Dr. Talmage Advises Everybody to Do So.

First Get Your Heart Right and the Rest s Easy-When a Man Does Well Tell Him So-The Friendship Between Christ and a Believing Sout.

In the following sermon Dr. Talmage endeavors to show that the obtaining of good friends is not accidental but is the result of intelligent selection. The text chosen is Proverbs 18: 24: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

About the sacred and divine art of making and keeping friends I speakany one preaching-and yet God thought it of enough importance to put it in the middle of the Bible, these writings of Solomon, bounded on one side by the popular Psalms of David, and on the other by the writings of Isaiah, the greatest of the phophets. It seems all a matter of hap-hazard how many friends we have, or whether we have any friends at all, but there is nothing accidental about it. There is a law which governs the accretion and dispersion of friendships. They did not "just happen so" any more than the tides just happen to rise or fall, or the sun just happens to rise or set. It is a science, an art, a Godgiven regulation.

Tell me how friendly you are to others, and I will tell you how friendly others are to you. I do not say you will not have enemies; indeed, the best way to get ardent friends is to have ardent enemies, if you get their enmity in doing the right thing. Good men and women will always have enemies, because their goodness is a perpetual rebuke to evil; but this antagonism of foes will make more intense the love of your adherents. Your friends will gather closer around you because of the attacks of your assailants. The more your enemies abuse you the better your condjutors will think of you.

The best friends we have ever had appea 1 at some juncture when we ecially bombarded. There have been times in my life when unjust assault multiplied my friends, as near as I could calculate, about fifty a minute. You are bound to some people by many cords that neither time nor eternity can break, and I will warrant that many of those cords were twisted by hands malevolent.

If, when set upon by the furies, you can have grace enough to keep your mouth shut, and preserve your equipoise, and let others fight your battles, you will find yourself after awhile with a whole cordon of allies. Had not the world given to Christ on his arrival at Palestine a very cold shoulder, there would not have been one-half as many angels chanting glory out of the hymn-books of the sky, bound in black lids of midnight. Had it not been for the heavy and jagged and tortuous cross, Christ would not have been the phere. Instead, therefore, of giving up in despair because you have enemies, rejoice in the fact that they rally for you the most helpful and enthusiastic admirers. In other words, there is no virulance that can hinder my text from coming true: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

It is my ambition to project especially upon the young a thought which may benignly shape their destiny for the here and the hereafter. Before you show yourself friendly you must be friendly, I do not recommend a dramatized geniality. There is such a thing as pretending to be en rapport with others, when we are their dire destructants, and talk against them, and wish them calamity. Judas covered up his treachery by a resounding kiss, and caresses may be demoniacal. Better the mythological Cerberus, the three-headed dog of hell, barking at us, than the wolf in sheep's clothing, its brindled hide covered up by deceptive wool, and its deathful howl cadenced into an innocent bleating.

Before you begin to show yourself friendly you must be friendly. Get your heart right with God and man, and this grace will become easy. You may by your own resolution get your nature into a semblance of this virtue, but the grace of God can sublimely lift you into it. Sailing on the river ha nes two vessels ran aground. The owners of one got one hundred horses, and pulled on the grounded ship, and pulled it to pieces. The owners of the other grounded vessel waited till the tides came in, and easily floated the ship out of all trouble. So we may pull and haul at, our grounded human nature, and try to get it into better condition; but there is nothing like the oceanic tides of God's uplifting grace. If when under the flash of the Holy Ghost, we see our foibles and defects and depravities, we will be very lenient, and very easy with others. We will look into their characters for things commendatory, and not damnatory. If you would rub your own eye a little more vigorously you would find a mote in it, the extraction of which would keep you so busy you would not have much time to shoulder your broad-axe, and go forth to split up the beam in your neighbor's eye. In a Christian spirit keep on exploring the characters of those you meet, and I am sure you will find something in them fit for a foundation of friendliness.

