CONSECRATED MUSCLE.

Rev. Dr. Talmage's Sermon on the Value of Good Health.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—In this etscourse Dr. Talmage sets forth the re-sponsibility of those who are strong and well, as in a former discourse he preacher to the disabled and "the shut in;" text, Judges miv: 1, "And Samson went down to Tin

There are two sides to the character of San son. The one phase of his life, if followed into particulars, would administer to the grotesque and the mirthful. But there is a phase of his character fraught with lessons of sclemn and eternal import. To these graver lessons we devote our sermon

This giant no doubt in early

gave evidences of what he was to be. It is almost always so. There were two Napoleons-the boy Napoleon and the man Napoleon-but both alike; two Howards—the trcy Howard and the man Howard-but both alike; two Samsons—the boy Samson and the man Samson-but both alike. This giant was no doubt the hero of the playround, and nothing could stand be fore his exhibitions of youthful prowcrs. At 18 years of age he was be-trothed to the daughter of a Philistine. Georg down toward Timnath, a lion came out upon him, and although this young giant was weaponless he seized the monster by the long mane and chook hin as a hungry hound shakes a March hare and made his bones creck and left him by the wayside bleeding under the smilting of his fist and the grinding hefit of his heel. THERE HE STANDS

lcoming up above other men, a mountain of flesh, his arms bunched with muscle that can lift the gate of a dity taking an attitude defiant of everything. His hair had never been cut, and it rolled down in seven great plaits over his shoulders, adding to his bulk, fierceness and terror. The Philistines wanted to conquer him, and therefore they must find out where the secret of his strength lies.

There is an evil woman living in the valley of Sorek by the name of Delilah. They appoint her the agent in the case. The Philistines are secreted in the same building, and then Delliah goes to work and coaxes Samson to tell what is the secret of his strength. "Well," he says, "if you should take seven green withes such as they fasten wild beasts with and put them around me, I should be perfectly powerless.' So she binds him with the seven green withes. Then she claps her hands and says, "They come—the Philistines!" and he walks out as though there were no impedient. She coaxes him again and again, "Now tell the secret of this great strength?" and he replies, "If you should take some ropes that have never been used and tie me with them, I should be just like other men." She ties him with the ropes, claps her hands He walks out as easily as he did before not a single obstruction the coaxes him again, and he says, "Now, if you should take these seven long plaits of hair and by this house loom weave them into a web, I could not get away." So the house loom is rollled up, and the shuttle flies backward and forward, and the long plaits of hair are woven u.to a web. Then she claps her hands and says, "The come-the Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he fild before, dragging a part of the loam with him.

BUT AFTER A WHILE

she persuades him to tell her the truth He says: "If you should take a razor or shears and cut off this long hair, I should be powerless and in the hands of my enemies." Samson sleeps, and that she may not wake him up during the process of shearing help is called in. You know that the barbers of the and judical crime and royal robe shall east have such a skilfull way of man- be riven with the lightnings. ipulating the head to this very day that instead of waking up a sleeping man they will put a man wide awake sound asleep. I hear the blades of the shears grinding against each other, and I see the long locks falling off. The shears or razor accomplishes what green withes and new ropes and house loom could not do. Suddenly she clasps her hands and says, "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson!" He rouses up with a struggle, but his strength is all gone. He is in the hands of his enem-

I hear the groan of the giant as they take his eyes out, and then I see him staggering on in his blindness, feeling his way as he goes on toward Gaza. The prison door is open, and the giant is thrust in. He sits down and puts his hands on the mill crank, which with exhausting horizontal motion goes day after day, week after week, month after month-work, work, work! The consternation of the world in captivity. his locks shorn, his eyes punctured, grinding corn in Gaza!

