

TALMAGE.

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it a most important thing. Discouragement, no doubt, settles upon a multitude of minds at the recital of the story of a Moses, or a Joshua or a David, or a Paul, or a Luther, or a Knox, or a DeWahl, or a Hannah, or a Florence Nightingale. People say: "That was very brave and good for those men and women to act as they did, but I shall never be called of God to stand on Mount Sinai to receive the law, or to make the sun and moon stand still, or slay a giant, or preach on Mars Hill, or defy the Diet of Worms, or make a Queen tremble for her crimes, or preside over the hospitals." Some woman says: "If I had such a sphere of duty I would fill it, but there is no chance for me. My business is to get the children ready for school, and to mend ripped garments, and to see that dinner is ready, and to keep account of household expenses, and to hinder the whooping cough from strangling the children, and to hunt up things that are lost. My work is so infinitesimal that I am discouraged." O, woman! if you do that well which you call insignificant you will have as large a reward as Florence Nightingale, who, from going the rounds of the hospital at night with a lamp in her hands, was called by the wounded "The Lady of the Lamp." People are to be rewarded not according to the amount of good they do, but according to whether they have worked up to their full capacity, according to the manner in which they do what they are set to do. If God gives a man wealth or social influence or eloquence, and twenty times more power than to another man who has only ordinary qualifications, He will not reward the favored man because he accomplishes more than the ordinary man. In other words, if you and I do our duty, and you have twenty times more talent than I, you will get no more divine reward than I will. God is not going to reward you for what He gave you; it is only for the right use of your faculties.

This subject ought to be encouraged to men in positions of responsibility, who get little credit now for what they do. You know the names of the great commercial houses of these cities; but who are the confidential clerks, who are the men who have the key of the safe, and know the combination lock? The merchants are honored on 'Change and their names are known the world over; but the confidential clerk goes and comes and is unknown. God knows his fidelity will get as much reward as that merchant philanthropist whose interests the unknown clerk perpetually guarded. Hudson River Railroad, Pennsylvania Railroad, New York and New Haven Railroad are known the world over; but can you tell me who are the engineers, the conductors, the switchmen, the flagmen? No! Yet they have sweet responsibilities. They never come to the front of appreciation, but thousands of lives are in their hands and millions of dollars' worth of property. But they shall have their reward. When Thomas Scott, the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, went up to God he was not better known than the brakeman who, on the Erie Railroad, was last night killed between the car couplings.

A Christian woman, at almost every event, was seen to go out and walk by a grove of trees, and people wondered why a mother with so many household duties should waste so much time in idly sauntering. Ah, she went there to pray, and afterward wrote out her experience in the hymn which has strengthened many souls:

"I love to stand awhile away From every 'cumbering care, And spend the hours of waiting day In humble, grateful prayer."

According to my text the Christian sexton will get as much divine reward as the minister. Suppose the former see that the house of God is filled with fresh air for the lungs of worshipers, and is always affable and watches that the church is undamaged, at his death he will go right up to sit beside the royal psalmist. The minister who tolled at one side of the church will have no higher reward than the sexton who tolled at the other.

Clear back in the country there is a boy who wants to go to college and get an education. Ed is reading all about the house whenever he can get an opportunity. One night after he has gone to bed a family council is held in regard to him. The sisters say: "We will work hard and make our old dresses do." The mother says: "I will do without any hired help." The father says: "I will hush the corn by working 'til midnight." They banish sugar from the tea and butter from the plate, and sit without candles during the evening. The whole house is put on rigid, year suffering, economy that the son and brother may be educated. Commencement day comes (remember it is not an imaginary case; God knows it happened). Commencement day at college comes. The exercises go by, and the climax of interest is reached when the valedictorian is announced. Ed has succeeded so well that the honor has been conferred upon him. Garlands are showered upon him. Great day for Ed. One night after he has gone to bed his father and mother, and his old-fashioned father and mother. Dear me, she has not had a new bonnet nor he a new coat for seven years! Ed has the garlands, but the self-denying group in the gallery, who made that scene possible, have their full share of the triumph now, and in the day when God shall more fully reward the self-sacrificing shall be recognized.