You invite me to come to your country seat and spend a few days. Thank you! I arrive about noon of a beautiful summer day. What do you do? As soon as I arrive yau take me out under the shadow of the great elms. You take me down to the artificial lake, the spotted trout floating in and out among the white pillars of the pond-lifies. You take me to the stalls and kennels where you keep your fine attock, and here are the Durham cattle and the Gordon steers; and the high-do you mean by going about this have only put before you a specimen world with disheartenments? Why of the value of divine friendship, only a thimbleful of mires inexhaustible abort turn down the road. Then we Do not prophesy misfortune. If you eternity go on with the exploration.

go back to the house, and you get me must be a prophet at all, be an Ezekiel, and show me the bird cages, the but the prophets of evil in our time green-scummed frog pond, and there's member to have passed. Indeed, the hedge there must be a black snake. Come, let us for an hour or two regale ourselves with the nuisances."

Oh, my friends, better cover up the faults and extol the virtues; and this announce their coming. Load yourself a subject on which I never heard of friendliness will become as easy as it hymn once sung in our churches is is for a syringa to flood the air with | unfit to be sung, for it says: sweetness, as easy as it will be further on in the season for a quail to whistle up from the grass When we hear something bad about somebody whom erable all the time. The old song sung we always supposed to be good, take at the piano a quarter of a century ago out your lead pencil and say, "Let me see! Before I accept that baleful Such kind words have their nest in story against that man's character, I kind hearts, and when they are will take off from it 25 per cent, for hatched out and take wing, they circle the habit of exaggeration which be- round in flights that never cease, and longs to the man who first told the story, then I will takes off 25 per cent and storms cannot ruffle their wings, for the additions which the spirit of and when they cease flight in these gossip in every community has put lower skies of earth they sweep round upon the original story; then I will amid the higher altitudes of Heaven. take off 25 per cent from the fact that At Baltimore, I talked into a phonothe man may have been put into cir- graph. The cylinder containing the cumstances of overpowering temptation. So I have taken off 75 per cent. But I have not heard his side of the story at all, and for that reason I take off the ramaining 25 per cent. Excuse me, sir, I don't believe a word of it." But here comes in a defective max-

im, so often quoted: "Where there is

so much smoke there must be some

fire." Look at all the smoke for years around Jenner, the introducer of vaccination; and the smoke around Columbus, the discoverer; and the smoke around Martin Luther, the Savonarola, and Galilee, and Paul, and John, and tell me where was the fire! That is one of the satanic arts to make smoke without fire. Slander, like the world, may be made out of nothing. If the Christian, fair-minded, common-sensical spirit in regard to others predominated in the world we should have the millennium in about six weeks, for would not that be lamb and lion, cow and leopard lying down together? Nothing but the grace of God can ever put us into such a habit of mind and heart as that. The tendency is in the oposite direction. This is the way the world talks: I put my name on the back of a man's note. I gave a beggar ten cents, and five minutes after I saw him entering a liquor store to spend it. I will never again give a cent to a out of a flint a frontiersman strikes beggar. I helped that young man start a spark, so out of one word God struck in business, and lo, after a while, he came and opened a store almost next door to me, and stole my customers. I will never again help a young man to start in business. I trusted in what my neighbor promised to do, and he denly, so far as your own happiness is admired and loved of more people than | broke his word, and the psalmist was | concerned. There were two Christians any being who ever touched foot on eight before he corrected himself, for who entered Heaven; the one was sociated Press has had an interview either the eastern or western hemis- "all men are liars." So men become standing at a window in perfect with Aguinaldo, who said there were suspicious and saturnine and selfish, l'health, watching a shower, and the and at every additional wrong done | lightning instantly slew him, but the them they put another layer on the lightning did not flash down the sky wall of their exclusiveness, and another bolt to the door that shuts them out The Christian man who died on the from sympathy with the world. They get cheated out of a thousand dollars, year or two failing in health, and for or misinterpreted, or disappointed, or betrayed, and higher goes the wall, from a disease that made the nights and faster goes another bolt, not realizing that while they lock others out | you not really think that the case of they lock themselves in; and some day they wake up to find themselves imprisoned in a dastardly habit. No to them. There's an island half-way between England, Scotland and Ireland, called the Isle of Man, and the seas dash against all sides of it, and knocking and waiting again, while in I am told there is no more lovely place than that Isle of Man; but when a of the door at the first touch of your man becomes insular in his disposition, and cuts himself off from the main land of the world's sympathies, he is despicable, and all around him is tory. an Atlantic Ocean of selfishness. Be-

