

Don't Borrow Trouble

Most of the Worries of Life Imaginary and Never Come

Washington, Sept. 8.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows the folly of allowing the forebodings to influence us and how expectation of evil weakens and destroys. Text, Matthew vi, 34: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

The life of every man, woman and child is as closely under the divine care as though such person were the only man, woman or child. There are no accidents. As there is a law of storms in the natural world, so there is a law of trouble, a law of disaster, a law of misfortune; but the majority of troubles of life are imaginary, and the most of those anticipated never come. At any rate, there is no cause of complaint against God. See how much He has done to make you happy. His sunshine filling the earth with glory, making rainbow for the storm and back for the morning freshness for the most, saffron the cloud, and crystal for the billow and procession of banners flame through the opening gates of the morning, chaffinches to sing, rivers to glitter, seas to chant, and springs to bubble up with their song and overarching all other splendor with its triumph, covering up all other beauty with its garlands and outshining all thrones with its dominion—deliverance for a lost world through the Great Redeemer.

I discourse of the sin of borrowing trouble.

First, such a habit of mind and heart is wrong, because it puts one into a despondency that fits him for duty. I planned two rosebushes in my garden; the one thrived beautifully, the other perished. I found the dead one on the shady side of the house. Our dispositions, like our plants, need sunshine. Expectancy of repulse is a deadly enemy to the secular and religious failures. Fear of bankruptcy has upon many a fine business and sent the man dodging among the note-shavers. Fear of slander and abuse has often invited all the long-beaked gulls to scorn and pick at the man. Many of the misfortunes of life, like hyenas, flee if you courageously meet them.

How poorly prepared for religious duty is a man who sits down under the gloom of expected misfortune. If he prays he says, "I do not think I shall be answered." If he gives, he says, "I expect they will steal the money." Helen Chalmers told me that her father, Thomas Chalmers, in the darkest hour of the history of the Free Church of Scotland, and when the woes of the land seemed to weigh upon his heart said to his children, "Come, let us go out and play ball or fly kite," and the only difficulty in the play was that the children could not play with their father. The McChesneys and the Summerfields of the church who aid the most good toiled in the sunlight. Away with the horrors. They distill poison; they dig graves, and if they could they would drown the rejoicings of heaven with sobs and wailing.

You will have nothing but misfortune in the future if you sedulously watch for it. How shall a man change his line and hook and bait to catch lizards and water serpents? Hunt for bats and hawks, and bats and hawks you will find. Hunt for robin redbreasts. One night an eagle and an owl got into the cattail. The eagle, unused to the night, was no match for the owl, which is most at home in the darkness, and the king of the air fell helpless. But the morning rose, and with rose the eagle, and the owls and the night hawks; and the bats came a second time to the combat. Now, the eagle in the sunlight, with a stroke of his talons and a great cry, cleared the air, and his enemies, wild and tame, splashed with blood, tumbled into the thickets. Ye are the children of light. In the night of despondency you will have no chance against your enemies that flock up from beneath; but, trusting in God and standing in the sunshine of the promises, you shall "renew your youth like the eagle."

Again, the habit of borrowing trouble is wrong because it has a tendency to make us overlook present blessings. To shake man's thirst the rock is cleft, and cool waters leap into his brimming cup. To feed his hunger the fields bow down with bending wheat, and the cattle come down from the clover pastures to give him milk, and the orchards yellow and ripen, casting their juicy fruits into his lap. At that amid such exuberance of blessing man should grow as though he were a soldier on half rations or a sailor on short allowance; that a man should stand neck deep in harvests looking forward to famine; that one should feel the strong pulses of health marching with regular tread through all the avenues of life and yet tremble at the expected assault of sickness; that a man should sit in his pleasant home, fearful that ruthless want will come day rattle the broken window sash with tempest and sweep the coals from the hearth and pour hunger into the bread tray; that a man fed by Him who owns all the harvests should expect to starve; that one whom God loves and surrounds with benediction and attends with angelic escort and hovers over with more than motherly fondness should be looking for a heritage of tears? Has God been hard with thee that thou shouldst be foreboding? Has He stinted thy board? Has He covered thee with rags? Has He spread traps for thy feet, and galled thy cup, and rapped thy soul, and wrecked thee with storm, and thundered upon thee with a life full of calamity?

If your father or brother come into your bank where gold and silver are lying about, you do not watch them for you know they are honest; but if an entire stranger comes by the safe

trumpets of salvation and the voice of hallelujah unto God forever.

