LOUP CITY NORTHWESTERN TALMAGE'S SERMON.

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The beet sugar men will do their

An ounce of organization is worth a ton of oratory.

Kipling is in South Africa, but he hasn't surrounded any Boers as yet.

Chile is now accused of creating a coldness in the Pan-American con-

Honolulu maintains a public committee whose sole business is to exterminate rats.

Once more the British have captured the spot where Gen. Botha was a few hours before.

Senator Depew will be compelled to play hookey from most of the midwinter banquets in Washington.

Late advices from Pekin are to the effect that the empress dowager once more has her authority on straight.

Joey Chamberlain intimates very

he is trying to catch.-Atlanta Journal. Sixty-six per cent of the young men of the United States are unmarried.

They are brave enough in other respects. A woman is suing Russell Sage for \$75,000. She will be glad to compro-

mise for seventy-five cents before the

case ends. When the gods love a man and want him in a hurry they first make him smoke anywhere from twelve to thirty

Things are coming to a hopeful pass when a New York alderman refuses a \$5,000 bribe and tells of it.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

cigarettes a day.

Rake any hard-grained, matter-offact old Scotchman with half a dozen lines of Bobbie Burns and you will always uncover a poet,

The description given of the costumes worn at the diplomatic receptions indicate that an Oriental circus is wintering near Washington.

Gov. Odell of New York is an allround athlete. If the presidency comes fooling around his neighborhood he you are safe. Depend on any other rewill be found to be in prime condition.

Another defalcation has occurred in Los Angeles county, Lucky Baldwin's Chinese cook has defaulted with a side of beef and a barrel of potatoes. What next?

Japanese papers have started a crusade against "tipping." There are no Pullman porters in Japan, howeverluckily for Darktown.-Los Angeles

The United States is now the world's fourth nation in point of population. your occupation and the principles by When you consider quality instead of quantity it is easily first.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A revoltulon is paralyzing Paraguay. Gen. Egsqueeza, minister of finance. has excited the enmity of a lot of patriots who want to squeeze a little on their own account.

Herr Sonneberg of the German Reichstag, seems to have also acquired the very bad habit of allowing his conversational machinery to do too many stunts a day.

Melbourne has pledged undying sympathy with the mother country in its troubles. England should at once dispatch this sympathy to the front and try it on the Boers.

Premier Waldeck-Rousseau states that the French submarine boat is intended to capsize naval pre-eminence. The premier is evidently figuring on a gigantic paving contract for the deepsea levels

A public office holder in Chicago has refused to accept his salary for five months because he was away during that time. Other public office holders will now regard him with suspicion or pity or both.

A man who sat in a woman's lap in a street car yesterday was promptly knocked down by the woman's husband without having a chance to explain whether the strap broke or the car started too suddenly.

A Brooklyn woman is bent on changing her name from Fitzsimmons because of its pugilistic associations. The lady should be told that a champion heavyweight is first in the hearts of most of his countrymen.

Sir Robert Ball's prediction that another glacial period will come, when a great field of ice will sweep across the hemispheres, crushing, grinding, benumbing all things for hundreds of thousands of years, and in its nature worse than famine, flood and pestilence, is safe enough. It isn't due, he adds, for several thousand years.

Scientists say that Chicago can be lighted by windmills. Scientists do not seem to be aware that Chicago has always been lighted by windmills and half way through life's journey and he ought to feel like peop'e toward the teachers in Illinois is \$61.69, and o the world is none the wiser for it.

DUTIES AND TRIALS OF THE DIF-FERENT DECADES OF LIFE.

All the Years of Man Considered-Work of the Twenties and Thirtles Should Be Crowned with Splendid Reward in the Seventles.

(Copyright, 1902, Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) Washington, Jan. 26.-From an unusual standpoint Dr. Talmage in this discourse looks at the duties and trials which belong to the different decades of human life; text, Psalms xc, 10, 'The days of our years are threescore years and ten."