First of all, behold in this giant of the text that physicial power is not elways an index of moral power. He was a huge man-the lion found it out, and the 3,000 men whom he slew found it out; yet he was the

SUBJECT OF PETTY REVENGES and out-gianted by low passion. I am flar from throwing any discredit upon physical stamina. There are those who seen to have great admiration for delicacy and sickliness of constitution. I never could see any glory in weak nerves or sick headache. Whatever effort in our day is made to make the men and women more robust should have the favor of every good citizen as well as of every Christian. Gym-mastics may be positively religious. How often it is that you do not find

physical energy indicative of spiritual power! If a clear head is worth more than one dizzy with perpetual vertigo, if muscles with the play of health in them are worth more than those drawn up in chronic "rheumatics," if an eye quick to catch passing objects is better than one with vision dim and urcertain, then God will require of us efficiency just in proportion to what he has given us. Physical energy coight to be a type of moral power. We ought to have as good digestion of truth as we have capacity to assimilate food. Our spiritual hearing ough to be as good as our physical hearing. Our spiritual taste ought to be as clear as our tongue. Samsons in body, many thousands of divorces annually.

************************************ we ought to be giants in moral power physical strength do not serve Christ.
They are like a ship full manned and full rigged, capable of vast tonnage, able to endure all stress of weather, yet swinging idly at the docks, hese men cught to be crossing and recrossing the great ocean of human suffering and sin with God's supplies of mercy. How often it is

THAT PHYSICAL STRENGTH. is used in doing positive damage or in duxurious ease, when, with sleeves rolled up and bronzed bosom, fearless of the shafts of opposition, it ought to be laying hold with all its might and tugging away to lift up this sunken

wreck of a world.

It is a most sharreful fact that much of the business of the church and of the world must be done by those comparatively invalid. Richard Baxter, by reason of his diseases, all his days sitting in the door of his tomb, yet writing more than 100 volumes and sending cut an influence for God that will en-dure as long as the "Saint's Everlasting Rest." Edvised Payson, never knowing a well day, yet how he preached and how he wrote, helping thousands of dying souls like himself to swim in a sea of glory. And Robert McCheyne, a walking skeleton, yet you know what he did in Dundee and how he shook Scotland with zeal for God. Philip Docdridge, advised by his friends because of his illness not to enter the ministry, yet you know what he did for the "Rise and Progress of Religion" in the church of the world.

Wilberforce was told by his doctors that he could not live a fortnight, yes at that very time entering upon philanthropic enterprises that demanded the greatest endurance and perseverance. Robert Hall, suffering excruciations so that often in his pulpit he would stop and lie down on a sofa, then getting up again to preach about heaven until the glories of the celestial city dropped on the multitude, doing more work perhaps than almost ony well man in his day.

OH, HOW OFTEN

it is that men with great physicial endurance are not as great in moral and spiritual stature. While there are achievements for those who are bent all their days with sickness-achievements of ratience, achievements of Christian endurance-I call upon men of health, men of muscle, men of nerve, men of physical power, to devote themselves to the Lord. Giants in body, you ought to be giants in soul.

Behold also in the story of my text illustration of the fact of the damage that strength can do if it be misguided. It seems to me that this man spent a great deal of his time in doing evilthis Samson of my text. To pay a bet which he had lost by his riddle he robs and kills 30 people. He was not only gigantic in strength but gigantic in mischief and a type of those men in all ages of the world who, powerful in body or mind or any faculty of social position or wealth have used their strength for iniquitious purposes.

Oh, men of stout physical health, men of great mental stature, men of high social position, men of great power of any sort, I want you to understand your power, and I want you to know that that power devoted to God will be a crown on earth, to you typical cf a crown in heaven, but misguided, bedraggled in sin, administrative of evil, God will thunder against you with his condemnation in the day when millionaire and pauper, master and slave, king and subject, shall stand side by side in the judgment and money bags

BEHOLD ALSO

how a giant may be slain of a woman. Delilah started the train of circumstancecs that pulled down the temple of Dagon about Sampson's ears. Tens of thousands of giants have gone down to death and hell through the same fascinations. It seems to me that it is high time that pulpit and platform and printing press speak out against the impurities of modern society. Fastidicusness and prudery say: "Better not speak. You will rouse up adverse criticism. You will make worse what you want to make better. Better deal in glittering generalities. The subject is too delicate for polite eas." But there comes a voice from heaven overpowering the mincing sentimentalities of the day, saying, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their oins."