Your way may wind along dangerous bridge paths and amid wolf's howl and the scream of the vulture, but the way still winds upward till angels guard it, and trees of life overshadow it, and fountains leap on it, and the pathway ends at gates that are pearl and streets that are gold and temples that are always open and hills that quake with perpetual song and a city mingling forever Sabbath and jubilee and triumph and coronation.

Let pleasure chant her siren song; 'Tis not the song for me; To weeping it will turn ere long, For this is heaven's decree.

But there's a song the ransomed sing To Jesus, their exalted King, With joyful heart and tongue; Oh, that's the song for me.

Courage, my brother! The father does not give to his son at school enough money to last him several years, but, as the bills for tuition and board and clothing and books come in, pay them. So God will not give you grace all at once for the future, but will meet all your exigencies as they come. Through earnest prayer trust Him. People ascribe the success of a certain line of steamers to business skill and know not the fact that when that line of steamers started the wife of the proprietor passed the whole of each day when a steamer started in prayer to God for its safety and the success of the line. Put everything in God's hands and leave it there. Large interest money to pay will soon eat up a farm, a store, an estate, and the interest on borrowed troubles will swamp anybody. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

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The Markets

Toronto Farmers' Market.

Sept. 21.—Receipts of grain on the street market to-day were only fair. Prices generally were steady. Barley alone was 1/2c higher.

Wheat was steady, 200 bushels of white selling at 68 to 72 1/2c per bushel, 100 bushels of red at 69 1/2c, and 200 bushels of goose at 67c. Old barley was 1/2c firmer, 2,000 bushels selling at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c per bushel. Oats were steady, 600 bushels of new selling at 38 to 39 1/2c.

Rye was steady, one load selling at 54c per bushel.

Peas were easier, one load of small selling at 66c.

Butter was easier, pound rolls bringing from 17 to 20c. The offerings were liberal.

Eggs were firm. New laid are selling at 15 to 16c.

Poultry was 5c a pair easier; the offerings were extremely plentiful, and the quality generally was good. Live chickens are bringing 40 to 65c a pair. Dressed chickens were also plentiful, but the prices remained steady at 40 to 60c a pair. Ducks were more plentiful, and prices were unchanged at 60 to 80c a pair. Turkeys were scarce and unchanged at 10 to 12c per lb.

Hay was very plentiful, 30 loads selling at \$10.50 per ton. Straw was easier; one load sold at \$10.

Toronto Fruit Markets.

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Finally, the habit of borrowing trouble is wrong because it is unbelief. God has promised to take care of us. The Bible blooms with assurances. Your hunger will be fed; your sickness will be alleviated; your sorrows will be healed; God will send you feet and smooth your path, and along by yawning crags and opening gaves sound the voices of victory and good cheer. The summer clouds that seem thunder charged really carry in their bosom harvests of what are and shocks of corn and vineyards purpling for the winpress. The wrathful wave will kiss the feet of the great Storm Walker. Our great Joshua will command, and above your soul the sun of prosperity will stand still. Bleak and wave and struck Fatmos shall have apocalyptic vision, and you shall hear the cry of elders and the sweep of wings and

Self-Preservation.

First Night-Watchman.—That man Noddis is an extremely careful watchman.

Second Night-Watchman.—Why, he wouldn't think of going to sleep anywhere except directly underneath an automatic fire-sprinkler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XIII
SEPTEMBER 29, 1901.

Review.—Gen. 18: 17-22; 22: 34-28.

Summary.—Lesson I. Topic, The creation. In the beginning God created all things; afterwards He came to the earth to set it in order; He performed six days' work; on the first day He made light; on the second the waters were divided; on the third the dry land, seas, grass and trees appeared; on the fourth He made the sun and moon; on the fifth fish and fowls; on the sixth, creeping things, beasts and man; on the seventh, God rested. II. Topic, The fall of man. III. Topic, The deluge. IV. Topic, Abraham's obedience. V. Topic, Abraham's obedience. VI. Topic, The separation between Abraham and Lot. VII. Topic, God's covenant with Abraham. VIII. Topic, God's judgment on Sodom. IX. Topic, The trial of Abraham's faith. X. Topic, Isaac oppressed by the Philistines. XI. Topic, The birth of Jacob. XII. Topic, Jacob's prevailing prayer. XIII. Topic, The effects of wine drinking.

Teachings.—God our Creator is able to create us anew and give us a new nature. The Psalmist prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." In yielding to our Creator we are held out by Satan, man disobeyed God and the line, "Put everything in God's hands and leave it there." Large interest money to pay will soon eat up a farm, a store, an estate, and the interest on borrowed troubles will swamp anybody. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

The first lesson of the quarter takes us back to the beginning of all created things. In panoramic display the sacred writer here sees in vision the successive steps in the work of creation pass before his mind.

