

Witt Talmage, nacle, Brooklyn, this evening. His subject was "When shall I awake?"

With an insight into human nature such as no other man ever reached, Solomon, in my text, sketches the mental operations of one who, having stepped aside from the path of rectitude, desires to return.

Our libraries are adorned with an elegant literature addressed to young men, pointing out to them all the dangers and perils of life—complete maps of the voyage, showing all the rocks, the quicksands, the shoals.

The first difficulty in the way of your return is the force of moral gravitation. Just as there is a natural law which brings down to the earth anything which you throw into the air, so there is a corresponding moral gravitation.

The next thing in the way of your return is the power of evil habit. I know there are those who say it is very easy for them to give up evil habits.

I think men also are often hindered from return by the fact that churches are too anxious about their membership, and too anxious about their denomination, and they rush out when they see a man about to give up his sin and return to God.

What power is it that has a wave of woe over the earth and shaken a potent in the heavens? He has tried to stop smoking. After a while he says: "I am going to do as I please. The doctor doesn't understand my case. I'm going back to the old habit."

He has gone back to smoking. Oh, the fact is, as we all know in our own experience, that habit is a taskmaster; as long as we obey it, it does not chastise us; but let us resist, and we find we are to be lashed with scorpion whips, and bound with ship cable, and thrown into the track

grinds his teeth, and a determination to keep his purpose, dare not look at the bottles in the windows of a wine store. It is one long, bitter, exhaustive, hand to hand fight with inflamed, tantalizing and merciless habit. When he thinks he is entirely free the old inclinations pounce upon him like a pack of hounds with their muzzles tearing away at the flanks of one poor reinder.

I have also to say that if a man wants to return from evil practices, society repulses him. Desiring to reform, he says: "Now I will shake off my old associates, and I will find Christian companionship."

Then, also, I counsel you, if you want to get back, to quit all your bad associations. One unholy intimacy will fill your soul with moral distemper.

I counsel you, also, seek Christian advice. Every Christian man is bound to help you. If you find no other human ear willing to listen to your story of struggle, come to me and I will by every sympathy of my heart, and every prayer, and every toil of my hand, stand beside you in the struggle for reformation.

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the late war, I was at the hospital and saw where he was hurt. The simple fact is, when a man has a wounded soul, all he has to do is to hold it up before a sympathetic Lord and get it healed.

Another English industry—asparagus beds—are being laid down in Kent in great area. Atlantic steamships are still encountering logs from the great raft which was broken in pieces about two and a half months ago.

A sensible celebration of the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales will be a tea to 1,000 poor children in Folkestone. A Baltimore company is going to try to heat and sharpen horseshoes without removing them from the horse's hoofs.

All the police stations in New York are to be painted white, so that they may be easily recognized by strangers and others. The archbishop of Canterbury says that one of the greatest evils by which the working classes are afflicted is the custom of early marriages.

A hard worked dry goods clerk of Waterbury, Conn., dreamed the other night that he sold a number of dress patterns to a customer. When he awoke he found that he had torn the sheets into strips in his dream.

At the trial of a Wooster, O., man for murder it was brought out in the course of the testimony that at the outbreak of the war he had himself convicted of sheep stealing in order that he might avoid military service by going to the penitentiary.

Among novel knickknacks intended as presents for ladies are ball programmes, not just for one evening, but for several seasons. One of them is book shaped with the lids tiny mirrors bound in gold.

A citizen of Smithville, Ga., says that the other morning, hearing a voice in an old log pen by the roadside, he looked in. He saw an aged and dilapidated stranger on his knees praying: "Oh Lord, soften the hearts of the people that I may not lack for bread as I go along."

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