The seventieth milestone of life is here planted as at the end of the journey. A few go beyond it. Multitudes never reach it. Whatever your age, I will to-day directly address you, and I shall speak to those who are in the twenties, the thirties, the forties, the fifties, the sixties, and to those who are in the seventies and beyond.

First, then, I accost those of you who are in the twenties. You are full of expectation. You are ambitiousthat is, if you amount to anything-for some kind of success, commercial or mechanical or professional or literary or agricultural or social or moral. If I find some one in the twenties withclearly that it is not the German vote out any sort of ambition, I feel like saying, "My friend, you have got on the wrong planet. This is not the world for you. You are going to be in the way. Have you made your choice of poorhouses? You will never There is a mistake about the fact that you were born at all."

> But supposing you have ambition, let me say to all the twenties, expect everything through divine manipulation, and then you will get all you want and something better. Are you looking for wealth? Well, remember that God controls the money markets, the harvests, the droughts, the caterpillars, the locusts, the sunshine, the storm, the land, the sea, and you will get wealth. Perhaps not that which is stored up in the banks, in safe deposits, in United States securities, in houses and lands, but your clothing and board and shelter, and that is about all you can appropriate anyhow. You cost the Lord a great deal. To feed and clothe and shelter you for a lifetime requires a big sum of money, and if you get nothing more than the absolute necessities you get an enormous amount of supply. Expect as much as you will of any kind of success, if you expect it from the Lord source, and you may be badly chagrined, but depend on God and all will chronological journey the man rides Daniel a lion tamer he proved himself be well.

Some of the mightiest things for God and eternity have been done in the twenties. As long as you can put the figure 2 before the other figure that helps describe your age I have high hopes about you. Look out for that figure 2. Watch its continuance with as much earnestness as you ever watched anything that promised you salvation or threatened you demolition. What a critical time-the twenties! While they continue you decide which you will be guided; you make your most abiding friendships; you arrange your home life; you fix your habits. Lord God Almighty, for Jesus Christ's sake, have mercy on all the

men and women in the twenties! Next I accost those in the thirties. You are at an age when you find what a tough thing it is to get recognized and established in your occupation or profession. In some respects the hardest decade of life is the thirties, because the results are generally so far behind the anticipations. Nine-tenths of the poetry of life has been knocked out of you since you came into the thirties. Men in the different professions and occupations saw that you were rising, and they must put an estoppel on you, or you might somehow stand in the way. They think you must be suppressed.

From thirty to forty is an especially hard time for young doctors, young lawyers, young merchants, young farmers, young mechanics, young ministers. The struggle of the thirties is for honest and helpful and remunerative recognition. But few old people know how to treat young people without patronizing them on the one hand or snubbing them on the other.

Oh, the thirties! Joseph stood before Pharaoh at thirty; David was thirty years old when he began to reign; the height of Solomon's temple was thirty cubits; Christ entered upon his active ministry at thirty years of age; Judas sold him for thirty pieces of silver. Oh, the thirties! What a word suggestive of triumph or disas-

Next I accost the forties. Yours is the decade of discovery. I do not mean the discovery of the outside, but the discovery of yourself. No man knows himself until he is forty. By that time he has learned what he can do or what he cannot do. He thought he had commercial genius enough to become a millionaire, but now he is satisfied to make a comfortable liv-He thought he had rhetorical power that would bring him into the United States senate; now he is content if he can successfully argue a common case before a petit jury. He would make him a Mott or a Grosse or the seventies are near being through. a Willard Parker, or a Sims; now he finds his sphere is that of a family to be jubilant, because life is a trephysician, prescribing for the ordinary | mendous struggle, and if you have got allments that afflict our race. He is through respectably and usefully you is in a position to look backward or close of a summer day seated on the women \$53.51.

forward. He has more good sense than he ever had. He knows human nature, for he has been cheated often enough to see the bad side of it, and he has met so many gracious and kindly and splendid souls he also knows the good side of it.