Several things concerning man are suggested. 1. His position as related to the rest of creation. He was the crowning work of creation. In the midst of a world of creatures, man alone was made in the image of God. His moral nature patterned after the divine. 3. His dominion. Gen. 1: 26, 28. Man's position as related to the rest of creation. He was the crowning work of creation. In the midst of a world of creatures, man alone was made in the image of God. His moral nature patterned after the divine. 3. His dominion. Gen. 1: 26, 28. Man's position as related to the rest of creation. He was the crowning work of creation. In the midst of a world of creatures, man alone was made in the image of God. His moral nature patterned after the divine. 3. His dominion. Gen. 1: 26, 28.

WHAT WOMEN ADMIRE IN MEN.

(The New York Telegraph).

It has been brought as a charge against women that they have not the same sense of beauty as men possess simply because, while good looks form so strong an attraction in a man's eyes, a woman, in nine cases out of ten, never thinks of them in her choice of a husband. There seems no limit to the ugliness which a man may possess without in any way ruining his chances of getting a woman to love him. Sometimes his wife is exceptionally beautiful; indeed, it is the exception rather than the rule to see an ugly man with a plain wife. Perhaps his own lack of beauty makes him value it more keenly in others, while she, as is natural, is not particularly affected by the lack of what is so much a part of herself.

A man may be crippled, hideous, deformed, and yet find woman glad to share his lot. Man, noticing this peculiarity, have often sneered at women in consequence, supposing them so anxious to marry that they are not fastidious as to whom they take. But they misunderstand the matter altogether.

It is not pity alone which moves a woman to marry an unattractive man. Compassion can move her to much, for it is one of the most powerful influences over her mind. But love with her is not half so often induced by beauty in the object as by other qualities which excite her admiration far more strongly.

Physical and Moral Strength.

First of all, she chiefly admires in a man his strength, physical and moral. She has not much bodily strength herself, and so it seems to her the most beautiful thing in the world. She thinks a man who can walk twelve miles without fatigue and lift her up with one hand far more worthy of being admired than partners in the state that ends with the death of one of the contracting parties, notwithstanding public indignities and actual personal violence. Just what she admires in her liege lord under those circumstances is difficult to explain, especially as this type of man who is beloved usually is an arrant coward.

Another Type.

And yet women have been known to fairly worship men who could not, by even the wildest exaggeration, possess any of the above traits. Women have even for their partners in the state that ends with the death of one of the contracting parties, notwithstanding public indignities and actual personal violence. Just what she admires in her liege lord under those circumstances is difficult to explain, especially as this type of man who is beloved usually is an arrant coward.

The same woman will ignore the love of a man who has set her up as a goddess in his life, who occupies a position of honor and trust among men and whose name really means something in the rush of the busy world. One careless act of the woman who does not think—possibly it is only a broken engagement when the man needs the gentlest pressure of her hand, or a few hours of her company alone. The dream of hoped-for affection is ended, the ideal is shattered forever. She who appeared to him so different from the ordinary woman again drops to the plane upon which man has placed all others of her sex, and, well—she stays with her husband and accepts the kicks and blows that are an ever increasing crescendo accompaniment to the home life that she almost left behind in the dim aster.

She is but a woman, after all, and, well—a good cigar's a smoke.

When he is strong, when she can endow him in her fancy with all his possibilities, and when he is devoutly in love with herself, she casts to the winds all such paltry considerations as whether his nose is straight or his eyes brown or blue. She takes him without the faintest regard to his appearance, and believes to the day of her death he is the handsomest man in the world.

Sometimes she admires a man's less admirable qualities. She will think a certain roughness to the rest of the world not at all a thing to depreciate, always provided he is tender toward herself. She often runs into the mistake that unappealing ways are a

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS TO-DAY.



The above picture is made from the latest photograph of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who lately has suffered from a severe illness at her home at Portland, Me. At latest accounts this distinguished woman was convalescing. Mrs. Davis is a fine type of the old school southern woman, and of course her life is wedded to the past. For years the routine of her life has remained unchanged. She lived in and for her daughter Winnie, the "daughter of the confederacy," who died a few years since. For wit and taste Mrs. Davis has few equals, and although she suffers from a slight lameness she has never allowed her physical weakness to interfere with her good temper or her kindly disposition.

Sacred to Monks.

In the "mountain of the monks," on the coast of Macedonia, there are twenty monasteries. The place is sacred to the male sex and no woman is allowed to cross its borders.

Femininity.—Julia—Fanny married a very wealthy man, you know. She tells me she has absolutely nothing to wish for.

Gertrude—Oh, Julia! What a dreadful state to be in.—Brooklyn Life.

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