MEETING OF BOAZ AND RUTH.

A Discourse Especially Appropriate to the Season of the Harvest Time-It Includes as Exhortation to All Regarding the Duty of Life.

GLENWOOD, Colo., Aug. 2.—A sermon, redolent with the breath of the vast harvest fields of the west, indicates that Dr. Talmage has found in the scenes through which he has been traveling and in his present surroundings, suggestions of Gospel lessons. His text is taken from Ruth ii, 3: "And she went and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and her hap was to light on a part of the field belong-ing unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of

Within a few weeks I have been in North Carolin, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Canada, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and they are one great harvest field, and no season can be more enchanting in any country than the season of harvest.

The time that Ruth and Naomi arrive at Bethlehem is barvest time. It was the old custom when a-sheaf fell from a load in the harvest field for the reapers to refuse to gather it up; that was to be left for the poor who might happen to come that way. If there were handfuls of grain scattered across the field after the main harvest had been reaped, instead of raking it, as farmers do now, it was, by the custom of the land, left in its place, so that the poor coming along that way might glean it and get their bread. But, you say, "What is the use of all these harvest fields to Ruth and Naomi? Naomi is too old and feeble to go out and toil in the sun; and can you expect that Ruth, the young and the beautiful, should tan her cheeks and blister her hands in the barvest field?"

Boaz owns a large farm, and he goes out to see the reapers gather in the grain. ning there, right behind the swarthy, sun browned reapers, he beholds a beautiful woman gleaning—a woman more fit to bend to a harp or sit upon a throne than to stoop among the sheaves. Ah, that was an eventful day!

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

It was love at first sight. Boaz forms an attachment for the womanly gleaner-an attachment full of undying interest to the Church of God in all ages; while Ruth, with an ephah, or nearly a bushel of bar-ley, goes home to Naomi to tell her the successes and adventures of the day. Ruth, who left her native land of Moab in darkness, and journeyed through an undying affection for her mother-in-law, is in the harvest field of Boaz, is affianced to one of the best families in Judah, and becomes in after time the ancestress of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory! Out of sodark a night did there ever dawn so bright a

isca how trouble develops character. It developed, illustrated and announced to all ages the sublimity of Ruth's character. That is a very unfortunate man who has no trouble. It was sorrow that made John Bunyan the better dreamer, and Dr. Young the better poet, and O'Connell the better orator, and Bishop Hall the better preacher, and Havelock the better soldier, and Kitto the better encyclopedist, and Ruth the better daughter-in-law.

THE VALUE OF TROUBLE. I once asked an aged man in regard to his pastor, who was a very brilliant man, "Why is it that your pastor, so very brilliant, seems to have so little tenderness in his sermous?" "Well," he replied, "the reason is our pastor has never had any trouble. When misfortune comes upon him his style will be different." After awhile the Lord took & child out of that pastor's house, and though the preacher was just as brilliant as he was before, oh, the warmth, the tenderness of his discourses! cator. You see sometimes a musician sit down at an instrument, and his execution is cold and formal and unfeeling. The reason is that all his life he has been prospered. But let misfortune or bereavement come to that man, and he sits down at the instrument, and you discover the pathos in the first sweep of the keys. Misfortune and trials are great educators.

A young doctor comes into a sickroom where there is a dying child. Perhaps he is very rough in his prescription, and very rough in his manner, and rough in the feeling of the pulse, and rough in his anawer to the mother's anxious question, but the years roll on and there has been one dead in his own house, and now he comes into the sickroom, and with tearful eye he looks at the dying child and he says, "Oh, how this reminds me of my Charlie!" Trouble, the great educator! Sorrow-I see its touch in the grandest painting; I hear its tremor in the sweetest song; I feel

its power in the mightiest argument Grecian mythology said that the foun-tain of Hippocrene was struck out by the foot of the winged horse, Pegasus. I have often noticed in life that the brightest and most beautiful fountains of Christian comfort and spiritual life have been struck out by the iron shod hoof of disaster and ca-I see Daniel's courage best by the flash of Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. I'see Paul's prowess best when I find him on the foundering ship under the glare of the lightning in the breakers of Melita. God growns his children amid the howling of wild beasts and the chopping of blood splashed guillotine and the crackling fires

of martyrdom.
It took the persecutions of Marcus Aurelius to develop Polycarp and Justin Mar tyr. It took the pope's bull, and the cardinal's curse, and the world's anathema to develop Martin Luther. It took all the hostilities against the Scotch Covenanters and the fury of Lord Claverhouse to develop James Renwick, and Andrew Melville, and Hugh McKail, the glorious martyrs of Scotch history. It took the stormy sea, and the December blast, and the desolate New England coast, and the warwhoop of savages to show forth the prowess of the Pilgrim fathers-

When amid the storms they sang,
And the stars heard, and the sea;
And the sounding aisless of the dim wood
Rang to the anthems of the free.

