SUNDAY SERMON.

CHE OF DR. TALMAGE'S STEE. LING DISCOURSES.

Subject: "Under Disadvantages.

THEN: "The lame take the prey."-Isalah

Text: "The lame take the prey."—Isalah xxxiii., 23.

The utter demolition of the Assyrian host was here predicted. Not only robust men should go forth and gather the spoils of conquest, but even men crippied of arm and crippied of foot should go out and capture much that was valuable. Their physical disadvantages should not hinder their great enrichment. So it has been in the past; so it is now; so it will be in the huture. So it is in all departments. Men laboring under seemingly great disadvantages and amid the most unfavorable circumstances, yet making grand schlevements, getting great bleesing for the world, great bleesing for the church, and so "the lame take the prey."

Do you know that the church, and so "the world were totally blind—Homer, Ossian, John Miller where that enchanting book, Prescott, when whete that enchanting book, the world were totally blind—Homer, Ossian, John which he was writing? A framework across the cheet, between which, up and down, went the pen immortal. Do you know that Gambassio, the souptor could not see the marble before him or the chisel with which he cut it into shapes bewitching? Do you know that Gambassio, the souptor could not see the marble before him or the chisel with which he cut it into shapes bewitching? Do you know that Gambassio, the souptor could not see the marble before him or the chisel with which he cut it into shapes bewitching? Do you know that Alexander Pope, whose poems will last as long as the English language, was so much of an invalid that he had to be sewed up every morning in tough canvas in order to stand on his facet at all?

Do you know that Stuart, the celebrated painter, did much of his wonderful work under the shadow of the dungeon where he had been unjustly imprisoned for debt?? Do you know that Bacon struggled all through indumerable steinesses, and that Lord Bypof and Sit Walter Scott went limping of clubfoot through all their life, and that many of the great poets and palnters and oratols and historians and heroes of the world historians a

worldly success, and amid the hizza of Nations and centuries "the lame took the prey."

You know that a vast multitude of these men started under the disadvantage of obscure parentage—Columbus, the son of the weaver; Ferguson, the astronomer, the son of the shephord, "America the prey of the one; worlds on worlds the prey of the other. But what is true in secular directions is more true in spiritual and religious directions, and I proceed to prove it.

There are in all communities many invalids, They adhere to their occupations, but they go panting along the streets with exhaustions, and at eventime they lie down on the lounge with achings beyond all medicaments. They have tried all prescriptions, they have gother than the company disadvantages; and when they see those who are buoyant in health pass by, they almost envy their robust frames and easy respiration.

But I have noticed among that invalid class those who have the greatest knowledge of the Bible, who are in nearest intimacy with Jesus Christ, who have the most glow-ing experiences of the truth, who have have not expense. The temptations which wear, and who have most exhibitant anticipations of heaven. The temptations which wear us who are in robust health the arm of the Bible, who are in nearest intimacy with Jesus Christ, who have the most glow-ing experiences of the truth, who have have conquered.

Many who are alert and athletic and

who have most exhibitant anticipations of heaven. The temptations which weary us who are in robust health they have conquered.

Many who are alert and athletic and swarthy lotter in the way—the lame take the proy." Robert Hall an invalid, Edward Payson an invalid, Richard Baxter an invalid, Samuel Rutherford an invalid. This morning, when you want to call the morning when you want to call the control of some darked for own of the robust of some darked for own of the robust of the provided for t

ogy of congregations.

A lad who had been blind from infancy was cured. The oculist operated upon the lad and then put a very heavy bandage over the eyes, and after a few weeks had gone by the hards. He still: "Oh, manms, is this beaven?"
The contrast between the darkness before and
the beightness afterward was overwhelming.
And I tell you the glories of heaven will be
thousandfold brighter for those who never
saw saything on earth. While many with
good vision closed their eyes in eternal night,
and many who had a good, artistic and cultured ear went down into eternal discord,
these afflicted ones cried unto the Lord in
their trouble, and he made their sorrowstheir advantage, and so "the lame took the
prey,"

theif advantage, and so "the tame took the provy."

