

GADABOUT EVIL.

Dr. Talmage Deplores Prevailing Spirit of Unrest.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—From an unusual text Dr. Talmage in this discourse rebukes the spirit of unrest which characterizes so many people and shows them the happiness and usefulness to be found in stability.

Well, the world has now its dainty gadabouts as it had in three times, and I think that that race of people is more numerous now than it ever was.

It was no small question that Pharoah put to Jacob and his sons when he asked, "What is your occupation?"

While seeking divine guidance in your selection of a lifetime sphere examine your own temperament.

Do you feel yourself humming cadences, and do the treble clef and the musical bars drop from your pen easily, and can you make a tune that charms those who hear it?

Do you prefer country life, and do you like the plow, and do you hear music in the rustle of a harvest field as a fanfare?

Last summer a man of great genius died. He had the talents of twenty men in surgical directions, but he did not like surgery, and he wanted to be a preacher.

through the world's scorn and was thrust in debtor's prison and came with his family to the verge of starvation, but continued his experiments with vulcanized rubber until he added more than can be estimated to the world's health and comfort, as well as to his own advantage.

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Prof. Hempel of the University of Pennsylvania presents us tablets found in the far east ratifying and explaining Scriptural passages which were before a mystery.

So also many are unfixed in regard to their spiritual condition, and day after day and year after year you are gadding about among hopes and fears and anxieties.

It is a point I long to know: Oft it causes anxious thought: Do I love the Lord or no? Am I His, or am I not?

So, also, there are those who gadd about among particular churches. No pains are spared on their part for a single service.

muscle and brain and soul into its every paragraph, these intermittent attendants are not there to hear it. While an occasional absence is excusable for the gratification of some wish or the hearing of some other religiously oratoric in some other pulpit, when the pastor of a church with his eye calls the roll of attendance, by your presence in the old place (practically answer, saying: I am here to hear that which is consecrated to you, and which is the gift of God to you, and which you may give out of all the prayers you may offer.

GADABOUT IN RELIGION. But oh, how the gadabouts injure the churches! Instead of staying in their own prayer meeting or Sunday school they afflict other prayer meetings and Sunday schools.

My text also addresses those who in search of happiness are going hither and yonder, and are not able to find out their true life, all taken up with "musicales" and "progressive eueches," and teas, and yellow luncheons, and "at homes," and dances and theatricals, and instead of finding happiness they find pale cheeks and insomnia and indigestion and neuralgia and an abbreviated lifetime.

Enough flowers in their dining halls to bewitch a prince, but not one tuft of heliotrope to perfume the room of that stigmatic on the back street, to whom the breath of God is blowing like the opening of the front door of heaven.

NEGLECTING ONE'S HOME. Among the race of gadabouts are those who neglect their homes in order that they may attend to institutions, the benevolent and charitable, not so much ask for help as demand it.

Now, what is the practical use of the present discourse? This: Where, as so many have ruined themselves and ruined others by becoming gadabouts, and by being discontented with religious theories among churches, among neighborhoods; therefore, resolved, that we will concentrate upon what is right thought and right behavior and waste no time in vacillations and indecidions and uncertainties, running about in places where we have no business to be.

THE MISTAKE OF MOTHERS. But no one can take a mother's place, and it is an awful mistake that, mother makes who sacrifices home duties for any church meeting, however important, or any hospital, however merciful, or any outside beneficence, however glorious and grand.

horhood. Oh, no! There are many more consecrated souls that are not found in churches. Look into those houses with large families of children and little or no hired help.

God holds the key of all unknown, I have the smiling of his face, And all the refuge of his grace.

Enough; this covers all my want, And so I rest; For what I cannot be can see, And in his care I shall be Forever blest.

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