

WOMEN WHO WORK.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Speaks Encouraging Words to Those Who Struggle for a Livelihood.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—This discourse of Dr. Talmage is an appeal for mercy in behalf of oppressed womanhood, and offers encouragement to those struggling for a livelihood.

Very long ago the needle was busy. It was considered honorable for women to toil in olden times. Alexander the Great stood in his palace and saw the finest tapestries at Bayeux were made by the queen of William the Conqueror.

The greatest blessing that could have happened to our first parents was being turned out of Eden after they had done wrong. Adam and Eve in their perfect state might have gone along without work or only such slight employment as a perfect garden with no weeds in it demanded.

NO HAPPINESS IN IDLENESS. There is no happiness in an idle woman. It may be with hand, it may be with brain, it may be with foot, but work she must or be wretched forever.

Mme. de Staël said: "It is not these writings that I am proud of, but the fact that I have facilitated the occupations in any one of our vocations make a livelihood."

There are women toiling in our cities for \$2 or \$3 a week who were the daughters of merchant princes. These suffering ones now would be glad to have the crumbs that once fell from their father's table.

EQUAL WAGES WITH MEN. I go still further and say that woman should have equal compensation with man. By what principle of justice is it that women in many of our cities get only two-thirds as much pay as men and in many cases only half?

NO DISGRACE TO WORK. Though you live in an elegant residence and are sumptuously every day, let your daughters feel it is a disgrace for them not to know how to work.

thousands of women who are at this moment in despair about what they are to do. Many of the biggest mercantile establishments of our cities are accessory to these distresses.

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THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH. Poets are fond of talking about man as an oak and woman the vine that climbs it, but I have seen many a tree fall that not only went down itself, but took all the vines with it.

PITIFULLY SMALL PAY. Years ago, one Sabbath night in the vestibule of our church, after service, a woman fell in convulsions. The doctor said she needed medicine not so much as something to eat.

THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN. It is said if woman is given such opportunities she will occupy places that might be taken by men. I say if she have more skill and adaptiveness for any position than a man has, let her have it!

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Some say, "Give women the ballot." What effect such ballot might have on other questions I am not sure to discuss, but it would be the effect of female suffrage on women's wages?

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. March 12—Str Bonavista, Patinoe, for Louisburg. March 13—Str Erie, for New York. Sch Joseph Hay, Phillips, for New York.

REPORTS.

BOSTON, March 13.—The three-masted schr. Wm. E. Hood was towed to a safe anchorage in the harbor this afternoon by tugboat Underwriter, which picked her up of Chatham late Monday night.

BIRTHS.

SIRLES—At Campbell, March 7th, to the wife of James Sirles, a son, W. B. Sirles.

MARRIAGES.

NORTHROP—URQUHART—At Hatfield Point, on March 7, by Rev. S. D. Ervine, Frank S. Northrop of Kingston, Kings Co., N. Y., and Miss Laura Urquhart, eldest daughter of Seymour Urquhart of Kings County, N. Y.

DEATHS.

ALBIN—In this city, March 13th, 1899, Hannah, widow of the late James Albin, CURRAN—in Roxbury, Mass., March 11, Mary, widow of the late Curran, aged 81 years.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. At Grenada, Mar 12, sch Evolution, Gale, from St. John.

CANADIAN TROOPS.

An American Tribute to Their Valor. The following from the Buffalo Express is one of the many American editorial references to the valor of the Canadians in South Africa.

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FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

Received by the Sun for contingent fund: Previously acknowledged \$74.15

From Eastern Star, L. T. B. Lodge, No. 147, Kirkland, Ontario Co. \$10.00

The rector of Simonds reports the following contributions to Lord Minto's fund: Red Cross \$2.00

Golden Grove \$2.50 Coldbrook \$2.50 Loch Lomond \$1.50 Black River \$1.00

LEINSTER'S UNDER OFFICERS.

HALIFAX, March 14.—The Leinster regiment are under orders to sail for England from this harbor on March 25th by the Dominion line steamer "Anson."

MEMORANDA.

In port at Auckland, N.Z., Jan 31, bark Star

Advertisement for W. H. M. featuring "Children Cry for CASTORIA." Includes illustrations of children and text describing the product's benefits for infants and children.