His Ability to He Elequent and Earnest in Novel Lines of Pulpit Oratory.

ENTLY BARREN OF SUGGESTIONS.

BROOKLYN, May 29 .- Dr. Talmage to tave a fresh illustration this morning of

ore been lifted. ing through the Suez canal they were look up to them built into walls, answer. on one side and now on the other,

and surcharged with threats of doom, ence of mind, and the horses reared and were to her the highest satisfaction. sported and would not answer to their is the meaning of the text when God satisfactory explanation. says, "I answered thee in the secret place

A POWER AND A MYSTERY. thou thunder with a voice like him?" inquiry and told the secret, and he throws Rosa Bonheur's "Horse | For years she had been in the habit Fair" into the shade by the Bible photo- of concentrating all her prayers for pargraph of a warhorse, when he describes ticular persons in that church. She his neck as "clothed with thunder." Because of the power of James and John, present, and, though she might not they were called "the sons of thunder." know the person's name, she would pray The law given on the basaltic crags of for that person until he or she was con-Mount Sinat was emphasized with this verted to God. All her prayers were cloudy ebullition. The skies all around for that one person-just that one. She about St. John at Patmos were full of waited and waited for communion days the thunder of war, and the thunder of to see when the candidates for member and a chapter is read and a prayer made, Christly triumph, and the thunder of ship stood up whether her prayers had which includes all the interests for this tion, and the thunder of eternity.

But when my text says, "I answered thee in the secret place of thunder," it | the result of that old woman's prayers | is about the same thing day after day, gests there is some mystery about thunder. To the ancients the cause of this bombarding the earth with loud ind must have been more of a mystery than it is to us. The lightnings, th were to them wild monsters anging through the skies, in our time invo been domesticated. We harness ag about the fact that it is the passage of electricity from cloud to cloud that makes the heavenly racket which we call thunder. But, after all that chemistry has taught the world, there are mysteries about this skyey resonance, and my text, true in the time of the dist, is true now and always will be true, that there is some secret about the since of thunder.

To one thing known about the thunder there are a hundred things not known. After all the scientific batteries have been doing their work for a thousand years to come and learned men have discoursed to the utmost about ospheric electricity and magnetic lectricity and galvanic electricity and ermotic electricity and frictional elec-Heity and positive electricity and negative electricity my text will be as suggestive as it is today, when it speaks of the secret place of thunder.

RESULT OF A WOMAN'S PRAYERS. Now right along by a natural law higher. here is always a spiritual law. As a the world has a hiding place, and in he dim outline of a particular case, for my of the remarkable circumstances I have forgotten. Many years ago there vas a large church. It was charactersed by strange and unaccountable con-There were no great revivals, at individual cases of spiritual arrest

A young man sat in one of the front service ended. Me was a graduate of Yale, bril-

VALUABLE LESSON. his moral errantry. To please his parents he was every Sabbath morning in church. One day there was a ringing of EXTRACTED FROM A TEXT APPAR- the doorbell of the pastor of that church, and that young man, whelmed with repentance, implored prayer and advice, Dr. Talmage Gives a Fresh Display of heart and life. All the neighborhood was astenished and asked, "Why was

this?" His father and mother had said nothing to him about his soul's welfare. On another aisle of the same church sat an old miser. He paid his pew rent, the power he possesses of extracting but was hard on the poor, and had no inmachers have generally neglected as money! And people said, "What a strugon the text Psalms lxxxi, 7, "I answered | to part with his bonds and mortgages." One day he wrote to his minister: and sunrise to make the darkness very I want to see you." When the postor thick, and the Egyptian army in pursuit came in the man could not speak for of the escaping Israelites are on the bot- emotion, but after awhile he gathered tom of the Red sea, its waters having self control enough to say: "I have lived been set up on either side in masonry of for this world too long. I want to know apphire, for God can make a wall as if you think I can be saved, and, if so, noise out of water as out of granite, and I wish you would tell me how." Upon the trowels with which these two walls his soul the light soon dawned, and the were built were none the less powerful old miser, not only revolutionized in ause invisible. Such walls had never heart but in life, began to scatter benefactions, and toward all the great chari-Then I saw the waters of the Red sea | ties of the day he became a cheerful and bountiful almoner. What was the cause and beautiful and flowing like of this change? everybody asked, and no waters, but tonight, as the Egyp- one was capable of giving an intelligent