You who are seated in your Christian homes, compassed by moral and religious restraints, do not realize the gulf of iniquity that bounds you on the north and the south and the east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of men and women going over the awful plunge of an impure life, and while I cry to God for mercy upon their souls I cry to you to marshal in the defense of your homes, your church and your nation. There is a banqueting hall that you have never heard described. You know all about the feast of Ahasuerus, where 1,000 lords sat. You know all about Belshazzar's caroused, where the blood of the murdered king spurted into the faces of the banqueters. You may know of the scene of riot and wassail where there was set before Aesopus one dish of food that cost \$400,000. But

I speak now of a different banqueting hall. Its roof is fretted with fire. Its floor is tessellated with fire. Its chalices are chased with fire. Its song is a song of fire. Its walls are buttresses of fire. Solomon refers to it when he says. "Her guests are in the depths

of hell." OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES are suffering from the gospel of free levism which 30 years ago was preached on the platform and in some of the churches of this country. I charge upon free lovism that it has blighted innumerable homes and that it has sent innumerable sculs to ruin. Free lovism is bestial: it is worse-it is infernal! It has furnshed this land with

In one county in the state of Ind it furnished 11 divorces in one day benents north, south, east and west You can hardly take up a paper but you read of an elopement. As far as I can understand the doctrine of free loveism it is this that every man ought to have somebody else's wife and every wife somebody else's husband. Free lovism! It is the double distilled extract of nux vomica, ratsbane and adder's tongue. Never until society goes back to the eld Bible and hears its eulogy of purity and its anathema of uncleanness—never until then will never until then will this evil be extirpated.

If then we are to be compelled to go cut of this world, where are we to

THIS BODY AND SOUL must soon part. What shall be the destiny of the former I know-dust to dust. But what shall be the destiny of the lattle? Shall it rise into the companionship of the white robed, whose sins Christ has slain, or will it go down among the unbelieving, who souls, but were swindled out of both? Riessed be God, we have a Champion! He is so styled in the Bible. A Champion who has conquered death and hell, and he is ready to fight all our battles, from the first to the last.

Thousands of sermons are preached to invalids. I preach this sermon to stout men end healthful women. right use of this physical organism. These invalids have comparatively little to account for perhaps. They could not lift 29 pounds. They could not walk half a mile without sitting down to rest. Yet how much many of them accomplish. Rising up in judgment, standing beside the men and women who had only little physical energy, and yet consumed that energy in a conflagration of religious enthusiasm, how will we feel abashed! Oh, men of the strong arm and the stout heart, what use are you making of your physical forces? Will you be able to stand the test of that day when we must answe for the use of every talent, whether i were a physical energy, or a mental acumen, or a spiritual power?

The day approaches, and I see one who in this world was an invalid, and as she stands before the throne of God to answer she says: "I was sick all my days, I had but very little strength, but I did as well as I could in being kind to those who were more sick and more suffering." And Chris will say, "Well done, faithful servant."

AND THEN A LITTLE CHILD will stand before the throne, and she will say: "On earth I had a curvature of the spine, and I was very weak, and I was very ill, but I used to gather flowers out of the wildwood and bring them to my sick mother, and she was comforted when she saw the sweet flovers out of the wildwood. I did not do much, but I did something." And Christ shall say, as he takes her up in his arms and kisses her, "Well done, well done, faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." What, then, will be said to us. We to whom he Lord gave physical strength and continuous health? Hark, it thunders again! The judgment, the judgment!

I said to an old Scotch minister, who was one of the best friends I ever had, "Doctor, did you ever know Robert Pollock, the Scotch poet, who wrote 'The Course of Time?' "Oh, yes," he replied, "I knew him well* I was his classmate!" And then the doctor went on to tell me how that the wristing of "The Course of Time" exhausted the health of Pollock, and he expired. It seems as if no man could have such a glimpse of the day for which all other days were made as Robert Pollock had and long survive that glimpse. In the description of that day he says, among other things:

Begin the woe, ye woods, and tell i to the doleful winds, And doleful winds wail to the howling

hills, And howling hills mourn to the dismal vales. And dismal vales sigh to the sorrowing brooks.