It took all our past national distresses. and it takes all our present national sor rows, to lift up our nation on that high career where it will march along after the foreign despotisms that have mocked and the tyrannies that have jeered shall be swept down under the omulpotent wrath of God, who hates oppression, and who, by the strength of his own red right arm, will make all men free. And so it is individually, and in the family, and in the church,

to make that lonely journey? One—the heroine of my text. One—absolutely one. I suppose when Naomi's husband was living, and they had plenty of money, and all thou things went well, they had a great many callers. But I suppose that after her husband died, and her property went, and she got old and poor, she was not troubled very much with callers. All the birds that sang in the bower while the sun shone Its have great to their nexts now the night has

Oh, these beautiful sunflowers that spread out their color in the morning hour!

Life often seems to be a mere game, where the successful player pulls down all the other men into his own lap. Let suspicions arise about a man's character, and he becomes like a bank in a panic, and all the imputations rush on him and break down in a day that character which in due time would have had strength to defend itself. There are reputations that have been half a century in building which go

entury plant. In this world, so full of heartlessness and friend in Mordecai, who never forgot their cause; Paul had such a friend in Onesiphorus, who visited him in jail; Christ had such in the Marys, who adhered to him on the cross; Naomi had such a one in Ruth, who cried out, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy peo-ple shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

Again, I learn from this subject that paths which open in hardship and darkness often come out in places of joy. When Ruth started from Moab toward Jerusalem, to go along with her mother-in-law, I suppose the people said: "Oh, what a foolish creature to go away from her father's house, to go off with a poor old woman toward the land of Judea! They won't live to get across the desert. They will be drowned in the sea, or the jackals of the wilderness will destroy them." It was a very dark morning when Ruth started off eral of us." Oh, can it be possible in this with Naomi; but behold her in my text in world, where there is so much suffering to the harvest field of Boaz, to be affianced to one of the lords of the land, and become one of the grandmothers of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. And so it often is that find anything to do?

Sinai thundered and devils tormented and which she had mastered, and amid manuthe darkness thickened! All the sins of your life pounced upon you, and it was the one said to her, "How do you find time to darkest hour you ever saw when you first attend to all of these things?" "Oh." she found out your sins. After awhile you replied, "these are not the things I am went into the harvest field of God's mercy, proud of. My chief boast is in the fact that you began to glean in the fields of divine I have seventeen trades, by any one of promise, and you had more sheaves than which I could make a livelihood if necesyou could carry as the voice of God ad- sary." dressed you, saying, "Blessed is the man so much to be done, in spiritual work how whose transgressions are forgiven and vast the field! How many dying all around

So, very often in our worldly business or the Lord who bought them. in our spiritual career we start off on a very dark path. We must go. The flesh may shrink back, but there is a voice harvest field might have said: "There is a within, or a voice from above, saying, straw and there is a straw, but what is a "You must go," and we have to drink the straw? I can't get any barley for myself gall, and we have to carry the cross, and or my mother-in-law out of these separate e desert, and we are straws. pounded and finited of misrepresentation gathered two straws and she put them to-and abuse, and we have to edge our way gether, and more straws until she got through ten thousand obstacles that have to be slain by our own right arm. We down she went and gathered more straws have to ford the river, we have to climb until she had another sheaf, and another the mountain, we have to storm the castle, but, blessed be God, the day of rest and reward will come. On the tiptop of the captured battlements we will shout the victory; if not in this world, then in that world where there is no gall to drink, no burdens to carry, no battles to fight. How do I know it? Know it! I know it because God says so—"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat, for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall lead them to living fountains of of the sick room to open. Yet how many water, and God shall wipe all tears from there are in this day who say they are so their eyes."