Now, calm yourself. Thank God for the past and deliberately set your compass for another voyage. You have chased enough thistledown; you have blown enough soap bubbles; you have seen the unsatisfying nature of all earthly things. Open a new chapter with God and the world. This decade of the forties ought to eclipse all its predecessors in worship, in usefulness and in happiness.

My sermon next accosts the fifties. How queer it looks when in writing your age you make the first of the two figures a 5. This is the decade which shows what the other decades have been. If a young man has sown wild oats and he has lived to this time, he reaps the harvest of it in the fifties, or if by necessity he was compelled to overtoil in honest directions he is called to settle up with exacting nature sometime during the fifties. Sciaticas and rheumatisms and neuralgias and vertigos and insomnias have their playground in the fifties. A man's hair begins to whiten and, although he may have worn spectacles before, now he asks the optician for No. 14 or No. 12 or No. 10. When he gets a cough and is almost cured, he hacks and clears his throat a good while after-

O ye who are in the fifties, think of A half century of blessings to be thankful for and a half century subtracted from an existence which, in the most marked cases of longevity, be able to pay for your cradle. Who hardly ever reaches a whole century. is going to settle for your board? By this time you ought to be eminent for piety. You have been in so many battles you ought to be a brave soldier. You have made so many voyages you ought to be a good sailor. So long protected and blessed, you ought to have a soul full of doxology.

In Bible times in Canaan every fifty years was by God's command a year of jubilee. The people did not work that year. If property had by misfortune gone out of one's possession, on the fiftieth year it came back to him. If he had fooled it away, it was returned without a farthing to pay. If a man had been enslaved, he was in that year emancipated. A trumpet was sounded loud and clear and long, and it was the trumpet of jubilee. They shook hands, they laughed, they congratulated. What a time it was, that fiftieth year! And if under the old dispensation it was such a glad time, under our new and more glorious dispensation let all who have come to the fifties hear the trumpet of jubilee that I now blow.

My sermon next accosts the sixties. The beginning of that decade is more startling than any other. In his 3 and 4 and 5, but the figure 6 gives him a big jolt. He says: "It cannot be that I am sixty. Let me examine the old family record. I guess they made a mistake. They got my name down wrong in the roll of births." But no, the older brothers or sisters remember the time of his advent, and there is some relative a year older and another relative a year younger, and, sure enough, the fact is established beyond all disputation.

Sixty! Now your great danger is the temptation to fold up your faculties and quit. You will feel a tendency to reminiscence. If you do not look out, you will begin almost everything with the words, "When I was a boy." But you ought to make the sixties more memorable for God and the truth than the fifties or the forties or the thirties. You ought to do more during the next ten years than you did in any thirty years of your life because of all the experience you have had. You have committed enough mistakes in life to make you wise above your juniors. Now, under the accumulated light of your past experimenting, go to work for God as never before. When a man in the sixties folds up his energy and feels he has done enough, it is the devil of indolence to which he is surrendering, and God generally takes the man at his word and lets him die right away.

My subject next accosts those in the seventies and beyond. My word to them is congratulation. You have got nearly if not quite through. You have safely crossed the sea of life and are about to enter the harbor. You have fought at Gettysburg, and the war is over-here and there a skirmish with the remaining sin of your own heart and the sin of the world, but I guess you are about done. There may be some work for you yet on a small or large scale. Bismarck of Germany vigorous in the eighties. The prime minister of England strong at seventytwo. Haydn composing his oratorio, "The Creation," at seventy years of age. Noah Webster, after making his world renowned dictionary, hard at work until eighty-five years old. Rev. Daniel Waldo praying in my puipit at one hundred years of age. Humboldt producing the immortal "Cosmos" at seventy-six years. William Blake at sixty-seven learning Italian so as to read Dante in the original. John Wesley stirring great audiences at eighty-five. William C. Bryant, without spectacles, reading in my house "Thanatopsis" at eighty-three years of age. Christian men and women in all departments serving God after becoming septuagenarians and octogenarians and nonagenarians prove that there are possibilities of work for the thought he had medical skill that aged, but I think you who are passed

How do you feel about it? You ought

rocks watching the sunset at Bar Harbor or Cape May or Lookout Mountain.