And sorrowing brooks weep to the weeping stream,

And weeping stream awake the groan ing deep; Ye heavens, great archway of the universe, put sackcloth on,

nd ccean, robe thyself in garb of widowhood and gather all thy waves into a grear and utter it long, loud, deep, piercing, dolorous

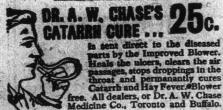
immense. he occasion asks it, Nature dies, and angels come to lay her in her grave

What Robert Pollock saw in poetic dream you and I will see in positive reality—the judgment, the judgment!

Children Cry for CASTORIA

KILLED BY A C. P. R. TRAIN.

MONTREAL, Feb. 15 .- Four persons were killed by a collision of two teams with the Canadian Pacific's Quebec express at a crossing situated near Three Rivers, Que., this afternoon. A bitterly cold wind was blowing at the time, and the victims of the accident were well wrapped up in furs and driving very fast. They apparently did not hear the whistle or the bell nor see the danger, for the first team drove right into the locomotive. swinging the sleigh around and throw irg the occupants under the wheels The horse of the second team ran ove the sleigh of the first team, and struck the baggage car, those in the sleigh being mangled underneath the wheels of the car. Eugene Bellemaire was killed instantly and his wife died in the station at Three Rivers, as did her brother, Chas. Lafarancois, while the remaining victim, a sister of Miss LaFrancois, died as she was being taken to the Three Rivers hospital well-to-do residents of Mont-



PARLIAMENT.

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teers of their mothers accuse those who are responsible for sending them there. The government was spending people this country, and yet was now sending the pick of her own sons to die abroad. He was opposed to this, but since the government had agreed to send these soldiers he would not oppose the appropriation. But in com-mittee he would move to strike out the clause for the payment to the men of an additional shilling a day over the imperial rate.

Mr. Craig said he was sorry and ashamed that any member of parliament should have spoken as if he had a brief from Kruger. This was no time to discuss the causes of war, but to back up Great Britain.

Mr. Monet (Napierville) regretted he was obliged to oppose this new policy. He had already done so outside of the house, thereby incurring the charge among his political friends that he was disloyal to his party, and emong his opponents that he was disloyal to the Empire. He declared that a most criminal attempt had been made to override the constitution. His views had the unanimous support of bis constituents. Mr. Monet proceed ed with great earnestness to declare his opposition to the participation of his opposition to the par Canada in imperial wars.

Mr. Monet spoke until after midnight, and Mr. Davin moved the adjournment of the debate. The question now goes over till Friday. NOTES.

The Rideau Club farewell banque to General Hutton tonight was most enthusiastic. The general got a great send off. In acknowledgment he set forth some of his aims and schemes for the development of a national militia, if the government had indicated approval of his designs or shown any interest in their evolutions. It is significant that not a single minister was present, and of members of parliament there were no supporters of

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.- After questions Mr. Bennett, conservative M. P. for Simcoe, brought up the question of gratin transportation, urging that greater facilities should be made for handling grain at Montreal, and for reducing rates of transportation by land and water. He objected to the Connor syndicate elevator contract, which placed the facilities at Montreal in control of a Buffalo capitalist, who had still greater interest in his own city.