> Now, supposing that you have, by a divine regeneration, got right toward God and humanity, and you start out to practice my text. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." Fulfill this by all forms of appropriate salutation. Have you noticed that the head is so poised that the easiest thing on earth is to give a nod of recognition? To swing the head from side to side, as when it is wagged in derision, is unnatural and unpleasant; to throw it back invites vertigo; but to drop the chin in greeting is accompanied with so little exertion that all day long, and every day, you might practice it without the least semblance of fatigue. So, also, the structure of the hand indicates hand-shaking; the knuckles are made so that the fingers can turn in, as in clasping hands; and the thumb divided from and set aloof from the fingers, so that while the fingers take your neighbor's hand on one side, the thumb takes it on the other, and, pressed together, all the faculties of the hand give emphasis to the salutation. Five sermons in every healthy hand urge us to hand-

hold that Isle of Man.

shaking. Besides this, every day when you start out, load yourself up with kind thoughts, kind words, kind expressions, and kind greetings. When a man or woman does well, tell him so, tell her so. If you meet some one who is improved in health, and it is demonstrated in girth and color, say: "How well you look!" But if, on the other hand, under the wear and tear of life he appears pale and exhausted, do not introduce sanitary subjects, or say anything at all about physical condition. In the case of improved health, you have by the words given another impulse toward the robust and the ocund; while in the case of the failing health you have arrested the decline

in the right light, and show me the and not a Jeremiah. In ancient times Kensetts and the Bierstadts on the prophets who foretold evil were doing wall, and take me into the music room | right, for they were divinely directed; canaries in the bay window answering are generally false prophets. Some of the robbins in the treetops. Thank our weatherwise people prophesied we you! I never enjoyed myself more in would have a summer of unparalleled the same length of time. Now, why heat. It has been a very comfortable do we not do so with the characters summer. Last fall all the weather of others, and show the bloom and the prophets agreed in saying we should music, and the bright fountains? No. have a winter of extraordinary sever-We say, "Come along, and let me show ity, blizzard on the heels of blizzard. you that man's character. Here is a It was the mildest winter I ever rea filthy cellar, and I guess under that autumn and spring almost shoved winter out of the procession. Real troubles have no heralds running ahead of their somber chariots, and no one has any authority in our time to habit once established of universal up with hopeful words and deeds. The

"We should suspect some danger near, Where we possess delight.'

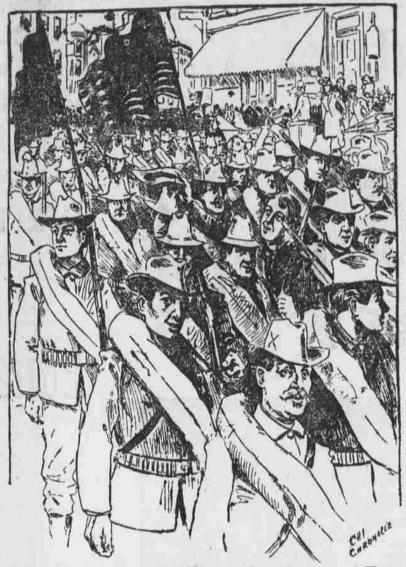
In other words, manage to keep missportsman's gun cannot shoot them, words was sent on to Washington, and the next day that cylinder from another phonographic instrument, when turned, gave back to me the very words I uttered the day before, and with the same intonations. Scold into phonograph, and it will scold back Pour mild words into a phonograph and it will return the gentleness. So ciety and the world and the church are phonographs. Give them acerbity and rough treatment, and acerbity and rough treatment you will get back, Give them practical friendliness, and they will give back practical friendliness. A father asked his little daugh ter, "Mary, why is it that everybody loves you?" She answered, "I don't know, unless it is because I love everybody." "A man that hath friends must

show himself friendly." Oh, what a glorious state of things to have the friendship of God! Why we could afford to have all the world against us and all other worlds against us if we had God for us. He could in a minute blot out this universe and in another minute make a better universe. I have no idea that God tried hard when he made all things. The most brilliant thing known to us is light, and for the creation of that he only used a word of command. As the noonday sun. For the making of the present universe I do not read that God lifter so much as a finger.