scoffing of the people in his day, while he was trying to build the ark, and was every morning quizzed about his old boat that morning quizzed about his old boat that morning quizzed about his old boat that worth glesning. Ah, my friends, you would never be of any practical use. But worth glesning. Ah, my friends, you worth glesning. Ah, my friends, you could go into the busiest day and busiest week of your life and find golden oppor tunities, which gathered might at last make a whole sheaf for the Lord's garner. in fury, clapped their hands over a drowned make a whole sheaf for the Lord's garner, world, then Noah in the ark rejoiced in his own safety and in the safety of his family, privileges which taken up and bound toand looked out on the wreck of a ruined

Christ, hounded of persecutors, denied a pillow, worse maltreated than the thieves on either side of the cross, human bate smacking its lips in satisfaction after it had been draining his last drop of blood, the sheeted dead bursting from the sepul-chers at his crucifixion. 'Tell me, O Gethsemane and Golgotha! were there ever darker times than those? Like the booming of the midnight sea against the rock, the surges of Christ's anguish beat against the gates of eternity, to be echoed back by all the thrones of heaven and all the dun-geons of hell.

Hardening Cast Iron.

But the day of reward comes for Christ; all the pomp and dominion of this world all the pomp and dominion of are to be hung on his throne, uncrowned heads are to bow before him on whose head are many crowns, and all the celestial worship is to come up at his feet like the humming of the forest, like the rushing of the waters, like the thundering of the seas, while all heaven, rising on their thrones, when the chemical is put on the upper side and goes right through it, so that when cool the under side is as hard as the upper side, and when broken the iron is as hard inside as outside. while all heaven, rising on their thrones, beat time with their scepters: "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord Lord Charlet." Jesus Christ!"

That song of love, now low and far, Ere long shall swell from star to star; That light, the breaking day which tips The golden spired Apocalypse.

Again, I learn from my subject that events which seem to be most insignifi-cant may be momentous. Can you imagand in the world, that through darkness and storm and trouble men, women, churches, nations, are developed.

THE BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP.

Again, I see in my text the beauty of unfailtering friendship. I suppose there were

WE ARE ALL GLEANERS.

plenty of friends for Naomi while she was in prosperity. But of all her acquaintances, how many were willing to trudge off with her toward Judea, when she had to make that lonely journey? One—the able and eternal satisfaction. So it is in your history and in mine: events that you thought of no importance at all have been of very great moment. That casual conversation, that accidental meeting—you did not think of it again for a long while: but how it changed all the current of your

It seemed to be of no importance that have gone to their nests, now the night has Jubal invented rude instruments of music, calling them barp and organ, but they were the introduction of all the world's minstrelsy. And as you hear the vibra-tion of a stringed instrument, even after spread out their color in the morning hour!
But they are always asleep when the sun goes down! Job had plenty of friends when he was the richest man in Uz; but when his property went and the trials came, then there were none so much that pestered as Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naam-athite. and iron, but that rude foundry of ancient days has its echo in the rattle of Birmingham machinery and the roar and bang of factories on the Merrimac.

BEAUTY OF FEMALE INDUSTRY. Again, I see in my subject an illustration of the beauty of female industry. Behold Ruth toiling in the harvest field under the hot sun, or at noon taking plain bread with the reapers, or eating the parched corn which Boaz handed to her. The customs down under some moral exposure, as a of society of course have changed, and vast temple is consumed by the touch of a without the hardships and exposure to sulphurous match. A hog can uproot a which Ruth was subjected, every intelligent woman will find something to degent woman will find something to do. I In this world, so full of heartlessness and hypocrisy, how thrilling it is to find some friend as faithful in days of adversity as in persons of no practical service to the housedays of prosperity! David had such a hold or community, and though there are friend in Hushai; the Jews had such a so many woes all around about them in the world they spend their time languishing over a new pattern or bursting into tears at midnight over the story of some lover who shot himself! They would not deign to look at Ruth carrying back the barley on her way home to her mother-inlaw, Naomi

All this fastidiousness may seem to do very well while they are under the shelter of their father's house; but when the sharp winter of misfortune comes, what of these butterflies? Persons under indulgent parentage may get upon themselves habits of indolence, but when they come out into practical life their soul will recoil with dis-gust and chagrin. They will feel in their hearts what the poet so severely satirized when he said. Folks are so awkward, things so impolite

They're elegantly pained from mo Through that gate of indolence how many men and women have marched, useless on earth, to a destroyed eternity! Spinola said to Sir Horace Vere: "Of what did your brother die?" "Of having nothing to do," was the answer. "Ah!" said Spinola, "that's enough to kill any genbe alleviated, so much darkness to be enlightened, and so many burdens to be carried, that there is any person who cannot

THE BOAST OF MADAME DE STAEL. Madame de Stael did a world of work in her time; and one day, while she was scated amid instruments of music, all of script books which she had written some And if in secular spheres the whose sins are covered." A very dark starting in conviction, a very bright ending in the pardon and the hope and the triumph of the Gospel!

