink. The men of the house answered their knock. When he withdrew for pitcher and glass there came a voice from within as of some one objecting in high feminine [illegible] not likely to languish for want of [illegible] ... [illegible] ... experience.—Phillips Brooks.

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No. 29.

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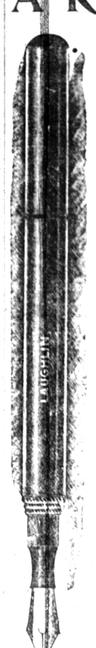

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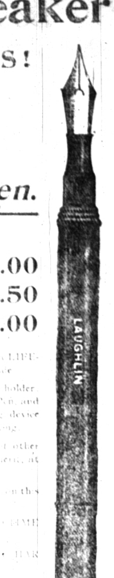

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