

TALMAGE'S WORD OF HOPE

A valuable practical lesson is: thought for almost every department of life. In the first place, it will apply to the disorders of the natural world. Some people, if they could have the way, would have had a ministry. They could never have a blizzard. They would never have the trees shed of their leaves. They would never have them stand in a uniform of spotless white, like grim soldiers with the bayonets of ice as sharp pointed. Elman speaks. They could never have the ice and snow and mud or the robins and the thrushes away from the New England hills the land of the flowers. They would always have their orchards heavy laden with fruits, and their lawns covered with grass, and their gardens crowded with incense waving flowers, and the water in their rivers and streams making the valleys look like a banquet hall of gold, and the blue heavens unblackened by one dark cloud. The angels for them would send forth a never ceasing radiance. "Oh, why should we have the rain?" they cry. "Why is the December wind cold to us? Why do we have the spring freshets wash out our roads and sweep away our country bridges? Why all this disorder and confusion in the natural world? No man can worship God drizzling fog or be truly happy with the sun to hug a fire in a house when the heart longs to fly out to kiss the winter's biting blast."

But in the light of my text, are atmospheric disorders a blessing?

Another of your sins is admiration—the power of enjoying beauty or ingenuity, which if you destroy you make yourself base and treacherous. Another is, with—the power of playing with the lights of the senses; the truth, which if you destroy you make yourself treacherous and dull to others.

In choosing your way of work it should bring out all these faculties—not merely, but all of them. The way of bringing them out is to concern yourselves attentively with each faculty.

To cultivate sympathy you must deal with living creatures; you must deal with people, and think of their feelings. To cultivate admiration you must be among beautiful things, and looking at them." But some people have "a stagnating mental complexion." They are never willing to reason. They are never willing to study. They care nothing about the world, and would rather follow their literal sense than go across the street to see the most beautiful picture ever painted or hear the most exquisite harmonies ever sung, while on the other hand some men are never satisfied with their present mental condition. They are always ready to improve upon it. They will go to a reasoning class. They will go to a gymnasium. They will go to a lecture too difficult if they can only improve themselves and learn something new.

It is only the ignorant, the stupid, the slothful, the staggering mind, who is satisfied with the present condition. It is not like a swamp, where everything is still and surface of slime. The air is still and quiet. True

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