The the seventh century there was a legend of St. Modobert. It was said that his mother was blind, and one day while looking at his mother he felt so sympathetic for her blind eyes, and the legend sorpe her visibe came immediately. That was only a legend, but it is a truth, a glorus truth, that the kiss of God's eternal love has brought to many a blind eye eternal illumination.

A step farther: There are those in all communities who toil mightily for a livelihood. They have some years. Perhaps they are discussed or have high sical infirmities, so they

are hindered from doing a continuous day's work. A city missionary finds them up the dark alleg, with not seem, with this clothing, with vary coarse bread. They never ride in the street car (they amnot afford the five cents. They never see, any pictures save those in the show window on the street, from which they are often jostled and looked at by seeme one who seems to say in the look. "Move on! What are you doing here looking at pictures?"

Yet many of them live on mountains of transfiguration. At their rough table He who fed the 5000 breaks the bread. They talk often of the good times that are coming. This world has no charm for them, but heaven entrances their spirit. They often divide their scant crust with some forlors wretch who knocks at their door at night, and on the blast of the night wind, as the door opens to let them in. is heard the votes of Him who said, "I was hungry, and he fed Me." No cohort of heaven will be too bright to transport them. By Gods heip they have vanquished the Assyrian host. They have divided among, them the spoils. Lame lame, yet they took they prey.

A step farther. There are in all communities many orphans. During cultast war and in the years immediately and South wa heard say. "Oh, my war noticed—I fear you have divided the seed of the seed of the seed of the war." He how we want their farther would have done had be lived.

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he lived.

The skirmisher sat one night by the light he lived. The skirmisher sat one night by the light of lagots in the swamp, writing a letter home, when a sharpshooter's builet ended the letter which was never folded, never posted and never read. Those children came-up under great disadvantages. No father to fight their way for them. Perhaps there was in the old family Bible an 'ald' yellow letter pasted fast, which told, the story of that lather's long march and how he suffered in the hospital. But 'they looked still larther on in the Bible, and they came to the story of how God is the Father of the latherless and the widow's portion, and the story of how God is the Father of the latherless and the widow's portion, and the story of their father's place it father they hattle and many of them have already, in the years since the war, taken positions in church'and State, North and South. While many of those who suffered nothing during those times have had sons go out into lives of indolence and vagabondage; these who started underso many disadvantages because they were a cert's berefit these are the lame.

many of those who suffered nothing during those times have had sons go out into lives of indolence and vagaboudage, these who started under so many disadvantages because they were so early bereft, these are the lains who took the prey.

A step farther: There are those who would like to do good. They say, "0h, if I only had wealth, or if I had eloquence, or if I had high social position, how materially with the production of I had high social position, how materially it is a second of the second of the second of I had high social position, how materially it is a second of the second of I had high social position. However, if I stand here to-day to feld material so have great opportunities for usefulness.

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it is to the church of God to-ddy. Where you find one Christian hard at Avork, there are fitty men watching the job.

Oh! my friends, why do you not go to work and preach the gospel? You say, "I have no pulpit." You have. It may be the carpenter's bench, it may be the mason's wall. The robe in which you are to proclaim this gospel may be a shoemaker's apron. But woe unto you if you preach not this gospel somewhere, comehow! If this world is ever brought to Christ it will be through the unanimous and long-continued efforts of men who, waiting for no special endowment; the consecrate of God chats special endowment; the consecrate of God chats the proclaim with an insents, while many a one with only rivo talents, or hot learners at all, is doing a great work, and so "the lame take the prey."

There are thousands of ministers of whom you have never heard—in log cabins at the West, in mission chaples at the East—who are warring against the legions of darkness, successfully varring. Tract distributers, month by month undermining the citadels of sin. You do not know their going or their coming, but the footfalls of their ministry are heard in the palaces of heaven. Who are the workers in our Sabbath schools throughout this land to-day? Men celebrated, men brilliant, men of wast estate? For the most part, not that at all.