If God is your friend you cannot go out of the world too quickly or sudas swiftly as his spirit flashed upward. same day next door had been for a the last three months had suffered sleepless and the days an anguish. Do the one who went instantly was more desirable than the one who entered the shining gate through a long lane of friends to others, others are no friends insomnia and congestion? In the one case it was like your standing wearily at a door, knocking and waiting, and wondering if it will ever open, and the other case it was a swinging open knuckle. Give your friendship to God. and have God's friendship for you, and even the worst accident will be a vic-

How refreshing is human friendship; and true friends, what priceless treasures! When sickness comes, and trouble comes, and death comes, we send for our friends first of all, and their apearance in our doorway in any crisis is reinforcement, and when they have entered we say: "Now it is all right!" Oh, what would we do without personal friends, business friends, family friends? But we want something mightier than human friendship in the great exigencies.

When Jonathan Edwards, in his final hour, had given the last good-bye to all his earthly friends, he turned on his pillow and closed his eyes, confidently saying: "Now where is Jesus of Nazareth, my true and never-failing Friend?" Yes, I admire human friendship as seen in the case of David and Jonathan, of Paul and Onesiphorus, of Herder and Goethe, of Goldsmith and Reynolds, of Beaumont and Fletcher, of Cowley and Harvey, of Erasmus and Thomas Moore, of Lessing and Mendelssohn, of Lady Churchill and Princess Anne, of Orestes and Plyades, each requesting that himself might take the point of the dagger, so the other might be spared; of Epaminondus and Pelopidas, who locked their shields in battle, determined to die together; but the grandest, the mightiest, the tenderest friendship in all the universe is the friendship between Jesus Christ and a believing soul. Yet, after all I have said, I feel I have only done what James Marshall, the miner, did in 1848 in California, before its gold mines were known. He reached in and put upon the table of his employer, Captain Sutter, a thimbleful of gold dust. "Where did you get that?" asked his employer. The reply was: "I got it this morning from a mill race from which the water had been drawn But that gold dust, which could off. have been taken up between the finger and the thumb, was the prophecy and and infinite, though all time and all THE RETURN OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS.



A Scene Which Is Now Being Witnessed Daily in Scores of Western

IT IS CRITICAL.

Situation in the Philippines is Dangerous.

Admiral Dewey Asks for Reinforcements -Aguinaldo, Chief of the Insurgents, Wishes Americans to Leave the Islands so that His Followers May be in Control.

Manila, Sept. 13.—Rear Admiral Dewey says he considers the situation critical. It is understood he has asked for an additional cruiser and a battle-

The last Spanish garrisons at Ilocos and Laguna have surrendered and the whole island of Luzon is in the hands of the insurgents, except at Manila

Aguinaldo has announced his intention of convening an assembly of the Filipinos on September 15, in order to decide upon the policy to be adopted by the insurgents.

The correspondent here of the As-67,000 insurgents armed with rifles. He added he could raise 100,000 men. Indeed, the insurgent leader pointed out, the whole population of the Philippine islands were willing to fight for their independence.

As to the Americans, Aguinaldo remarked that he considered them as brothers and that "the two sovereign republics were allied against a common enemy."

Aguinaldo continued: "We have been fighting for independence for a long time. The natives who profess to favor annexation are insincere. It is merely a ruse to ascertain American views. Asked if the Filipinos would object to the fetention of Manila, Aguinaldo declined to answer.

He denied receiving a request from Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey to withdraw his troops to a prescribed distance from Manila and Cavite, and declined to discuss the effect of such request. Aguinaldo further asserted that he had never conferred with the American authorities since the capitulation of Manila, and that he had never authorized the insurgents to search or disarm Americans crossing the lines. The correspondent closely questioned him about the incident when the Pennsylvania troops proceeded to establish a new outpost, The Filipinos objected and nearly precipitated hostilities, ordering the Americans to withdraw in 20 minutes. They issued ammunition and intercepted the American reinforcements. Finally Gen. Hale ordered all the Pennsylvanians to advance and the rebels

withdrew. The local governor has explained that the incident was a mistake and has repudiated his subordinates' action. Aguinaldo declared to this correspondent that the Filipino who made the trouble merely pretended to be an officer and is unconnected with the insurgent army. Aguinaldo complained that the Spaniards were "disseminating false reports for the purpose of fomenting antagonism between the Filipinos and Americans."

