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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

WASHINGTON, January. A scripture character whose name is not given becomes the subject of Dr. Talmage's sermon, in which he sets forth the qualities of good and noble womanhood; text, II. Kings iv., 8, "Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman."

The hotel of our time had no counterpart in any entertainment of olden time. The vast majority of travellers must then be entertained at private abodes. Here comes Elisha, a servant of the Lord, on a divine mission, and he must find shelter. A balcony overlooking the valley of Esdraelon is offered him in a private house, and it is especially furnished for his occupancy—a chair to sit on, a table from which to eat, a candlestick by which to read and a bed on which to slumber, the whole establishment belongs to a great and good woman. Her husband, it seems, was a goodly man, but he was entirely overshadowed by his wife's excellencies, just as now you sometimes find in a household the wife the centre of dignity and influence and power, not by any arrogance or presumption, but by superior intellect and force of moral nature wielding domestic affairs and at the same time supervising all financial and business affairs. The wife's hand on the shuttle, or the banking house, or the worldly business.

You see hundreds of men who are successful only because there is a reason at home why they are successful. If a man marry a good, honest soul, he makes his fortune. If he marries a fool, the Lord help him! The wife may be the silent partner in the firm, there may be only masculine voices down on Exchange, but there oftentimes comes from the family circle a potential and elevating influence. This woman of my text was the superior of her husband. He, as far as I can understand, was what we often see in our day, a man of large fortune and only a modicum of brain, intensely quiet, sitting a long while in the same place, without moving hand or foot; if you say "Yes," responding "Yes;" if you say "No," responding "No"—insane, eyes half shut, mouth wide open, maintaining his position in society only because he has a large patrimony. But his wife, my text says, was a great woman. Her name has not come down to us. She belonged to that collection of people who need no name to distinguish them. What would title of duchess or princess or queen—what would escutcheon or gleaming diadem be to this woman of my text, who, by her intelligence and her behavior, challenges the admiration of all ages? Long after the brilliant women of the court of Louis XV. have been forgotten, and the brilliant women of the court of Spain have been forgotten and the brilliant women who sat on the throne of Russia have been forgotten, some grandfather will put on his spectacles and, holding the book the other side the light, read to his grandchildren the story of this great woman of Shunem who was so kind and courteous and Christlike to the good prophet Elisha. Yes, she was a great woman.

THE HOSPITABLE WOMAN.
In the first place, she was great in her hospitalities. Uncivilized and barbarous nations have this virtue. Jupiter had the surname of the Hospitable, and he was said especially to avenge the wrongs of strangers. Homer extolled it in his verse. The Arabs are punctilious on this subject, and among some of their tribes it is not until the ninth day of tarrying that the occupant has a right to ask his guest, "Who and whence are thou?" If this virtue is so honored among barbarians, how ought it to be honored among those of us who believe in the Bible, which commands us to use hospitality one toward another without grudging.

Of course, I do not mean under this cover to give any idea that I approve of that vagrant class who go around from place to place, ranging their whole lifetime perhaps under the auspices of some benevolent or philanthropic society, quartering themselves on Christian families with a great pile of trunks in the hall and carpetbag portentous of tarrying. There is many a country parsonage that looks out week by week upon the ominous arrival of wagon with creaking wheel and lank horse and dilapidated driver, come under the auspices of some charitable institution to spend a few weeks and canvass the neighborhood. Let no such religious tramps take advantage of this beautiful virtue of Christian hospitality. Not so much the sumptuousness of your diet and the regality of your abode will impress the friend or the stranger that steps across your threshold as the warmth of your greeting, the informality of your reception, the reiteration by grasp and by look and by a thousand attentions, of your earnestness of welcome.

THE JOYS OF THE MINISTER.
Again, this woman of my text was great in her kindness toward God's messenger. Elisha may have been a stranger in that household, but as she found out he had come on a divine mission he was cordially welcome. We

have a great many books in our day about the hardships of ministers and the trials of Christian ministers. I wish somebody would write a book about the joys of a Christian minister, about the sympathies all around about him, about the kindness, about the genial consideration of him. Does sorrow come to our home, and is there a shadow on the cradle, there are hundreds of hands to help, and many who weary not through the night watching and hundreds of prayers going up that God would restore the sick. Is there a burning, brimming cup of calamity placed on the pastor's table? Are there not many to help him drink of that cup and who will not be comforted because he is stricken? Oh, for somebody to write a book about the rewards of the Christian ministry—about his surroundings of Christian sympathy!

This woman of the text was only a type of thousands of men and women who come down from mansion and from cot to the kindness of the Lord's servants. Oh, the kindnesses, oh the enlarged sympathies sometimes clustering around those who enter the gospel ministry. I suppose the man of Shunem had to pay the bills, but it was the large hearted Christian woman of Shunem that looked after the Lord's messenger.

GREAT EVEN IN TROUBLE.
Again, this woman of the text was great in her behavior under trouble. Her only son had died on her lap. A very bright light went out in that household. The sacred writer puts it very tersely, when he says, "He sat on her knee until noon and then died." Yet the writer goes on to say that she exclaimed, "It is well." Great in prosperity this woman was great in trouble.

Where are the feet that have not been oiled on the hot sands of this great Sahara? Where are the soldiers that have not bent under the burden of grief? Where is the ship sailing over glassy sea that has not after a while been caught in a cyclone? Where is the garden of earthly comfort but trouble hath pitched up its tent and (Continued on The Eighth Page.)



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