I have noticed that the chief characteristic of the most of those who are successful in the work is that they know their Bibles, are earnest in prayer, are anxious for the salvation of the young, and Sabbath by Sabbath are willing to sit down unobserved and tell of Christian youth—not by night, not by power, not by profound argument, not by billiant antithesis, but by the blessing of God en plain talk, and humble story, and silent tear, and anxious look, "the lame take the prey."

Bod on plant data, and hampes story, and a state the previous mork of saving the youth of our country—how few appreciate what it is! This generation tramping on to the grave—we will soon all be gone. What of the next? An engineer on a locomotive going across the Western prairies day after day saw a little child come out—in front of a cabin and wave for him. So he got in the habit-of-waving-back to the little child, and it was the day's joy to him to see this little one come out in front of the jeabin door and wave to him while he apawered back.

One day the train was belated and it came on to the dask of the evening. As the engineer stool at his post he saw by the headight that little gift on the track, wondering why the train did not come looking for the train. Incoving nothing of her peril. Agrest

why the train did not come, looking for the train, knowing nothing of her peril. A great horror selzed upon the enginer. He reversed the engine. He gave if in charge of the other man or-board, and then he elimbed over the engine, and he came down on fhe cow eather. He said, though he had reversed the engine, it seemed as though it were going at lightring, speed, faster and faster, though it was really slowing up, and with almost supernatural clutch he caught that child by the hair and lifted it up, and when the train stopped and the passengers gathered around to see what was the matter, there the old engineer lay, fainted dead away, the little child adve and in his swarthy arms. "Oh," you say, "that was well done." But I wan; you to exercise some kindness and some appreciation toward those in the community who are smalching the little ones.

from under the wheels of compaction and sta--sasceing these from under thundering rail trains receight disease; bringing them up into special first in the world and into some the world to one. You appreciate with the engineer did. Why can you not appreciate the grander work done by every supposed the grander work done by every the best achool tanchar and by every Ohris-

appreciate the grander work done by overy Sabbah school fashin and by every Ohtisham worker? Of the road to haven to-day. On, start on the road to haven to-day. You are not happy. The thirst of your rout will never be slaked by the touttains of sin. You turn everywhere but to God for help. Right where you are, call on Him. He knows at! the odds against which you have been contending in life. Do not go to Him with a long rigmarole of prayer, but just look up and asy, "Help! Help?". Yet you say. "My hand trembles so from my dissipations, I cannot even take hold of a hymn book to sing." I cannot even take hold of a hymn book to sing." I cannot even take hold of a hymn book to sing." I have such terrible habits on me, I can't get rid on the worth a how. But you say, "Thave such terrible habits and will break it. But you say, "The wrong! I did was to one dead and in heaven now, and I can't correct that wrong." You can correct it. By the grace of God, go into the presence of that one, and the apologies you ought to have made on earth make in heaven." "Oh," say some men, "if I should try to

can correst it. By the glace, and the apologies you ought to have made on earth make in beaven.

"Oh," say some men, "if I should try to for right, if I should turn away from my evildoing unto the Lord, I would be jostled, I would be distingted by the lord of the lord o

this Sabbath one week nearer the obliteration of all the inequalities of this life and all its disquietudes.

Years ago, on a boat on the North River, the pilot gave a very sharp ring to the bell for the boat to slow up. The engineer attended to the machinery, and then he came up with some alarm on deck to see what was the matter. He saw it was a moonlight night and there were no obstacles in the way. He went to the pilot and said: "Why did you ring the bell in that way? Why do you want to stop? There's nothing the matter." And thep inlot said to him, "There is a mist gathering on the river; don't you see that' and there is night gathering darker and darker, and I can't see the way.

Then the engineer, looking around and seeing it was a bright moonlight, looked into the face of the pilot and saw that he was dying, and then that he was dead moon and the way and the pilot and saw that he was dying, and then that he was dead moon and the pilot and saw that he was dead the way that the way that the way that the way the good pilot take the wheel from our hends and guide us into the calm harbor of sternal root!

Prop the anebos farl the sail.

Prop the anchor furl the sail, I am safe within the vale.

Apowder Mill Blown Up.