So very often in our worldly business or

Not so said beautiful Ruth. She enough to make a sheaf. Putting that and another and another, and then she brought them all together and she threshed them out, and she had an ephah of barley, nigh a bushel. Oh, that we might all be

THE STRAY PRIVILEGES COUNT. Elling-Burritt learned many things while toiling in a blacksmith's crombie, the world renowned philosopher, was a physician in Scotland, and he got his philosophy, or the chief part of it, while as a physician he was waiting for the door busy they have no time for mental or It was very hard for Noah to endure the spiritual improvement; the great duties of life cross the field like strong reapers and carry off all the hours, and there is only gether and beaten out will at last fill you with much joy.

There are a few moments left worth the gleaning. Now, Ruth, to the field! May each one have a measure full and running over! Oh, you gleaners, to the field! And if there be in your household an aged or a sick relative that is not strong enough to come forth and toil in this field, then let Ruth take home to feeble Naomi this sheaf of gleaning, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubt-less come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May the Lord God

Hardening Cast Iron. Some Chicagoans have lately been con-ducting satisfactory experiments in hard-

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From Travaneore comes a quaint plant called the "cerberus," which has a milky, poisonous juice. The unripe fruit is used by the natives to destroy doys, as its action causes their teeth to loosen and fail out.

"Your mainspring is broke," was the positive declaration of a jeweler to a young man as he entered and walked up to the counter, meanwhile probing for his watch. The young man hadn't said a word, so it is easy to imagine that he was astonished at having the cause of his being there thus

at naving the cause of his being there thus promptly and positively foretold.

"How did you guess it?" he asked when he recovered from his amazement. "Didn't guess it, I knew it," was the jeweler's reply—"that is, I could almost have sworn to it when I saw you feeling for your watch. I guessed then that something vas the matter with that article, and having guessed that I was ready to bet twen ty-five dollars to one dollar that it was the mainspring that was broke, and I'll tell you why: There's a certain time of the year when if I have two or three persons come to me with broken mainsprings I can make up my mind that I'll have twenty or thirty more of the same kind of custom ers within a very short time.

"Now, it's just a week and a day ago that a man came to have a job of this kind done, and up to today I've had no less than twenty mainsprings to put in. They break voluntarily; atmospheric condition has something to do with it. Now, I'll put a new spring in your watch which I guarantee for the state of tee for a year. It may last two or three years, and, again, it may not last two days, one day, or an hour. You can't tell; they're liable to break any time, no matter of how good quality they are. I've had new springs break right after I have put them in."—Buffalo Express.

Attacked by a Rabid Coyote. Alvino Alaniz, a Mexican ranchman of Alvino Alaniz, a Mexican ranchman or Rio Grande City, Tex., has undergone a fearful experience that will probably cost him his life. He was riding after cattle, and camped at night by a little creek that runs through a tangle of mesquite. He tethered his horse, cooked his supper, and was squatted by the fire smoking the inevitable cigarette when a mad coyote sprang upon him from the dark.

The little beast, with every hair standing on end and his jaws dropping foam, struck him full in the face and fastened its teeth in his nose. The animal bore Alaniz backward and he sprawled at full length. He endeavored to defend himself with his hands, but to no avail. The coyote snapped his teeth through the skin in a half dozen places, and the face of the man was covered with blood. As he structed to covered with blood. As he struggled to his feet, frenzied with terror, his assailant lisappeared. The ranchman reached Rio Grande City the next morning and was treated, but is extremely prostrated, and will probably die of hydrophobia.

Mad wolves and coyotes in southwestern Texas at this senson are by no means uncommon. Three years ago G. C. Chamber-lain, a son-in-law of the millionaire ranchman, Richard King, was attacked while on horseback by a mad wolf. He went to Paris as fast as steam could take him, was treated by Pasteur, and has not suffered any inconvenience.-Cor. Fort Worth Ga

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