I am glad to say that most old Christians are cheerful. Daniel Webster visited John Adams a short time before his death and found him in very infirm health. He said to Mr. Adams: "I am glad to see you. I hope you are getting along pretty well." The reply was: 'Ah, sir, quite the contrary. I find I am a poor tenant, occupying a house much shattered by time. It sways and trembles with every wind and what is worse, sir, the landlord, as near as I can make out, does not intend to make any repairs."

An aged woman sent to her physician and told him of her ailments and the doctor said: "What would you have me do, madam? I cannot make you young again." She replied: "I know that, doctor. What I want you to do is to help me to grow old a little longer." The young have their troubles before them; the old have their troubles behind them. You have got about all out of this earth that there is in it. Be glad that you, an aged servant of God, are going to try another life and amid better surroundings. Stop looking back and look ahead.

Oh, ye in the seventies and the eighties and the nineties, your best days are yet to come, your grandest associations are yet to be formed, your best evesight is yet to be kindled, your best hearing is yet to be awakened, your greatest speed is yet to be traveled. your gladdest song is yet to be sung. The most of your friends have gone over the border, and you are going to join them very soon. They are waiting for you; they are watching the golden shore to see you land: they are watching the shining gate to see you come through; they are standing by the throne to see you mount. What a glad hour when you drop the staff and take the scepter, when you quit the stiffened joints and become an immortal athlete! But hear, hear; a remark pertinent to all people, whether in the twenties, the thirties, the forties, the fifties, the sixties, the seven-

ties or beyond. What we all need is to take the supernatural into our lives. Do not let us depend on brain and muscle and nerve. We want a mighty supply of the supernatural. We want with us a divine force mightier than the waters and the tempests, and when the Lord took two steps on bestormed Galilee, putting one foot on the winds and the other on the waves, he proved himself mightier than hurricane and billow. We want with us a divine force greater than the fires, and when the Lord cooled Nebuchadnezzar's furnace until Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not even have to fan themselves he proved himself mightier than the fire. We want a divine force stronger than the wild beast and when the Lord made rather smoothly over the figures 2 and stronger than the wrath of the jun-

> There are so many diseases in the world we want with us a divine Physician capable of combating ailments, and our Lord when on earth showed what he could do with catalepsy and paralysis and ophthalmia and demenparalysis and ophthalmia and dementia. Oh, take this supernatural into all your lives! How to get it: Just as you get anything you want—by application.
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meeting and said, "God is my part-

ner. I did business with him for

twenty years and failed every two or

ness with him for twenty years and have not failed once." Oh, take the supernatural into all your affairs! I had such an evidence of the goodness of God in temporal things when I entered life. I must testify. Called to preach at lovely Belleville, in New Jersey, I entered upon my work. But there stood the empty parsonage, and not a cent had I with which to furnish After preaching three or four weeks the officers of my church asked me if I did not want to take two or three weeks' vacation. I said, "Yes," for I had preached about all I knew. but I feared they must be getting tired of me. When I returned to the village after the brief vacation, they handed me the key of the parsonage and asked me if I did not want to go and look at it. Not suspecting anything had happened, I put the key into the parsonage door and opened it, and there was the hall completely furnished with carpet and pictures and hatrack, and I turned into the parlors and they were furnished-the softest sofas I ever sat on-and into the study, and I found it furnished with bookcases, and I went into the bedrooms, and they were furnished, and into the pantry, and that was furnished with every culinary article, and the spiceboxes were filled, and a flour barrel stood there ready to be opened, and I went down into the diningroom, and the table was set and beautifully furnished, and into the kitchen, and the stove was full of fuel, and a match lay on the top of the stove, and all I had to do in starting housekeeping was to strike the match. God inspired the whole thing, and if I ever doubt his goodness all up and down the world call me an ingrate. I testify that I have been in many tight places, and God always got me out, and he will

get you out of the tight places. But the most of you will never reach the eighties or the seventies or the sixties or the fifties or the forties. He who passes into the forties has gone far beyond the average of human life. Amid the uncertainties take God through Jesus Christ as your present and eternal safety. The longest life is only a small fragment of the great

The highest calls may come from the

lowliest circumstances. The average monthly salaries of men

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VI. FEB. 9; ACTS 5: 1-11-THE SIN OF LYING.