DOVER, N. J., Den., 16.—The receiving mill of the Forcite powder company, sitnated on the snores of Lake Hopacong, was blown to atoms at 8 o'clock last even was brown to atoms at 80 clock has eveniog. Two watchmen were on duty at
the time and neither can be found. The
damage is estimated at about \$4,000.
This is the fifth explosion that has occurred at these works within the last three years.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The wreck of ship Jason on the bar off Highland light, was Jason on the bar on highland light, was solid by auction to-day with anchors, chains, etc., for \$475. The cargo remain-ing in the wreck, consisting of 1,000 bales of jute, more or less, brought \$110,000; 500 bales which washed ashere realized 70 of jute, more or less, brought \$110,000; one bates which washed ashore reslized 70 cents a bale, while the loose jute was soid

BARCELONA, Dec. 16.—A large number of anarchist prisoners, who were confued in the fortress at Mont Juich, have been sent abroad on the cruser Navagre. It is surmised that tary will be taken to the Ladronees, a group of islands in the Pacific owned by Spain.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16.—John L. Por-ter, formerly chief naval constructor in the confederate states navy, and the pro-jector and builder of the famous iron clad-ram Virginia (Metrimac) is dead at his home in Portsmouth aged 80 years.

Willis Resigns.

New York, Dec. 16. Theodore Willis, the naval officer of the port, received the request from Washington yesterday for his resignation. Mr. Willis immediately waste out his resignation and sent it to weste out he the capital.

Increase in His Staff.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. -16.—Governor Werts has increased the membership of his personal staff by appointing thereon Charles A. Sterling, of East Orange. The appointment carries with it the rank of colonel.

Bimetallic League.

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Washington, Dec. 16.—What is united a "conference of the bimetallic league" opened a three days' private session in the office of General A. J. Warner in this chy yesterday.

Mrs. Admiral Porter Buried.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The remains of Mrs. Georgiana Porter, widow of Admiral D. D. Porter, U. S. N., were interred yesterday afternoon at Arlington.

Only \$3,000 Stolen.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—It is now known that the robber who assaulted the atampeters at the postodice Tuesday night only took \$3,000. He left \$9,00 on the floor.

To Incorporate the K. of P.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Mr. Richardson, a bill to incorporate the supreme lodge |

TALLEST EXTANT ANIMAL.

Male Girages Have Reacked Height of Eighteen Fest.

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Compared with their exthot allies of earlier periods of the earth's history, it may be laid down as a genesal rule that the large animals of the present day are decidedly inferior in point of size. During the latter portion of the territorial period, for instance, before the incoming of the glacial epoch, when mammals appear to have attained their maximum development, there lived elephants along. period, for instance, before the incoming of the glacial cpoch, when mammals appear to have attained their maximum development, there lived elephants alongside of which ordinary individuals of the existing species would have looked almost dwarfs, while the cave bear and the cave hyena attaiged considerably larger dimensions than their living representatives, and some of the sable-toothed tigers most have been considerably larger than the biggest African or Bengal lion. Again, the remains of red deer, bison, and wild oxen disinterred from the caverns and other surficial deposits of this country indicate animals far superior in size to their degenerate descendants of the present day, while some of the extinct pigs from the Siwalik Hills of northern India might be compared in statute to a tapir rather than to an ordinary wild boar. The same story is told of reptiles, the giant tortoise of the Siwalik Hills, in spite of its dimensions having been considerably exaggerated, greatly exceeding in size the largest living giant tortoises of either the Mascarene or the Galapagos Islands. The atter rocks have also yielted the remains of a long-snouted crocodile, allied to the gavial of the Ganges, which probably measured from fifty to sixty feet in length, whereas it is very doubtful if any existing member of the order exceeds half the smaller of these dimensions. If, moreover, we took into secount totally extinct types, such as the megatheres and mylodons of South America, and contrasting them with their nearest living allies—in this instance the sloths and anteaters—the discrepancy in size would be still more marked, but such a comparison would scarcely be analogous to the above.

