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NORTHWARD.	410 Pass ex Sunday.	No. 444. mixed ex. Sun.	442. mixed ex. Sun.
Lv. Lexington	7 20 a m	1 20 p m	.....
" Staunton	9 28 a m	4 25 p m	5 30 p m
" Harrisonburg	10 32 a m	6 45 p m	6 00 p m
" Mt. Jackson	11 30 a m	8 29 p m	.....
" Woodstock	11 58 a m	9 19 p m	.....
" Strasburg	12 26 a m	10 08 p m	.....
" Capon Road	12 36 p m	11 24 p m	.....
" Winchester	1 27 p m	11 59 a m	.....
" Stephenson	1 37 p m	1 08 a m	.....
" Charlestown	2 16 p m	1 45 a m	.....
Ar. Harper's Ferry	2 40 p m	.....	.....
" Washington	5 15 p m	.....	.....
" Baltimore	6 30 p m	.....	.....
" Wilmington	9 30 p m	.....	.....
" Philadelphia	10 00 p m	.....	.....

SOUTHWARD.	409 Pass. ex. Sun.	No. 441. Pass mixed. ex. Sun.	443 mixed ex. Sun
Lv. Philadelphia	.....	.....	.....
" Wilmington	.....	.....	.....
" Baltimore	7 20 a m	.....	.....
" Washington	8 40 a m	.....	.....
" Harper's Ferry	11 10 a m	.....	1 20 a m
" Charlestown	11 31 a m	.....	2 24 a m
" Stephenson	12 05 a m	.....	3 27 a m
" Winchester	12 20 p m	.....	3 54 a m
" Capon Road	1 08 p m	.....	5 03 a m
" Strasburg	1 18 p m	.....	5 14 a m
" Woodstock	1 48 p m	.....	6 07 a m
" Mt. Jackson	2 16 p m	.....	6 51 a m
" Harrisonburg	3 24 p m	5 00 a m	9 0 a m
" Staunton	4 30 p m	7 15 a m	11 30 a m
Ar. Lexington	6 23 p m	10 40 a m	.....

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WESTWARD.	No. 3. Daily.	No. 1. Daily. Ex. Sun.
Lve Norfolk	2 35 p m	7 00 a m
Lve Old Point C'f't	3 10 p m	7 45 a m
Lve Newport News	3 40 p m	8 10 a m
Lve Richmond	6 25 p m	11 05 a m
Lve Gordonsville	9 06 p m	2 23 p m
Arr Charlottesville	9 55 p m	3 25 p m
Lve Washington	5 30 p m	11 21 a m
Arr Charlottesville	10 05 p m	3 1 p m
Lve Charlottesville	10 10 p m	3 45 p m
Lve Waynesboro Jc	11 15 p m	4 59 p m
Lve Staunton	11 50 p m	5 33 p m
Arr Clifton Forge	2 15 a m	8 10 p m
Lve Clifton Forge	2 20 a m	8 30 p m
Lve Alleghany	3 30 a m	9 45 p m
Lve White Sulphur	.....	10 00 p m
Lve Hinton	5 18 a m	11 55 p m
Lve Kanawha Falls	8 00 a m	3 00 a m
Lve Cannelton	8 18 a m	3 30 a m
Lve Charleston	9 05 a m	4 38 a m
Lve Huntington	9 45 a m	8 20 a m
Arr Ashland	10 21 a m	7 07 a m
Lve Ashland	5 35 p m	8 47 a m
Arr Columbus	11 17 p m	3 00 p m
Lve Ashland	10 21 a m	7 07 a m
Arr Mt. Sterling	1 55 p m	11 30 a m
Arr Winchester	2 30 p m	12 00 n'n
Arr Lexington	3 20 p m	1 20 p m
Arr Louisville	7 15 p m	7 15 p m
Arr Cincinnati	6 00 p m	6 00 p m