Golden Text-"Wherefore, Putting Away Lying, Speak Every Man Truth with His Neighbor"-Eph. 4: 25-Satan's Efforts to Destroy the Early Church-

I. The Church Bountiful and Beautiful.

—Vs. 32-37. Persecution did not destroy, but purified and brightened the church. Their goodness was not a mere flash of excitement, but a steady burning and shining light. This description of the early church reminds us of the description of the youthful Jesus. "The child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2: 40, 52). We can easily see that a church of such a character would make rapid advances, and acter would make rapid advances, and hasten on the day of the Lord's victory over the world.

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II. Satan enters the New Paradise.—
Vs. 1-4. Satan's kingdom was in danger, and something must be done to put an end to the progress of Christ's kingdom. His first plan was by persecution, as we learned in our last lesson. But this was a signal failure. It led to more prayer, more faith, more courage, more devotion. It advertised the gospel. It scattered the seeds of truth broadcast. It led to greater miracles, to more fervent preaching, to more active generosity, to fuller grace. The attack from without being a failure, the next plan of Satan was to destroy the church from within, casting a shadow over its light, raising up false disciples, introducing evil motives, pride, ambition, and hypocrisy into the very church itself. The enemy planted tares among the wheat. So he had driven man from para-The enemy planted tares among the wheat. So he had driven man from paradise ages before. Why may not the same

plan succeed again? So he tempted Ananias. "Kept back part of the price." The Greek means to set apart for one's self wrongfully. "And brought a certain part," representing it as the whole. "His wife also being privy to it." This shows that this was not a sudden overwhelming temptation attacking them. sudden overwheiming temptation attacking them unawares, but a deliberate plan. "Laid it at the apostles' feet." Apparently at some public religious service, where they could be seen of men. Hypocrites blow the trumpet, or how could people know their virtues (Matt. 6: 2)? Calvin says, "So it came to pass that he henored the feet of the apostles more than the eves of God."

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"But Peter said." How did Peter know the truth? How could he see into their hearts? (1) The Spirit must have revealed it to him. (2) This was more natural from the heart of Peter being clarified and quickened by the indwelling Spirit. "Why hath Satan filled thine heart?" This is the exact opposite of the case of the apostles. They were filled with the Holy Ghost, so that there was no room for Satan. Ananias was filled with Satan, so that there was no room for the Holy Spirit. "While it remained, was it not thine own?" No one compelled you to sell the property and give it away. But it was necessary that he should act and speak the truth about it. "Why hast thou conceived this thing in thin heart?" What caused you to form such a plan? "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." That is, the real force of the lie was against God more than man. The sin was against the teaching and influence of God. There was no sin that Jesus condemned so severely, with so many "woes" as hypocrisy.

III. The Danger averted by the Signal

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III. The Danger averted by the Signal Punishment of the Offender.—Vs. 5-10.

"Ananias . . . fell down, and gave up the ghost." His death was the direct act of God, and in no sense the act of Peter and the apostles. Very probably they were as much astonished as any one. Had Peter done this act, he would have been a murderer, subject to the law of the land. But he had no hand in it whatever. "Great fear came on all." "About the space of three hours." She waited thus long anxiously for her husband's return with the news of the praise and honor received for their large gift. Then, weary and puzzled at his absence "his wife . . . came in" to learn the reason. "Not knowing what was done." "Peter answered unto her." Answered her inquiry, shown by her looks or the fact of her

shown by her looks or the fact of her coming, "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?" She could now clear her own conscience by confession. But she shut the door of repentance by telling a lie. "A wilful falsehood is a cripple and cannot stand alone. It is easy to tellione lie, hard to tell but one lie."—Fuller.

