MOST PEOPLE COWARDS

FEW LIKE HORATIO NELSON, WHO KNEW NOT FEAR'S MEANING.

"SKELETON IN THE CLOSET"

Rev. Dr. Talmage Tolls How to Get Rid of Hidden Trouble-Men Ought Always to Remember That Their Secret Sins Are Not Hidden In the Light of God's Countenance - The Unrepented Fault.

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Los Angeles, Cal., April 22.—How to get rid of the "skeleton in the closet," to overcome the hidden trouble, the unrepented fault, is the subject of the sermon to-day, the text chosen being Psalm xc, 8, "Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance."

Most men are born cowards. They were as bables rocked in the cradle of fear. As boys they always by night disliked to travel the road which leads to the bridge over which Tam o' Shan-

to the bridge over which Tam o' Shan-ter was chased by the hobgoblins. "Of course we do not believe in ghosts," once said a great English evangelist, "but most of us feel squeamish when, alone, we have to walk past a silent country graveyard in the dark hours about midnight. And most of us are afraid of the valley of the shadow of death when, like the Psalmist of old, we look at it in the dim vista of the we look at it in the dim vista of the future, although, like him, we know it is nothing but a black shadow." Of course there may be men born, like Horatio Nelson, who never know what the name of fear means. But if such men exist they are very few and far between. They are almost as scarce as clover tops growing in a January snow bank or as diamonds imbedded in a vein of copper ore.

The members of the human race do not dwell all the time in the City of

not dwell all the time in the City of Courage. They nearly all live for a little while, at least once a year, in the City of Timidity. They more often cry and tremble before the imaginary dangers which threaten them than dangers which threaten them than they suffer from the wounds inflicted by mortal foe. The legend is told that one day a traveler met the Black Plague journeying to the famous eastern capital of Bagdad. "Where are you going?" asked the eastern pilgrim "To Bagdad," was the answer, "to kill 5,000 people." A few weeks later, so goes the legend, the same traveler met the Black Plague on the same road, but now returning from Bagdad and going home. "Why," said this traveler, "did you not do as you said you intended home. "Why," said this traveler, "did you not do as you said you intended to do? You said you were going to Bagdad to kill 5,000 people. From the awful reports I hear coming from that doomed region you have killed 50,000 people instead of 5,000, "Ah," answered the Black Plague, with a gleeful, fiendish grin, "I have kept my word. I killed only 5,000 people on account of my fatal touch, but the other 45,000 people who also died person to the stage of the said touch of the said touch of the said touch as the said touch of the said ther 45,000 people who also died perished of fear. They killed themselves. I had nothing to do with it." Yes, the old legend is right. A great many plagues stalk through this land, destroying their victims everywhere, but the dead that lie in their tracks are not sell claim, by those swinging seyther all slain by those swinging scythes. Most people are born natural cowards. More people die from fear than ever die from the ravages of disease.

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This assumption is almost a self evident fact or an axiom. Now, as most of us are cowards in more ways than one, the greatest check on wrongdoing in this world is the fear of future punshment. The would-be murderer is afraid to shoot his victim for fear he will be executed; the young clerk who is getting into the habit of betting upon the races is afraid to risk any of his employer's money for fear he will be executed; the young clerk who is getting into the habit of betting upon the races is afraid to risk any of his employer's money for fear he will be found out and sent to jall; the women or the men who would like to violate the seventh commandment of tensare afraid to do it for fear the newspaper reporters will get upon their track and the whole scandal will be published in the daily newspapers, and then they will be ostracized from all decent associations, but if a man could sin without being found out or the sinner not be brought to judgment then where there are now two sins there would be twenty and where men erronce now they might do wrong ten times over. That means, of course, if our sins would never be brought to trial.

Now, as I was thinking along this

ten like a cripple with two wooden crutches and one good leg trying to win a race in the Olympian games against the finest athletes of all Greece. He is like an old Chinese junk, with its long banks of oars and antiquated javelins, going forth to naval conflict with the armor total the cruisers of the modern navy. Thus with us. We want to do God's two work. We desire to win God's victories. But we are not willing to make our necessary spiritual preparations for the same. We are not willing to do what lows God commands us to do. We are not Now, as I was thinking along this line the other day my eyes were scanning the Nineteenth Psalm of David. Suddenly my attention was attracted to these words: "Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance." "What," I said to myself—"can it be that there dre sins so secret, so completely hid-den, that our most intimate friends de not know of them, sins that God knows and sees and that our consciences convict us of?" I do not now refer to the open sins, the faults that the world takes note of, but are there not others takes note of, but are there not others hidden away in the inmost recesses of the heart that will one day be set in the penetrating light of God's countenance? Let us examine ourselves this morning as in God's presence.