EASTWARD.	No. 4. Daily.	No. 2. Except Sunday.
Lve Cincinnati	8 00 p m	8 30 a m
Lve Louisville	7 00 p m	6 50 a m
Lve Lexington	11 35 p m	11 50 a m
Lve Winchester	11 20 p m	1 00 p m
Lve Columbus	5 30 p m	11 25 a m
Lve Ashland	3 27 a m	6 05 p m
Lve Huntington	5 20 a m	9 00 p m
Arr Charleston	6 45 a m	0 43 p m
Arr Cannelton	7 32 a m	11 05 p m
Arr Kanawha Falls	7 50 a m	11 31 p m
Arr Hinton	10 15 a m	2 35 a m
Lve White Sulphur	.....	5 00 a m
Arr Clifton Forge	1 10 p m	6 30 a m
Arr Staunton	3 40 p m	9 21 a m
Arr Waynesboro Jc	4 10 p m	9 58 a m
Arr Charlottesville	5 10 p m	11 10 a m
Arr Washington	9 40 p m	8 23 p m
Arr Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Arr Philadelphia	3 00 a m	3 10 a m
Arr New York	6 20 a m	6 20 a m
Lve Charlottesville	5 30 p m	11 20 a m
Arr Richmond	9 00 p m	3 10 p m
Lve Richmond	8 00 a m	3 20 p m
Arr Newport News	10 35 a m	5 55 p m
Arr Old Point C'f't	11 00 a m	6 20 p m
Arr Norfolk	11 40 a m	7 00 p m

Lexington Division trains run by Central time. Main Line trains east of Huntington run by Eastern time, which is one hour faster than Central time.

No. 1, daily except Sunday, between Old Point, Norfolk, and Clifton Forge. The train leaving Old Point Saturday morning, runs only to Huntington.

No. 2, daily except Sunday. The train leaving Louisville and Cincinnati on Saturday runs only to Clifton Forge, where it lays over until Monday morning.

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Time Table in effect JUNE 19, 1887.

SOUTHWARD. Standard Time, 75th Meridian	DAILY. Express. No. 3.	Express. No. 1.
LEAVE.		
Hagerstown	8 00 A. M.	2.00 P. M.
Antietam	8.34 "	2 33 "
Shepherdstown	8 41 "	2.39 "
Duffs Junction	8 56 "	2.55 "
Harrestown	9.08 "	3 07 "
Riverton	10.24 "	4.16 "
Luray	11 34 "	5 49 "
Grimes	12.22 P. M.	6 25 "
Waynesboro Junc	2 05 "	7 57 "
Natural Bridge	4.17 "	10.17 "
Roanoke	6.00 "	12.00 night
ARRIVE.		
Bristol	12 15 A. M.	9 05 A. M.
Cleveland	7.40 A. M.	4.15 P. M.
Memphis	9.15 P. M	6.10 A. M.
Atlanta	3 30 P. M.	
Montgomery	7.10 P. M	
New Orleans	7.20 A. M.	

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Also to and from Pittsburg and the West and Northwest, and Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and the North and East.

At Shenandoah Junction, W. Va., with Main Line of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to and from the West.

No 3 makes close connection at Waynesboro' Junction with C. & O. Ry. East- and Westbound trains.

At Loch Laird, with Lexington Branch of Richmond & Alleghany Railroad.

At Buchanan with Main Line of Richmond & Alleghany Railroad.

At Roanoke, with Norfolk & Western Railroad.

STAGE CONNECTIONS.

