



## GRAND TRUNK PROPOSED NEW GENERAL OFFICES, MONTREAL.

The proposed general offices of the Grand Trunk Railway system, which are to be erected in the city of Montreal, will occupy the entire square bounded by McGill, St. Paul, William and Jubilee streets. The total area of the building will cover a space of 30,000 feet. The site which has been chosen calls for the hearty approval of all business men, the location being central and convenient, as well as bringing to the front one of the broadest business streets in that progressive city. The edifice will occupy a front-

age of 200 feet, with a depth of 135 feet. Mr. R. A. Waite, the well-known architect of a number of the most representative structures and public buildings in the Dominion of Canada, has prepared the plans and will supervise the work of the construction. As will be seen by the illustration which appears in this issue, the building will be one of the noblest and most imposing architectural productions in Canada, and will take first rank with structures erected for similar purposes on the continent of America—a remarkable union of richness and breadth, as well as dignified simplicity. The style is Neo-Greek, being a modern adaptation

of Greek and Roman architecture—not a servile copy, but from the spring which the marvellously simple and logical inspiration of the art of the Greeks is obtained, for architecture is required to modify its forms in accordance with the conditions of light, temperature, and of needs and purposes. The plans have been prepared with a view to give a good light in all apartments, combined with striking adaptation to the complex requirements, as well as an effective appearance. The high basement is allotted to the railway, mail, janitor and storage rooms, having separate entrances. Also in this part of the building will be distinct boiler, engine and coal rooms,

located separately from the main building. The ground floor is arranged for the treasurer and paymaster's office, with audit departments, the whole requiring an area of over 15,000 feet. The first floor will be occupied by the general purchasing agent, division freight agent, freight claims agent and auditor. The second floor will contain the general manager's office, general assistant's office, general traffic manager's office, general passenger and ticket and advertising departments, general freight department and general solicitor's office. On the third floor will be the general superintendent, chief engineer, car service agent, general car accountant and telegraph and tele-

phone departments. In the fourth story will be assembly rooms, superannuation, medical and stationery departments. Careful thought is evidenced in the arrangements, as each department will be most accessible from well-lighted galleries; also naturally and conveniently placed with reference to the public as well as the management. The passenger elevators will be central, and are approached through a spacious entrance from McGill street, by short flights of granite stairs. This entrance vestibule will be embellished with a rich marble and faience frieze, also marble ceiling.

In both the exterior and interior of

the edifice a profound loyalty has been preserved to what is delicate and self-repressive, as no attempt at ostentation appears in any part of the architectural scheme. Not only does good taste prevail, but good taste as understood by persons of education and experience.

Separate retiring rooms for male and female clerks are provided for on each story, fitted up in a thorough manner, embodying the most improved fixtures of the highest class.

The latest devices and modern means of lighting, ventilating and heating will be resorted to in the construction of this magnificent building, which will be a model of its kind second to none on the American continent.

## Words to Young Men

Urgent Message From the Prophet Zechariah, Emphasized by Rev. Dr. Talmage.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the text Zechariah iii. 4, "Run, speak to this young man." He said:

There was no snow on the beard of the prophet of my text, and no crow's feet had left their mark near his eyes. Zechariah was a young man, and in a day dream he saw and heard two angels talking about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. One of these angels desires that young Zechariah should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, and he says to the other angel, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not walk, but run, for the message is urgent and imminent. So every young man needs to have immediate advice about that which under God he is to build—namely, his own character and destiny. No slow or lagging pace will do. Swift footed must be the practical and important suggestions, or they might as well never be made at all. Run, before this year of 1885 is ended. Run, before his character is inexorably decided for two worlds, this world and the next. How many of us have found out by long and bitter experience things that we ought to have been told before we were 25 years of age! Now I propose to tell you some things which if you will seriously and prayerfully observe will make you master of the situation in which you are now placed and master of every situation in which you ever will be placed.

Now, if you would be master of the situation do not expend money before

you get it. How many young men irrevocably mortgage their future because of resources that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the money either in your hand or in a safety deposit or in a bank or in a bond before you make purchases or go into expensive enterprises. Do not depend on an inheritance from your father or uncle. The old man may live on a good deal longer than you expect, and the day of your enforced payment may come before the day of his decease. You cannot depend upon rheumatism or heart failure or senility to do his work. Neither had you better spread yourself out because of the fifteen or twenty per cent you expect from an investment. Most of the fifteen or twenty per cent investments are apt to pay nothing save the privilege of being assessed to meet the obligations of the company in the affairs of which you get involved. Better get 5½ per cent from a government bond than be promised fifteen per cent dividend which will never be declared or paid only once or twice, so as to tempt you deeper in before the grand smash up. If you have to wait a year or five years or ten years or most of your lifetime, then you had better wait rather than spend money you expect to get.

Then after you get it do not spend it all. Never spend a dollar until you have fifty cents that you do not spend. In the government service in this city how many splendid women who are the daughters of men who spent all they got and then sneaked out of life to leave their daughters penniless, to be looked after by some kind Senator or

other friend who might solicit for them a position on small salary, but enough to keep them from starvation and the poorhouse! Such men do not die; they abscond. I cannot understand how such spendthrift and reckless improvident men dare at their decease appear at the door of heaven seeking admission when they have left their families in the tophet of want and mendicancy. Such men do not deserve a throne and a harp and a mansion, but an everlasting poorhouse. I have seen so many men ruined for time and eternity by going into expenditure, with nothing to depend upon except anticipation, that if I had power to put all warnings into one clap of thunder I would with that startling vehemence say to all young men what John Randolph said in yonder Senate Chamber as he stretched his long finger out toward some Senatorial opponent and with shrill voice cried out, "Gentlemen, pay as you go!"