must have been frowning waters, bath by Sabbath, a beautiful and talented That is exactly the place to which my it was probable that the same power | woman, who was a great society leader. at lifted them up might suddenly fling | She went to church because that was a em prostrate. A great lantern of cloud | respectable thing to do, and in the neighmg over this chasm between the two | borhood where she lived it was hardly alls. The door of that lantern was respectable not to go. Worldly was she smed toward the Israelites ahead, giv- to the last degree, and all her family from a cloud, a tremendous cloud, that have ever known since. But, father and of the tumbling rocks. There will be them light, and the back of the lan- worldly. She had at her house the finest tern was toward the Egyptians, and it germans that were ever danced, and the rowled and rumbled and jarred with costlicat favors that were ever given, hunder; not thunder like that which and though she attended church she cheers the earth after a drought, promis- never liked to hear any story of pathos, ing the refreshing shower, but charged and as to religious emotion of any kind, she thought it positively vulgar. Wines, The Egyptian captains lost their pres- cards, theaters, rounds of costly gayety

One day a neighbor sent in a visiting bits, and the chariot wheels got inter- card, and this lady came down the stairs locked and torn off, and the charioteers in tears and told the whole story of how were hurled headlong, and the Red sea | she had not slept for several nights, and fell on all the host. The confusing and she feared she was going to lose her soul, confounding thunder was in answer to and she wondered if some one would the prayer of the Israelites. With their not come around and pray with her. backs cut by the lash, and their feet From that time her entire demeanor was bleeding, and their bodies decrepit with | changed, and though she was not called | ier than the average. They have not | mons harvesting many souls for God, and the sapphire seas the more shimmerthe suffering of whole generations, they upon to sacrifice any of her amenities of anything especially impressive in perthe suffering of whole generations, they had asked Almighty God to ensepulcher their Egyptian pursuers in one great sarcophagus, and the splash and the roar of the Red sea as it dropped to its roar of the Red sea as it dropped to its the sarcophagus on a dead host. That the sarcophagus on a dead host. That the meaning of the text when God and the church and one could make the sarcophagus on a dead host. That the sarcophagus of the text when God and the church and usefulness. Everybody said in regard to her, "Have you noticed the change, and what in the world caused it?" and no one could make the sarcophagus on a dead host. That the more empurpled. The thunders of dissolving nature will be followed by a social position, her family, her all to dissolving nature will be followed by a social position, her family, her all to dissolving nature will be followed by a social position, her family, her all to dissolving nature will be followed by a sure to the same sermon mightily blessed on one occasion and usefulness. Everybody said in regard to her, "Have you noticed the change, and what in the world caused it?" and no one could make better man or a better woman, having ing in the numer part of this state. For

In the course of two years, though there was no general awakening in that church, many such isolated cases of such Now thunder, all up and down the unexpected and unaccountable conver-Bible, is the symbol of power. The Egyp- sions took place. The very people whom tian plague of hail was accompanied no one thought would be affected by with this full diapason of the heavens. such considerations were converted. The While Samuel and his men were making pastor and the officers of the church a burnt offering of a lamb, and the Phil- were on the lookout for the solution of nes were about to attack them, it was | this religious phenomenon. "Where is by terrorizing thunder they were dis- it," they said, "and who is it and what dited. Job, who was a combination is it?" At last the discovery was made of the Dantesque and the Miltonic, was and all was explained. A poor old emnized on this reverberation of the Christian woman standing in the vestiheavens, and cried, "The thunder of his bule of the church one Sunday morning, power, who can understand?" and he trying to get her breath again before she challenges the universe by saying, "Canst went up stairs to the gallery, heard the

been effectual. It turned out that these world and the next. The children pay as she sat in the gallery Sabbath by Sabbath, bent and wizened and poor

and unnoticed. ty hovering in the galleries. That was children and their children's children. the secret place of the thunder. There is some hidden, unknown, mysterious out, year in and year out, decade in and deadest failure this side of perdition. source of almost all the moral and reli- decade out the sons and daughters of Alas for the Gospel of icicles! From electricity to vehicles and we cage it in gious power demonstrated. Not one that family are remembered in earnest apologetics and hermeneutics and dogps, and every schoolboy knows some- out of a million-not one out of ten mil- prayer, and they know it, and they feel matics, good Lord deliver us! They are lion-prayers ever strikes a human ear. it, and they cannot get away from it. On public occasions a minister of religion voices the supplications of an assemblage, but the prayers of all the that there is more than that lapse of north and northwest side instead of getcongregation are in silence. There is time between father's going and mothnot a second in a century when prayers er's going-two funerals put out of sight of thunder. We want the power a man are not ascending, but myriads of them the old folks. But where are the chil- gets when he is alone, the door locked; are not even as loud as a whisper, for dren? The daughters are in homes God hears a thought as plainly as a vo- where they are incarnations of good burden of souls upon him that makes -hemispheric and perpetual-is the se- perhaps one a farmer, another a mer- then in raptures.