At Boyce, for Millwood and Winchester, Va.
At Troutville for Pincastle

NORTHWARD. Standard Time, 75th Meridian.	DAILY. Express. No. 4.	Express. No. 2.
LEAVE.		
Roanoke	1 00 P. M.	1.50 A. M
Natural Bridge	2.29 "	3 17 "
Loch Laird	2.58 "	3 45 "
Waynesboro Junc	4 30 "	5.16 "
Grimes	5.57 "	6 39 "
Luray	6.55 "	7.35 "
Riverton	8.02 "	8.49 "
Berryville	8.46 "	9 36 "
Charlestown	9.14 "	10 07 "
Duffs Junction	9 25 "	10 29 "
Shepherdstown	9.40 "	10 45 "
Antietam	9.41 "	10.52 "
Hagerstown	10.20 "	11.25 "
ARRIVE.		
Ar. Washington B. & O R. R.		1.15 P. M
Ar. Baltimore, B. & O. R. R.		2.15 P. M.
Ar. Baltimore, W. M. R. R.		2.40 P. M.
Le. Hagerstown	10.25 P. M	12.20 P. M.
Ar. Harrisburg, C. V. R. R.	12.50 A. M.	3.15 P. M.
Ar. Philadelphia P. R. R.	4.25 A. M.	6.50 P. M.
Ar. New York	7.30 A. M.	9 35 P. M.

No. 4 makes close connection at Waynesboro' Junction with C. & O. Railway East and West bound trains

No. 4 has Pullman Buffet Sleeper from Chattanooga to New York (without change) via Roanoke, Hagerstown, and Harrisburg.

No. 2 makes through connection via Shenandoah Junction and B. & O. R. R. for Washington and Baltimore, and at Hagerstown with W. M. Railroad for Baltimore, and C. V. Railroad for Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York.

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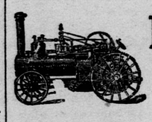

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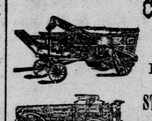

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For the hand that gave it is mine forever.

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DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON SUNDAY, DEC. 18.

BROOKLYN, December 18.—At the Tabernacle this morning the whole congregation sang the hymn beginning:

"The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets."

The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., preached on "Recreations, Good and Bad," taking two texts: "First Corinthians, chapter 7, verse 31: "They that use this world, as not abusing it;" and Judges, chapter 16, verse 25: "And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport."

We are entering the gayest season of the year. The winter opens before us the gates of a thousand amusements, some of them good and some bad. One of my texts will show you that amusements may be destructive, my other text will show that amusements may be under the Divine blessing and direction.

There were three thousand people assembled in the temple of Dagon. They had come to make sport of eyeless Samson. They were all ready for the entertainment. They began to clap and pound, impatient for the amusement to begin, and they cried, "Fetch him out! fetch him out!" Yonder I see the blind old giant coming, led by the hand of a child into the very midst of the temple. At his first appearance there goes up a shout of laughter and derision. The blind old giant pretends he is tired, and wants to rest himself against the pillars of the house; so he says to the lad who leads him, "Show me where the main pillars are." The lad does so. Then the strong man puts his right hand on one pillar and his left hand on another pillar, and, with the mightiest push that mortal ever made, throws himself forward until the whole house comes down in thunderous crash, grinding the audience like grapes in a wine-press. "And so it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, call for Samson that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made them sport."

In other words: There are amusements that are destructive, and bring down disaster and death upon the heads of those who practice them. While they laugh and cheer, they die. The three thousand who perished that day in Gaza are as nothing compared with the tens of thousands who have been destroyed by sinful amusements.

But the other text I have read implies that there is a lawful use of the world as well as an unlawful abuse of it, and the difference between the man Christian and the man un-Christian is, that in the former case, the man masters the world, while in the latter case the world masters him.—For whom did God make this grand and beautiful world? For whom this wonderful expenditure of color, this gracefulness of line, this mosaic of the ground, this fresco of the sky, this glowing fruitage of orchard and vineyard, this full orchestra of the tempest, in which the tree-branches flute, and the winds trumpet and the thunders drum, and all the splendors of the earth and sky come clashing their cymbals? For whom did God spring the arched bridge of colors resting upon buttresses of broken storm-cloud? For whom did he gather the upholstery of fire around the window of the setting sun? For all men: but more especially for his own dear children.

