

Methods of Resistance to Temptation.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.—James iv : 7.

I. SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD.

II. SO IN SUPREME CHOICE OF HIM, FIND THE POWER OF RESISTANCE.

W. H.

Sermon for Ministers.

Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom?
Ps. lx : 9.

I. THE Preacher's Fight.

II. THE Preacher's Foes.

III. THE Preacher's Victory.

W. H.

Funeral Service.**The Shortening of Life.**

The days of his youth hast thou shortened.—Ps. lxxxix : 45.

THE death of the young specially impressive. It teaches—

1. That God is the Sovereign Disposer of all. Tendency on part of man to free himself from Divine Authority, seen on referring all events to "Law." Personality sunk in Uniformity. A *break* needed to show us Jehovah still reigns. The death of a youth such a break. It is at variance with "Tables of Mortality." Disappointment of expectation

of three-score years and ten. We hope for so much from the "course of nature," but God breaks in—"the one is taken, the other is left."

2. Teaches the "Fear of God."

We are averse to change—dislike to have our plans interfered with. But an uninterrupted flow carries away from God. "Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God." If everyone were sure of long life, wickedness would increase. We would procrastinate more fatally than now. Before the flood, men lived too long for their own good. But the great *change* of Death may come at any time—even in youth. "Prepare to meet thy God."

3. The death of a youth not necessarily calamitous beyond the event. We so look upon it, "What a pity so young!" "Cut down in promise of life!" Language of natural affection. Feeling of Psalmist when eyes obscured with grief: "Thou hast covered him with shame." But though he may have achieved no marked measure of worldly success, he has been sufficiently enterprising if he have worked the "works of God," which is to "believe in Him whom God hath sent." To die young is then to escape the evils of old age.

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LIVING ISSUES FOR PULPIT TREATMENT.**Licensing Gambling.**

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure.—Isa. v : 14.

LAST spring the New York Legislature passed what is known as the "Ives Pool Law"—a measure which legalizes within certain periods the receiving and registering of bets, pool-selling and gambling on all the race-tracks of the State operated by the racing associations. The same law imposes, as a consideration for rendering legal what was before prohibited in the State as inimical to public morals, a tax of five per cent. on the gross receipts at the gate of

the race-track. The friends of this measure legalizing gambling urged as a reason for its passage that "as men will gamble anyhow" it was better to have it carried on under "proper restrictions." So the bill became a law, despite the earnest protests of the moral and Christian portion of the community.

What has been the result of this legalized "restriction" of an act in itself immoral?

Mr. Anthony Comstock, Agent of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, and whose special duty it has been to watch the effect and operation of the law, in a recent