TALMAGE'S SERMON.

CHRISTIAN FIDELITY THE SUBJECT LAST SUNDAY.

"He Was a Mighty Hunter Before the Lord"—Text, Genesis X, Verse 9—The Archers of Olden Times—Awkward Christian Work.

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Washington, May 12.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage urges all Christian workers to increased fidelity and shows how much effort at doing good falls through lack of adroitness; text Genesis x, 9, "He was a mighty hunter before the Lord."

In our day hunting is a sport, but in the lands and the times infested of wild beasts it was a matter of life or death with the people. It was very different from going out on a summer afternoon with a patent breech-loader to shoot woodbirds on the flats when Pollux and Andromeda and Hercules went out to clear the land of lions and panthers and bears. Xenophon grows eloquent in regard to the art of hunting. In the far east people emphasized mounted chase of the tiger. Frank I was called Martel, and forth from Moses in his text and forth from Nimrod as a heroic adventurer, with his head bound with a lion's skin, and armed with mighty bow and arrow, and with his mighty hunting dog at his heels, should he not appear before the people as a hero?

I have no doubt that Nimrod was a good thing and ought to be remembered as such. But I am more interested in today's work. Instead of hunting the wild beasts of the forest, we are hunting for men and women. Instead of the bow and arrow, we use the truth of God. Instead of the spear, we use the sympathies of the heart. Instead of the lasso, we use the power of prayer. Instead of the net, we use the influence of a godly life. Instead of the trap, we use the power of a Christian example. Instead of the gun, we use the voice of entreaty and warning. Instead of the lion's skin, we use the robe of righteousness. Instead of the mighty dog, we use the Holy Ghost. Instead of the mighty bow, we use the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instead of the mighty arrow, we use the Word of God. Instead of the mighty spear, we use the cross of Christ. Instead of the mighty net, we use the Church of God. Instead of the mighty trap, we use the power of a Christian example. Instead of the mighty gun, we use the voice of entreaty and warning. Instead of the mighty