Let me, in the first place, speak about the sin of robbing God of those hours of sacred devotion in which we should thid secret communion with him, those hours of secret prayer and Bible reading which are so essential for our own

hours of secret prayer and Bible reading which are so essential for our own spiritual life. You know that in that discourse on prayer in which our Lord describes that exercise he commands us to pray in secret as well as to pray openly. In Matthew we read, "When thot prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who is in secret shall reward thee openly. But, though God commands us to have our secret hours of holy communion with him and though the Christian world thinks that we, as professing Christians, have those sacred hours, yet how often do we steal away from God these hours which should be devoted to him. In other words, we want to try to do spiritual words, we want to try to do spiritual work and win spiritual conquests without first making the necessary spiritual prepatation for our own souls.

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and take a short cut up the mountain of fame. Here, for instance, is the young man. He wishes to be a lawyer. He goes to an old lawyer and says: "Judge, I would like to be a lawyer. What shall I do?" "What do you know.

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willing to regularly and systematical

hold certain hours of each day sacred for prayer and for secret communion with God.

with God.

Sometimes it is religious work itself that monopolizes the time. I remember a dear classmate of mine who as a theological student was asked to preach in a little church near to where I used to preach as a student. This church was not able to support a regular passure of the comport as regular passure

was not able to support a regular pas-for. It was way back in the country. So when it got a man to preach for a Sunday it worked him as hard as some people drive a horse which they hire from the livery stable for a day. They

people arive a horse which they hire from the livery stable for a day. They wanted to get the full worth of their money. Thus they got this young man up early to lead the Sunday school and teach a Bible class. Then he conduct-ed a morning service; then after a hur-ried dinner they drove him back inte the mountains, where he had another

the mountains, where he had another Sunday school to lead and another sermon to preach and a Christian Endeavor society to address; then they ran him back to the main church again, where he had a Young People's society

where he had a found respite society, meeting at which to speak and then another sermon to preach. In other words, from early morning until 10 clock at night he was speaking of working all the time. I met him next

working all the time. I met him next day and said, "Well, Howard, how did 70 ig get on?" "Get on," he answered. "Why, I had so much to do that when I crawled into bed that night I was completely fagged out. I was so tired that I could not even say my prayers. I just said, 'O Lord, I have been praying so much for other people that I am just too tired to pray for myself!" I laughed. But for years and years that picture of that tired boy has al-

God commands us to do. We are not that picture of that tired boy has al-

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souls! Next to our neglect of secret prayer and quiet Bible reading I believe our greatest secret sin is our unwillingness to bravely and firmly go forth to advoto bravely and firmly go forth to advo-cate the causes of right which are on the unpopular side. We see blatant sins stalking around everywhere, but because those sins are well dressed of the perpetrators of those sins are influential men and women in the community in which we live we close our mouth and say nothing. We are afraid to antagonize them and those men and women who are their power-

ful supporters.

The man who dares to attack sin that is strongly intrenched is liable to be assailed in character and person. His friends come to him and say: "Let it alone. You will make enemies who can ruin you." Have you never had such advice given to you? 'If you have not you have been all your life a "trimmen" a hedger, a politic man You

mer," a hedger, a politic man. Yeu have not come forth boldly and decisively and attacked wrong wherever you have seen it lift its hideous head.

The world looks upon you as an honest man. Are you honest? I mean, in the higher sense of the word, are you honest with yourself? The city in honest with yourself? The city in which you live is in a death grapple with the saloon or, as is Los Angeles, with an infamous gambling corporation. Dare you life up your voice in protest? "Oh, no," you answer; "if I did those men would boycott me, and they are my customers. They buy lots of goods at my store." In your silence are you not before God committing a secret sin? For years and years in our northern states there were hundreds upon hunhonest with yourself? The city in For years and years in our northern states there were hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of ministers who were afraid to speak upon the slavery question, because if they did they knew they would split their congregations in twain. When my father as a young man was called to the city of Philadelphia just before the war the padlock of silence was upon many ministers' lips. After my father had been there a few weeks he preached an abolition sermon. That afternoon thirty of his most prominent families took their hymn books out of their racks and walked out of the church and never came back. Tell me, are you ready to defy the sin of your friends as well as the sin of your enemies, or are you going to be numbered among the "trimmers," the hedgers, the politic men, who dare not be "in the right with two or three?" If you do



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thus, the world may say you are honest, but in the sight of God you are guilty of a black, helnous secret sin. You are guilty of the sin of cowardice, the sin of not being an out and out disciple of Jesus Christ.

ciple of Jesus Christ.