There is much encouragement in this for those who once wrought effectively for Christ and the Church, but through sickness or collapse of fortune or advanced years cannot go out as they would. I was in the Soldiers' Hospital in Paris, and there I saw some of the men of the first Napoleon some of them lame and all of them aged. I asked them about Napoleon and where they fought under him. One man said, "I was at Austerlitz," and another said, "I was at the Pyramids," and another said, "I was at the bridge of Lodi." The French Government, instead of casting these old men off to die, made their last days luxurious. Well, do you think the Lord is going to cast off his old soldiers? Look at the old veterans! You think these crevices on their faces are wrinkles. No; they are battle wounds. They fought with trouble, with sickness. They fought for God, they fought for Heaven. When hard work was to be done for Christ, they were willing to take the heaviest end of it. They would do the most unpopular thing if they thought God wanted it done. But now they are full of physical weaknesses. They have been obliged to stop by the brook Besor. You must think that Christ has a very short memory if you think he has forgotten their faithful services. Do not fret, my aged friend, because you cannot be in active service. You just tarry by the staff, and wait for your share of the spoils. It makes me laugh to think how you will be surprised as the conqueror puts a ring on your hand and a chain of gold on your neck, and tells you to go in and dine with the king. I see you trying to back out, as unworthy, but the shining angels of God would group around you, and some on one side and some on the other will push you right up and cry: "Here is another old soldier, Jesus Christ!" And blessed spirit will rush down at you, saying, "Oh, yes; he was the means of saving my soul!" And the cry will go round the shining cir-

cles, "Come on! come on! Come up! come up! Welcome." Great encouragement in this subject for old ministers. They now sit in pews instead of standing in pulpits. Their name is marked emeritus in the minutes of General Assembly or association. Their hair white with the blossoms of the tree of life. They hear a text announced, and it brings up a sermon they preached fifty years ago on the same subject. They preached more gospel on \$400 a year than some of their successors on \$1,000. A lady says at the close of the service: "Doctor, you don't know me?" And the clerical octogenarian says: "It seems to me I have seen you before." "Why," says the lady in middle life, "you baptized me and you married me." And the old man says: "Oh, yes; my memory is as good as it used to be." So they sit in all our churches, heroes of revival in 1820, in 1832, in 1857. They have stood by a long trench of graves cut through a half century, sounding the news of resurrection. They have been in more Balaklavs and taken more Sebastopols than you ever heard of. But now they are waiting by the brook Besor, and the 60,000 young and middle-aged ministers now taking the brunt of the fray shall have no more reward than these retired veterans.

Cheer up, ye men and women of unappreciated services! Justice will be done you—if here, then hereafter. When Charles Wesley comes up in judgment, and the millions whom his songs have sung into glory shall be enumerated, and John Wesley's name is mentioned in connection with all that is brought to God through his Methodism, he will be counted for his Methodism no higher throne than Susanna Wesley, whose maternal consecration in Epworth rectory, Lincolnshire, started them on their triumphant mission of sermon and song through all succeeding centuries. O my blessed Saviour! for the day that will be for many a weaned Christian cradles with weary foot and dim light, and with aching side-patched garments, darned socks, and planned how out of small means to clothe the family against the winter storm! Oh, what a day for those to whom the word gave the cold shudder, and who had not the least approval, and who were by sickness and losses compelled to tarry on garrison duty by the brook Besor. Mighty day when Christ the conqueror shall distribute among them the crowns, and garlands, and scepters, and chariots, and thrones, and they shall for the work they did on a small scale and amid insignificant places, get just as much honor as many who filled the nations with their achievement! Then they shall understand the height and the depth and the length and the breadth and the magnitude of his text: "As his part shall not goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the staff."

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