to hide from ourselves the real rea-s for our conduct; as when we make faults of Christians the excuse for not becoming Christians, or when we say to ourselves that we are wild, and do not go to church because our parents were

three years. I have been doing busishould avoid the deadly sin of lying about others, or to others. N tell a lie, Truthfulness is the only dition on which human intercourse is sible, and it lies at the foundation of all personal character. No matter how bad a man is, there is room for hope with respect to him if he is essentially truthful and honest; but if he is a liar, if truth and error are confounded in his own mind and character there is nothing to build

and error are confounded in his own mind and character, there is nothing to build upon. Hence the terrible denunciations against liars and hypocrites in the Bible.

IV. The Outcome.—Acts 5: 11-16. The result was not the ruin of the church, but a firmer piety and progress in every direction. "Great fear came upon all the church." Not fear of man, but great awe in the presence of Gcd; great reverence for the Holy Sprit, great fear of sinning, great fear lest they might themselves be deceived. This led to careful living, to heart searchings, to watching and prayer. Their eyes were opened to see the realities around them, as Elisha's servant, when his eyes were opened, saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of ties around them, as Elisha's servant, when his eyes were opened, saw the mountain fuil of horses and chariots of fire round about the prophet (2 Kings 6: 17). "Upon as many as heard." They realized the terrible nature of sin, the power and nearness of God's judgment against it. They lived in the presence of God's all-searching eye that penetrated into the recesses of the heart. They were conscious of sin.

Those who were not really Christians Those who were not really Christians

were afraid to join a community where hypocrisy could be so severely punished and where there were eyes that could see the secret motives of the heart. This see the secret motives of the heart. This sifting process was necessary, since there was great danger that many might profess to be Christians in order to obtain a support from the fund without working. It would have been easy to gather into the fold many hypocrites who cared only for the loaves and fishes, and thus to bring disaster upon the good name of the

disciples.

Great numbers were added to the church. Many miracles and works of grace were wrought. There was special need now of such miracles as are here described, in order to show the real nature of the mysterious power in the church, lest they think of God as a God of terror and not of love. Even the lightning's strcke is a stroke of love. By manifold beneficent uses of the same power we see its beneficent nature. The power was sent to bless, not to harm, and these miracles were object-lessons of the gospel's mission.

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OLD JOE, THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

(From the Pall Mall Gazette, London.) How often on returning home late on a dreary winter's night has our sympathy gone out to the poor old night-watchman as he sat huddled up over his cage fire, overlooking the excavations which our city council in their wisdom or otherwise, allow the different water companies to make so frequently in our congested streets In all weathers and under all climatic conditions, the poor old night-watchman is obliged to keep watch over the companies' property, and to see that the red lights are kept burning. What a life, to be sure; what privations and hardships; no wonder they have aches and pains, which nothing but St. Jacob's Oil can alleviate.

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VICKSBURG VETERANS VISIT

The Old Battle Grounds and the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

The surviving veterans of the Campaign and Siege of Vicksburg and their friends will please note that the Illinois Central Railroad Company will run a low-rate excursion to the New Orleans Mardi Gras, with a two nights and a day stopover at Vicksburg, leaving Chicago at 6:10 p. m., Freeport at 9:40 a. m., St. Louis at 10:15 p. m., Cincinnati at 6:00 p. m., and Louisville at 9:40 p. m., on Tuesday, February 4. Both Standard Pullman and Excursion Sleepers will be run from Chicago and from Cincinnati and Louisville to New Orleans; and in addition Excursion Cars will be run from Freeport and from St. Louis to New Orleans. The price per double berth, whether occupied by one or two people, will be as follows to New Orleans: In Standard Sleepers from Chicago, \$8.00; from Cincinnati and from Louisville, \$7:00; in Excursion Cars from Chicago and from Freeport, \$3.50; from St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville, \$3.00.

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