Hon. Mr. Tarte said transportation

was the great question of the future. He had favored government elevators at Montreal and had taken a vote for that purpose. His colleagues did not see their way clear to carry out the schame in his absence, but they were able to drive a better bargain with Connor by reason of it. Mr. Tarte expected, with the expenditure of a million dollars or so, to complete a good elevator system at Colborne, after which, he thought, grain might be carried from Lake Erie to Mont-He real at three cents per bushel. hoped the C. P. R. would yet be able to divert much grain from American channels to St. Lawrence ports. There were many projects, and Mr. Tarte went over a list of them, declaring that all deserved consideration. As to winter ports, he had been told by the C P R that under good conditions they could compete at St. John with Portland, Maine. The Intercolonial was intended to be a national railway and was not obliged to earn dividends. He saw no reason why it should not do a grain business to St. John and Halifax. As to the summer trade, it would be necessary to make the St. Lawrence route safe and easy. Heretofore the ships coming to Montreal had been greatly inferior to those using New York, but this was changing. He would like to see Montreal free port, and the canals also free. After remarks by Mr. Britton of Kingston, Ont., Hon. Mr. Dobell of Quebec, West, the latter expressing the opinion that the only way to re duce insurance rates was the establishment of Canadian Lloyds, the house adjourned.

GEN HUTTON'S VALEDICTORY. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.-Militia orders today appoint Chairman Colonel F. H. Oxley, Major Sircom, Captain Bloomfield Douglas and Surgeon Tobin to inspect the s. s. Milwaukee before she sails for Africa. Major Sircom is to be ambarkation officer.

Concerning antificers enrolled with this corps, an order says they shall be furnished with transport requisition and money to cover expenses to Halifax, arriving there by the 20th, where they will report. They are to get \$1.25 per day until arrival in Africa, and imperial pay afterwards. Gen. Hutton has issued the following

rafledictory:

Major Gen. Hutton on leaving Canada tenders a regretful and cordial farewell to his commides of all ranks in the militia, who have so loyally supported him in the various changes and developments which have been inaugurated during the past eighteen months. He trusts that the improved standard of efficiency which has resulted from the persistent and enthusiastic efforts of all under his commany may be continued, and further, that the military service of Canada may be maintained upon its present high plane as an honored privilege and sacred duty to the state. Major Gen. Hutton will always most gratefully remember the assistance which he has received from the chief staff officer and other members of the headquanters staff, the district officers commanding, and the inspectors of cavalry and antillery.

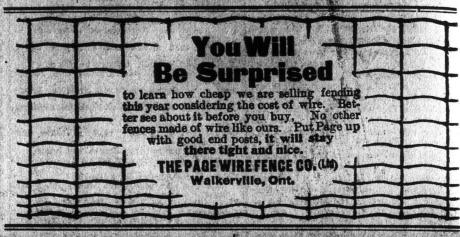
It will be observed that Gen. Hutton does not mention the ministers.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE. OTTAWA, Feb. 14.-The following are announcements as to those appointed, to commissions in Strathcona's Horse. The exact positions they will fill are not determined. Officers of N. W. mounted police-S.

Steele, R. Belcher, A. E. Snyder, A. H. Jarvis, D. H. Howard, F. L. Cartwright, W. Parker. Graduates Royal Military college, Kingston-R. C. Laurie, R. M. Courtney, J. E. Leckie, R. H. B. Magee. Officers of the active militia—Major G. W. Cam-

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eron, Royal Scots; Capt. J. F. Mac-0th battalion; Parry Fall, Manitoba Dragoons; T. E. Poole, B. C. garrison artillery. Unattached—A. W. Strange, A. E. Christie, E. C. Parker, (late captain 15th foot), Surgeon C. P. Keenan, R. V. H., Montreal.

Lt. Col. Steele has been on the mounted police for 25 years. Col. Belcher is an imperial army man and has been twenty years on the police force. Jarvis is from Toronto. Howard was in the Northwest rebellion. Parker has had a quarter century service. Cartwright is a son of Sir Richard, and is now in the Yukon. Lowrie was in the first graduating class of the nilitary college, and has been on the Northwest survey. Courtney is a son of the deputy minister of finance. Cameron is major of the Royal Scots, Montreal. Macdonald is captain of the 27th. Strange is a son of Major General Strange. Christie is a bank manager at Mocsemin. Poole and Parker are from British Columbia. WINNIPEG. Feb. 14.-Lt. Col. Steele commender of the Strathcona Horse

passed through here yesterday on his way east. Lt. Col. Beicher will remain till everything connected with the troops in the west is settled, when he also will proceed east. Col. Steele says his corps will consist of 537 men

NOTES.