But we must not stop here. In this catalogue of secret sins we must name the malformed offspring of our minds call "evil thought." By this name I do not means those "evil thoughts which some of us are willing to voice in public, but I do mean those carnal thoughts, those licentious thoughts, those revengeful and brutal thoughts, those debasing thoughts, which some of us at times, to a greater or less despense are ready to foster and let live in gree, are ready to foster and let live in

When there are born into the nursery When there are born into the nursery of the brain licentious thoughts, revengeful thoughts, brutal and accursed thoughts, thoughts which come to us from reading bad books or going with improper companions, or evil thoughts which came to us we know not from whence, then we shield these thoughts. We are foolish enough to suppose that because the world does not know about them we are safe. Ah, no, my friends!

Though the world may not see a man's them we are safe. Ah, no, my friends! Though the world may not see a man's evil thoughts, yet God sees them. "And as a man thinketh in his heart so is he in the sight of God." "For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Beware how you trifle with those bad thoughts—those evil thoughts. By the grace of God crush them out of your life as you would mash the poisonous fang of a deadly adder under your heel. God will condemn you not for what you will condemn you not for what you do, but also for what you think in the inmost recesses of your mind. O God, make us pure in mind as well as pure

But there are still two other clauses of secret sins to which I would call your attention. One of them is the sin of covetousness. The other is the sin of selfish indifference to the misery and wants of others. Now, this sin of covetousness. wants of others. Now, this sin of covetousness is such a repellent sin in God's sight that he wrote a whole commandment against it. This commandment was not put in the words of a general statement, but went into specific detail. Let me read to you the command as it was given to Moses on a table of stone: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his as, nor anything that is thy neighbor's." But, though God in these vehement But, though God in these vehement words has hurled his denunciations against covetousness, yet there are many people who almost every hour of every day of their lives are guilty of every day of their lives are guity of this secret sin. They never walk along the streets or see a fine home but they keep saying to themselves, "I wish I lived in a house like that; I wish I could ride in a carriage like that; I wish I might be able to dress like that; I wish In light have a servant to wait upon me like that." And all their lives, instead of thanking God for his mercles, some men and women are in secret rebellion against God because he has not done as much for them as he has done for some one else. Now, my friends, I firmly believe that this sin of covetousness is one of the most infamous and repellent of all sins in God's sight. And yet it is a sin which to-day thouand yet it is a sin which to-day thou sands of us are practicing in secret Our neighbors do not know we are casting lustful eyes upon their posses-sions, but God knows, and God will condemn us unless we cease to prac-

condemn us unless we cease to practice this infamy.

But the second secret sin is like the first. The same evil characteristic which makes a person wander around the streets saying, "I wish I could have my neighbor's house, my neighbor's wife, my neighbor's man-servant and his maid-servant," is the same evil characteristic which makes a person ignore the calls for help which are being spoken to him on every hand. ing spoken to him on every hand Therefore, though the hands for succo are being stretched forth toward these people, they act as did the priest and the Levite when they saw the poor bleeding traveler of the good Samaritan parable. They pass by on the other side and do nothing. Now, some peo-

ple do not believe this assertion is true but it is, nevertheless.

And, my friends, if we refuse to help And, my friends, if we refuse to helf those who are in financial trouble, how much more sinful are we in refusing to help those who are in spiritual trouble. The world looks at us as good respectable church members. Are well Down in the deep recesses of your own hearts, are we? Have we done anything during the past year to win alleast one soul to Christ? O God, forgive our spiritual indifference and self-ishness! When we appear before thy When we appear before thy ishness! judgment throne, may we be able to show an honest desire and an honest zeal to save thy wandering prodigals even as thou hast forgiven our sins and brought us back into the gospel

Thus to-day I would have the search light of the Holy Spirit turned on to out lives so that in God's sight we should examine ourselves as we truly are Are you ready to be cleansed of your secret sins? Are you ready to say:
"O God, purify my life! O God, cleanse
thou me from secret faults! O God,
make me clean every whit! O God,
thou great reader of thoughts, may I
live and think and plan and work only for thee!" If thou art not ready to say for thee!" If thou art not ready to say this, then thou canst never be saved by grace, for the Bible says, "God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing whether it be evil." To-day I lift up for inspection the records of your secret sins. May God, by the power of Christ's blood, blot out that debasing and condemnatory past and give us a glorious and radiant future. With no secret sin to mar the with no secret sin to mar the white pages of the book of life

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