If you build a large mansion and spread a great feast after it to celebrate the completion of the structure, do you allow strangers to come in and occupy the place while you thrust your own children in the kitchen or the barn or the fields? Oh no.—You say, "I am very glad to see strangers in my mansion, but my own sons and daughters shall have the first right there." Now God has built this grand mansion of a world, and he has spread a glorious feast in it, and while those who are strangers to His grace may come in, I think that God especially intends to give the advantage to His own children, those who are the sons and the daughters of the Lord Almighty, those who through grace can look up and say, "Abba, Father." You cannot make me believe that God gives more advantages to the world than He gives to the Church bought by His own blood. If, therefore, people of the world have looked with dolorous sympathy upon those who make profession of religion, and have said, "Those new converts are going down into privation and into hardship. Why did not they tarry a little longer in the world and have some of its enjoyments and amusements and recreations?" I say to such men of the world, "You are greatly mistaken," and before I get through I will show that those people who stay out of the kingdom of God have the hardships and self-denials, while those who come in have the joys and the sarisfactions.

This morning, in the name of the King of heaven and earth, I serve a writ of ejectment upon all the sinful and polluted who have squatted on the domain of earthly pleasure as though it belonged to them, while I claim, in behalf of the good and the pure and the true, the eternal inheritance which God has given them.

Hitherto, Christian philanthropists, clerical and lay, have busied themselves chiefly in denouncing sinful recreations; but I feel we have no right to stand before men and women in whose hearts there is a desire for recreation amounting to positive necessity, denouncing this and that and the other thing, when we do not propose to give them something better. God helping me this morning, and with reference to my last account, I shall enter upon a sphere not usual in sermonizing, but a subject which I think ought to be presented at this time. I propose now to lay before you some of the recreations which are not only innocent, but positively helpful and advantageous.

In the first place, I commend, among indoor recreations music, vocal and instrumental. Among the first things created was the bird, so that the earth might have music at the start. This world, which began with so sweet a serenade, is finally to be demolished amidst the ringing blast of the arch-angel's trumpet, so that as there was music at the start, there shall be music at the close. While this heavenly art has often been dragged into the uses of superstition and dissipation, we all know it may be the means of high moral culture.—Oh, it is a grand thing to have our children brought up amidst the sound of cultured voices and amidst the melody of musical instruments. There is in this art an indescribable fascination for the household.—Let all those families who have the means to afford it, have flute, or harp, or piano, or organ. As soon as the hand is large enough to compass the keys, teach it how to pick out the melody. Let all our young men try this heavenly art upon their nature.—Those who have gone into it fully have found in it illimitable recreation and amusement. Dark days, stormy nights, seasons of sickness, business disasters, will do little toward depressing the soul which can gallop off over musical keys or soar in jubilant lay. It will cure pain. It will rest fatigue. It will quell passion. It will revive health. It will reclaim dissipation. It will strengthen the immortal soul. In the battle of Waterloo, Wellington saw that the Highlanders were falling back. He said, "What is the matter there?" He was told that the band of music had ceased playing, and he called up the pipers and ordered them to strike up an inspiriting air; and no sooner did they strike the air than the Highlanders were rallied and helped to win the day. Oh, ye who have been routed in the conflicts of life, try by the force of music to rally your scattered battalions.

I am glad to know that in our great cities there is hardly a night in which there are not concerts, where with the best musical instruments and the sweetest voices, people may find entertainment. Patronize such entertainments when they are afforded you. Buy season tickets, if you can, for the "Philharmonic" and the "Handel and Haydn" societies. Feel that the dollar and a half or two dollars that you spend for the purpose of hearing an artist play or sing is a profitable investment. Let your Steinway Halls and your Academies of Music roar with the acclamation of appreciative audiences assembled at the concert or the oratorio.