Replying to Mr. McInerney of Kent, N. B., Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that electoral lists had been received from Charlotte, Kent, Restigouche, Queens and Sunbury, St. John city, St. John county, Westmorland and Northumberland, leaving Albert, Kings, York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska and Gloucester yet to hear from.

The first government caucus of the session was held today. Among those who declined to attend were Messrs Angers, Boursesa and Monet. A special effort was made to get Monet there, but he sent back word that as he had been called a traitor to his party he would not go to the caucus. This grows out of an interruption by Solicitor General Fitzpatrick when Monet was speaking yesterday. Mr. Scriver presided. The Quebec members had a good deal of fault to find with some appointments recently made, chiefly that of Major Chapleau Mr. Girson of Lincoln was appointed chief whip in place of Mr. Sutherland, now a minister. Mr. Frost of Leeds

is assistant whip. Mr. Fraser of Guysbero, N. S., wil move for the appointment of a special committee to investigate matters connected with the construction of the St Charles branch of the Intercolonial fifteen years ago.

Mr. Borden of Halifax found himself headed off in his effort to have the West Huron and Brockville election

frauds investigation resumed. He had given the usual notice belonging to a matter of privilege, but Mr. McMullen insisted that a formal notice on the order paper must be given, and Mr. Speaker decided that the case was not so urgent that it required to be brought up as a matter of privilege.

Mr. Gibson gives notice of the anpointment of a special committee, conisting of Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Russell. Casey, Sproul and McNeill to enquire into a report in certain allegations that free railway passes have been issued to electors in connection with dominion elections for the purpose of enabling them to vote or to return from voting.

Gen. Hutton was banquetted by the Ottawa brigade tonight. Referring to his efforts to make the militia, more effective, he said he would feel more hopeful of the future of Canada if the government had ever shown an active interest in the recent efforts for higher efficiency, or indicated their approval of the principles upon which these efforts were based.

CORNWALLIS NEWS.

CORNWALLIS, N. S., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Ried Shaw died at her home in Scott's Bay on Friday, aged forty-three.

Edward Cogswell, judge of probate, Kentville, died last week. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Randall of Cornwallis, but no children. Potatres are being bought by Fullerton & Bros. of Port Williams at Falmouth, Hants Co., for 75 cents per bushel. They are shipping to the West Indies.

The ship Monrovia has been chartered to load at West Bay for the West Coast at 524 6d

DEATHS.

BOWMAN.—In this city, on Feb, 15th. 1.
C. Bowman, aged 57 years, leaving a widow and six children.
BRIGGS.—At Chipman, N. B., on Feb. 9th, after prolonged suffering, Elizabeth, relict of the late Ebenezer Briggs, aged 83 years. The deceased leaves by her previous marriage three sons and four daughters to cherish her memory.
HOPE—At Little Lepreaux, Feb. 1ith, after a lingering illness, Mary A Hope, beloved daughter of Alfred and Jennie Hope, aged 21 years, leaving many sorrowing friends to mourn her sad loss.
MACKENZIE—At San Francisco, Cal., on Jan. 26th, Bessie, beloved wife of Angus MacKenzie, aged 57 years, sister of Mrs. Francis Tufts, sr., of this city.
McCLEERY.—Dr. Beverley N. McCieery, on Feb. 13th, suddenly, at Boston, on Feb. 12th, John, only son of John and Eliza Middleton, of this city, aged 29 years, failure, Isaac Ambrose Palmer, coroner failure, Isaac Ambrose Palmer, coron of the late David Palmer, Esq., aged 75 years, leaving a wife and son to mourn their loss.
SULLIVAN—On Thursday, Feb. 15th, Mrs. ULLIVAN-On Thursday, Feb. 15th, Mrs.

Lettita Sullivan, widow of the late Deals Sullivan, aged 80 years, a native of County Derry, Ireland. (Fredericton, N. B., Bos-ton, Mass., New Jersey, and Pittsburg Pa., papers please copy).
TURNER.—In this city, on Feb. 14th,
Thomas Turner, aged 72 years.

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