The whole interview conveyed the impression that Aguinaldo desires absolute independence, regards the mission of the Americans here as accomplished, and expects their withdrawal, "just as the French with Lafayette withdrew after helping the Americans in the war of independence, a war of humanity." Just now Aguinaldo maintains the role of extreme friendship.

It was a Great Calamity. Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 13.-Sunday's fire in Jerome was one of the greatest calamities in the loss of lives and destruction of property that ever occurred in Arizona. Among those who and her two children; Wilford, an undertaker; a dry goods clerk, name un-known; two laborers, names unknown. The number of missing is 15. Many property loss at figures ranging from little insurance, the total aggregating less than \$50,000.

A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

The Conditions in Army Hospitals Have Changed for the Better - Preparing to Receive Sick Soldiers at Fort Monroe.

Washington, Sept. 13.-Surgeon Gen. Sternberg has furnished some details of the plans of the war department for the establishment of two large well equipped winter hospitals for the troops. He says that the medical department has for some time been at work erecting such a hospital on the government reservation at Fort Monroe and he is pleased to be able to an nounce that Lieut, Col. Woodhull, the surgeon in charge, reports that the hospital will be ready for the reception of troops next Friday. There is al ready at the fort a tent hospital in excellent shape, capable of accommodat ing 500 patients. The new hospital will be additional to this, will be constructed of timber after the style of regular barracks and will contain 1,000 beds. It is intended for the reception of sick soldiers returning from Porto

Looking ahead to the possibility of an extended occupancy of Cuban ports by the United Statos army, Gen. Sternberg is planning for another hospital port below fortress Monroe and more accessible from Cuba.

In view of all that has been said of a critical character respecting the conditions from a sanitary point of view existing among the United States troops quartered at Huntsville, Ala., the war department has made public the following letter, which has been received by Surgeon General Sternberg from Maj. Gen. Coppinger:

"We are camped in an attractive open valley, the fresh, cool, invigorating air of Huntsville's hills steadily winning our poor, enfeebled men back to life and strength after the poisonous, fever-laden swamps of Tampa. Our corps and brigade hospitals are well supplied and surgeons and attendants are doing fine work. Their work has been long and arduous. Drs. Reynolds, Lippitt, Strong and Richards, now fever stricken, were especially noticeable for their zeal for the well-being and their tender solicitude for the welfare of those to whom they ministered. Our condition while struggling at Tampa with typhoid and malarial fever was sad. I cannot too strongly express my gratitude to you for the extraordinary success with which you supplied the corps with doctors, immunes, nurses and medical

FATAL PLUNGE.

A Texas & Pacific Train Runs Into a River, Killing One Man and Wounding Several. Texarkana, .Tex., Sept. 13.-About noon Sunday rain began falling here and continued for 30 hours, the country adjacent to Texarkana being flooded. Sulphur river rose 12 feet. All trains entering Texarkana have been delayed on account of washouts and especially in Louisiana and Texas, south and west of here. Passenger train No. 4 on the Texas & Pacific railroad lies in three to six feet of water near Buchanan, 12 miles south. It was running at a high rate of speed when it switched around a curve into a washout on a feeding spur to Sulphur

The trestle work and several hundred feet of track were gone and the engine, mail, baggage, express and smoking cars went into the water. Prof. Caldwell, a school teacher, of Queen City, Tex., was crushed to death in the forward end of the smoker, while J. E. Cotheran, of Fort Worth, was badly injured by a flying ice tank in the same car.

They are Making Progress. San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 13 .- The two evacuation commissions held a session Monday and adjourned until Wednesday The American commissioners made known their position relost their lives are a Mexican woman garding the evacuation and transfer of the island. The Spanish commissioners did not disclose the nature of their insructions. They manifested, however, willingness to secure as much expeople familiar with Jerome place the pedition as possible and our commissioners are satisfied with the way in \$500,000 to \$750,000. There was but which their demands have been received. The adjournment gives the Spaniards time to prepare a reply.

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