Still further: I commend, as worthy of their support, the gymnasium. This institution is gaining in favor every year, and I know of nothing more free from dissipation, or more calculated to recuperate the physical and mental energies. While there are a good many people who have employed this institution there is a vast number who are ignorant of its excellences. There are men with cramped chests and weak sides and despondent spirits who through the gymnasium might be roused up to exuberance and exhilaration of life. There are many Christian people despondent from year to year, who might, through such an institution be benefited in their spiritual relations. There are Christian people who seem to think that it is a good sign to be poorly; and because Richard Baxter and Robert Hall were invalids, they think that by the same sickliness they may come to the same grandeur of character. I want to tell the Christian people of my congregation that God will hold you responsible for your invalidism if it is your fault and when through right exercises and prudence you might be athletic and well The effect of the body upon the soul you acknowledge. Put a man of mild disposition upon the animal diet of which the Indian partakes, and in a little while his blood will change its chemical proportions. It will become like unto the blood of the lion or the tiger or the bear, while his disposition will change, and become fierce, cruel, and unrelenting. The body has a powerful effect upon the soul.

There are good people whose ideas of heaven are all shut out with clouds of tobacco smoke. There are people who dare to shatter the physical vase in which God has put the jewel of eternity. There are men with great hearts and intellects in bodies worn out by their own neglects—magnificent machinery capable of propelling a Great Eastern across the Atlantic, yet fastened in a rickety North river propeller. Martin Luther was so mighty for God—first, because he had a noble soul, and secondly, because he had a muscular development which would have enabled him to thrash any five of his persecutors, if it had been Christian so to do. Physical development which merely shows itself in fabulous lifting, or in perilous rope-walking, or in pugilistic encounter, excites only our contempt; but we confess to great admiration for the man who has a great soul in an athletic body, every nerve, muscle, and bone of which is consecrated to right uses. Oh, it seems to me outrageous that men, through neglect, should allow their physical health to go down beyond repair. A ship which aught, with all sail set and every man at his post, to be carrying a rich cargo for eternity, employing all its men in stopping up leakages! When you may, through the gymnasium, work off your spleen and your querulousness and one half of your physical and mental ailments, do not turn your back upon such a grand medicament.

Still further: I commend to you a large class of parlor games and recreations. There is a way of making our homes a hundred-fold more attractive than they are now.—Those parents cannot expect to keep their children away from outside dissipations unless the domestic circle is brighter than anything they can find outside of it. Do not, then, sit in your home surly and unsympathetic, and with a half-condemnatory look, because of the sportfulness of your children. You were young once yourself; let your children be young. Because your eyes are dim and your ankles are stiff, do not denounce sportfulness in those upon whose eyes there is the first lustre and in whose foot there is the bounding joy of robust health. I thank God that in our drawing-rooms and in our parlors there are innumerable games and sports which have not upon them the least taint of iniquity. Light up all your homes with innocent hilarities Do not sit down with the rheumatism, wondering how children can go on so. Rather thank God that their hearts are so light, and their laughter is so free, and that their cheeks are so ruddy, and that their expectations are so radiant. The night will come soon enough, and the heartbreak, and the pang, and the desolation—it will come soon enough for the dear children. But when the storm actually clouds the sky, it will be time enough for you to haul out your reef tackles. Carry, then, into your homes not only the innocent sports and games which are the inventions of our own day, but the games which come down with the sportfulness of all the past ages—chess and charades and tableaux and battledore and calisthenics and lawn-tennis, and all those amusements which the young people of our homes know so well how to contrive. Then there will be the parlor socialities—groups of people assembled in your homes, with wit and mimicry and joviality, filling the room with joy from the door to the mantel, from the carpet to the ceiling. Oh, is there any exhilaration like a score of genial souls in one room, each one adding a contribution of his own individual merriment to the aggregation of general hilarity?

Suppose you want to go abroad in the city, then you will find the panorama and the art gallery and exquisite collections of pictures. You will find the Metropolitan Museum and the Historical Society rooms full of rare curiosities, and scores of places which can stand plainly the test of what is right and wrong in amusements. You will find the lecturing hall, which has been honored by the names of Agassiz in natural history, Doremus in chemistry, Boynton in geology, Mitchell in astronomy, John B. Gough in moral reform, and scores and hundreds of men who have poured their wit and genius and ingenuity through that particular channel upon the hearts and consciences