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To every rule there is, however, an exception, and there are a few groups of living large mammals whose existing members appear never to have been sur passed in size by their fossil relatives. Foremost among these are the whales, which now appear to include the largest members of the order which have ever existed. The so-called white or squaremouthed rhinoceros of South Africa seems also to be fully equal in size to any of its extinct ancestors; and the same is certainly true of the giraffe, which may even exceed all its predecessors in this respect. Whether, however, the fossil giraffes, of which more anon, were or were not the equals in height of the largest individuals of the living species there is no question but that the latter is by far the tallest of all living mammals, and that it was, only rivalled in this respect among extinct forms by its aforesaid ancestors. Moreover, if weekclude creatures like some of the gigantic dinosaurian reptiles of the secondary epoch, which, so to speak, gained an unfair advantage as regards height by sitting on their hind legs in a kaugaroolike manner, and limit our comparison to such as walk on all four feet in the good old-fashioned way, we shall find that giraffes are not only the tallest mammals, but likewise the tallest of all animals that have ever existed.

As regards the height attained by the male of the tallest of quadrupeds, there is, unfortunately, a lack of accurate information, and since it is probable that the majority of those now living are inferior in size to the largest individuals which existed when the species was far more numerous than at present, it is to be feared that this deficiency in our knowledge is not very likely to be remedied. By some writers the height of the male giraffe is given at sixteen feet, and that of the formale at fourteen feet, but this is certainly below the reality. For instance, Mr. H. A. Bryden states that a female be shot in Southern Africa measured se

Giant of the Land Crabs.

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The Titan of the land crab family is Birgus latro, commonly called the "purse crab," a resident of the islands of the Indian and South Pacifio Oceans, Mature adults are frightful looking creatures, full 2 feet in length and from 8 to 14 inches across the back, capable of "rearing back" and pinching a man hip the part of the property of the property of the first pair of legs, which are large and powerful; the second and third pairs are pauch with but single claws, while the armount of the pair (which are much smaller than either the second or third and not conctent as strong as the "pincer cartiers") are provided with a pair of weak little nippers. A fifth pair of legs, but so small as to simply be useless rudiments, are attached to the body near the abdomen.

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abdomen.

Although not identical with the "co-count crab," described in "Notes for the Curious" on December 24, 1892, its habits are similar to those of that curious species of the crustae a. Like the real "cocount crab," it climbs the croosnut tree and cuts off the nuts with its powerful pincers. When a sufficient number have been secured he slowly-and carefully descends to the ground, pulls the huss's from the nuts and, after striking them over a stone or toot, devours the must at leisure.—[St. Louis Republic.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., spider breed-ing is a recognized industry.

Partif deces on the parties to be much into are those things which the present are those them to the parties at once the statement which is the parties of t subject, with special recom Pierce D. Brown, Bridgewater, Mass, will accidents from all kinds of athir "In accidents from an kinds of sthlets sports, to reduce sprains and bruises, I have used St. Jacobs Olf, and always found it to he most reliable. Also, Mr. C. R. Santangum, Okla., writes: "I have used St. I ever saw that would cure toothache minutes time," and it is usually prompt and sure for frost bites. All of these communica-tions are of recent date, showing unabated

ONE of the most peculiar hallucina-tions recently recorded is that of Barnett Lesler, a patient at Bellevue Hospital in New York, who thinks he has a great New York, who thinks he has a great fire burning within him and asks his friends to look down his throat and sas the flames. He has twice been dis-charged from the hospital as curred, but in each instance the delusion has re-

Mrs. John G. Carlisle's turnout is said

There is more Catarrh in this section country than all other diseases put to and until the last few years was supposincursale. For a great many years document is a local desentance of the country failing with local treatment, pronounced it in Science has proven catarrh to be a co ufactured by F. 5. County is the only constitutional cure on it is taken internally in doses from a teaspoonful. It acts directly or and mucous surfaces of the system, one hundred dollars for any case cure. Send for circulars and t one hundred dontains and testimonial free. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

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OBRISTMAS MORNING.

The angel host that sped last night The angel hose man speed less night Bearing the wondrous news are: Same in their ever-glorious flight Unto a slumbering little star.

MATRICO and eing. O Star!" they or "Awake and sing, o sam: they error;
"Awake and glorify the morn!
gorald the tidings far and wide—
Ge that shall lead His flook is born!"