Do not say you have no chance, but remember Isaac Newton, the greatest astronomer of his day, once peddling cabbages in the street, and Martin Luther singing on the public square for any pennies he might pick up, and John Bunyan mending kettles, and the late Judge Bradley of the United States supreme court, who was the son of a barber, and John Brown mending kettles, and the late William E. Dodge, the philanthropist and magnificent man, keeping a thread and needle store, and Peter Cooper, who worked on small wages in a glue factory, living to give \$500,000 for the founding of an institute that has already educated thousands of the poor sons and daughters of America, and Bowditch, the scientist, beginning his useful learning and affluent career by reading the books that had been driven ashore from a shipwreck at Salem. There is a flower in Siberia that blooms only in January, the severest month of that cold climate. It is a star-shaped flower and covered with glistening

specks that look like diamonds. A Russian took some of the seeds of that flower to St. Petersburg and planted them, and they grew, and on the coldest day of January they pushed back the snow and ice and burst into full bloom. They call it the "snow flower," and it makes me think of those whom the world tries to freeze out and snow under, but who in the strength of God push through and up and out and bloom in the hardest weather of the world's cold treatment, starred and radiant with a beauty given only to those who find life a struggle and turn it into a victory.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, expect nothing from good luck or haphazard or gaming adventures. In this time, when it is estimated that gambling exchanges money to the amount of about \$80,000,000 a day, this remark may be useful. There come times in many a man's life when he hopes to get something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are 50 kinds of gambling. Stand aloof from all of them. Understand that the gambling spirit is a disease, and the more successful you are the more certain you are to go right on to your own ruin. Nothing but death ever cures a confirmed gambler. Dr. Keeley's gold cure rescues the drunkard, and there are anti-tobacco preparations that will arrest the victim of nicotine, and religion can save any one except a gambler. The fact is he is responsible. Having got the habit in him, he is no more responsible for keeping on than a man falling from the roof of a four-story house can stop at the window of the second story. Here and there you may find an instance where a gambler has been reformed or reports himself as being converted, but in that case the man was not fully under the heel of the passion. The real gambler is a thorough passenger to death and perdition. The only use in referring to him is in the way of prevention. He began by taking chances on a bookcase or a sewing machine at a church fair and ended by getting a few pennies for his last valuable in a pawnbroker's shop.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, never adjourn until tomorrow what you can do today. The dif-

ference between happy and inspiring work and wearying and exhausting and dispiriting work is the difference between work behind you and work before you. There are no stragglers in the days of months and years. If one day should refuse to keep step and become a straggler, it would wreck the universe. Promptness! Up to time! Now! Depend on getting nothing except that which under God by your own industry and good sense you achieve. That was a maxim of olden time. "Get thy spindle ready, and God will send thee flax."

Again, if you would be master of the situation, and I name it last because it is the most important, for you know that which is last mentioned is apt to be best remembered, I charge you to get into your heart and life, your conversation and your manners, your body, mind and soul, the near 6,000-year-old religion of the Bible. Why so? Because the large majority of people quit this life before 25 years of age, and the possibility is that if you do not take possession of this religion, and religion does not take possession of you while you are young, you will never come into alliance.

I make as great an offer as was ever made by man. I offer you God. He tells me to make that point-blank proposition. If you want them you can have them on your side for the earnest asking—omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence! Can you imagine a greater contrast than a young man undertaking life alone—life, with all its confrontments of temptation and obstacles—and a young man undertaking life with every wing of angel and every thunderbolt of heaven pledged for his defense and advancement—the difference between a young man alone, and a young man befriended by the Maker and Upholder of the universe? The battle of life is so severe that no young man can afford to decline any help, and the mightiest help is God.

More young men would take this advantage which I speak of if they did not have the notion that religion puts one into depressing process. They have heard, for instance, the absurd preaching, "You ought to live every day as though it were your last." Such a lachrymose man I would not want anywhere around me. On the contrary, you

ought to live as though you were going to live a great while in this world and to live forever in the next world. There is no smell of varnish of coffin lids in our genuine religion. Get in right relation with God through Jesus Christ, and you need not bother yourself the rest of your life for two minutes about death or about your funeral. Here is a manly religion, one that will extirpate from your nature all that ought to be extirpated and irradiate it with every virtue and make it glow with every anticipation.

Neither would I have you adopt that other absurd preaching, that the things of this world are or little importance as compared with the next world. On the contrary, you cannot sufficiently appreciate the importance of this world. You might as well despise a schoolhouse because it is not a university. If this world is of such little importance, I do not think the first born and the best born of heaven would have spent some 33 years down here to redeem it.

Young man, start right, and the only way to start right, is to put yourself into companionship with the best friend a young man ever had—Christ the Lord. He will give you equipment amid the rocking of life's uncertainties. He will support you in day of loss. He will direct you when you come to the forks of the road and know not which road to take.

Young man, seek only elevating and improving companionship. Do not let the last scion of a noble family, a fellow with a big name, but bad habits, for he drinks and swears, and is dissolute, take your arm to walk down the street or spend an evening with you, either at your room or his room. Remember that sin is the most expensive thing in God's universe.

This moment there are thousands of young men not knowing what they do, taking into their cup of earthly joy that which is deadly because it comes from that old serpent, the devil, and the dove of God's Spirit in kindly warning dashes down the cup, but again it is filled and again dashed down, and again filled and again dashed down. Why not turn away and slake your thirst at the clear, bright, perennial fountain that breaks from the Rock of Ages?