The little star awoke and sung The little star avore and sung As only stars in rapture may, And presenty where church bells hung The joyous tidings found their way. "Awake, O bells! 'tis Christmas m; rn-

Awske and let thy mu-ic tell To all mankind that now is born What Shepherd loves His lambkins Then rang the bells as fled the night

Then rang the beils as ned the night
O'er dreaming land and drowsing deep
And, coming with the morning light,
They called, my child, to you a-leep. Sweetly and tenderly they spoke,

Sweetly and tendenty they spoke,
And, lingering round your little bed,
Their music pleaded till you woke,
And this is what their music said: "Awake and sing! 'tie Christmas morn "Awake and sing: its Unriskmas morn; Whereon all earth salutes her Kiog; In Bethlehem is the Shepher's born— Awake, Olittle lamb! and sing."

So, dear my child, kneel at my knee, So, dear my chin, much and with those voices from above share thou this holy time with me, The universal hymn of love! _[Eugene Fiel

CHRISTMAS AT SNAGTOWN BY J. T. ALTENUS.

Sasgtown was a characteristic Wen settlement in the Black Hills. had been established but a short was the miners had had a hard time the properties of the Indians, who took a fiendish light in creeping down on them it night and destroying their huts and light me whenever they got a chabit when the first Christmas caround Sasgtown was considered ton a solid foundation, and the Stowntes proposed to have a roa good time. It was decided that a meadous big feast should be give the Sasgtown Arms, in which all shake part, on Christmas afternoon, Jeck Billings, the only boniface it place, had been instructed that unled hid his very best the boys would particular Cain with him. A week for the event was to take place a ming was held and a committee on arrements was appointed, with order spare no expense. "Git loads o' great he chairman of the meeting said, is mentioned the names of those who the resonable that the landloor had some the same of the same of the same who had respectively and the same of the meeting said, is mentioned the names of those who the resonable that the landloor had the same of the meeting said, is mentioned the names of those who the resonable that the landloor the resonable that the landloor the same of the mentioned the names of those who to be responsible that the landlor the Snagtown Arms did his work etly. The committee immediately riy. The committee immediately stogether to decide what they slave at the feast. Jack Billings an colored cook were called in for con-

"bere's loads o' ven'son, Marse Ji Pete, the cook, exclaimed, "an' an' rebbits, an' uen dere's dat 'coo Marse Field shot dis mornin'."
"That's only ordinary grub," o the committee rejoined. "We've is have something better than that. W a Christmas dinner without turke cranberry sauce?"
"That's true enough, pard," as

cranberry sauce?"
"That's true enough, pard," as
member rejoined, "but think when
ste. There are no turkeys around ti
gion and no cranberries. I doubt e

you could find one over at Fort

gion and no oranberries. I doubt e you could find one over at Fort V and that's 300 miles from here. We there put up with what Billings he "We'll have to," said another. During this conversation there member of the committee who he mained quiet in a corner of the fitting on a barrel, with his legs or moking his pipe and looking as were deeply engaged in thought was a tall, broad-shouldered fetho over thirty years of age, with a black beard and long black hair, face that indicated intelligence honesty. He wore a blue flannel condury trousers, belted in arou waist and the legs tucked into boots. A light sombrero was set back of his head. This was Mike whom Pe'te had mentioned as killed the 'coon. He was a gener orite among the miners, and his can be was called upon to preside. Was a tacturn man and never his manner of talking that a lellow who had had.

"Idook here, boys," Field asid the 'to the group clustered

sellow who-had have a good education.

"Look here, boys," Field said came up to the group clustered the stove, "I've just been it bout this matter, and I'm of the opinion as Cummings, and that we must have a turkey."

All of them looked at Field, to har what he had to propose. "It only lacks five days befor be Christmas, pard," one of thinter remarked, as he blew a mose from his pipe, and a smile his face, as he thought that for his life Field would be stumped. "That makes not the slight difference," Field regioned. "I'm are if it only was the day before the control of the secured at any expension." It is well enough it would be stumped that the committee decides the secured at any expension. The second that the second the secured at any expension."

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