cret place of thunder. THE SECRET PLACE OF THUNDER. In the winter of 1875 we were worshiping in the Brooklyn Academy of Music in the interregnum of churches. We had the usual great audiences, but I was oppressed beyond measure by the fact that conversions were not more numerous. One Tuesday I invited to my house five old, consecrated Christian men-all of them gone now, except Father Pearson, and he, in blindness and old age, waiting for the Master's call to come up

These old men came, not knowing here is a secret place of natural thun- why I had invited them. I took them fer, there is a secret place of moral to the top room of my house. I said to der. In other words, the religious them: "I have called you here for spefor that you see abroad in the church | cial prayer. I am in an agony for a the world has a hiding place, and in great turning to God of the people. We my cases it is never discovered at all. I have vast multitudes in attendance and will use a similitude. I can give only they are attentive and respectful, but I cannot see that they are saved. Let us kneel down and each one pray and not leave this room until we are all assured that the blessing will come and has come." It was a most intense crying unto God. I said, "Brethren, let this meeting be a secret," and they said it would be. That Tuesday night special

On the following Friday night ocant as the north star and notoriously curred the usual prayer meeting. No one knew of what had occurred on Tuesded him for his geniality, but deplored day night, but the meeting was unuan-

morable for time and for eternity. and their works do follow them." There may be in this building many who ingathering, but few of them know that the upper room in my house on Quincy street, where those five old Christian men ponred out their souls before God,

was the secret place of thunder. The day will come-God hasten itwhen people will find out the velocity, the majesty, the multipotence of prayer. his words and the tones of his voice can there and the boys and girls there. lungs wishing for this good and that thunder.

"But," says some one, "that is a beaucase, for I am in a cloud of trouble, or a since. cloud of sickness, or a cloud of persecubereavement, or a cloud of perplexity." you cannot get away from the consola-"I answered thee in the secret place of

INFLUENCE OF THE OLD HOME, This subject helps me to explain some things you have not understood about confronted them. You know that in in- ing in the upper part of this state.

superior. Why is this? To find the revelation of this secret you must go back thirty or forty or lame on the hearth is moved up and down the wall. The father is at the had on it no such power at all. barn feeding the stock—the oats thrown into the horses' bin and the cattle craunching the corn. The children, car-

The blessing of God is asked on the food, and, the meal over, the family Bible is put upon the white tablecloth but it puts upon them an impression that ten thousand years will only make more vivid and tremendous. As long as A little cloud of consecrated humani- the old folks live their prayer is for their

> chant, another a mechanic, another a cumstances? No, they had nothing of paratively few ever find it. what is called astounding good luck.

THE POUNTAIN OF PIOUS INFLUENCE.

ing took place that made that winter | the Lord, for they rest from their labors I wish you might all find it—the secret

On over the country road we ridewere brought to God during that great the road a little rough, for the spring telephones, but here is something that they hunted for eggs before Easter. cestors came, Wales and Scotland. beats the telephone in utterance and re- There is the doorstll upon which they But who is sufficient for the work I E which lessons from a text which terest in any philanthropy. Piles of ply, for God says, "Before they call, I used to sit. There is the room in which undertake? I call upon you who have will hear." We brag about the phono- they had family prayers and where they long been my coadjutors to go into the barren ground. His sermon was based gie he will have when he quits this life graph, in which a man can speak, and all knelt—the father there, the mother secret place of the Almighty, and every

wasting your nerves, and wasting your let them be. But there come times place of thunder. when it seems that parents cannot con- God and you alone may make me the

Let all the people under a cloud hear it. parental undertaking. Do not waste Boom! into the secret place of thunder.

PRAY FOR THE PREACHERS. tellectual endowment you are their su- several days in that place prayers had perior, while in the matter of moral and | been offered for the success of the servreligious influence they are vastly your ice, and I had myself been unusually prayerful, and we had a Pentecostal blessing while I was preaching it.

That afternoon I took the train for a perhaps sixty years to the homestead great outdoor meeting in Ohio. I said where this man was brought up. It is a to myself, "This sermon was blessed towinter morning, and the tallow candle day and it is fresh in my mind, and I is lighted, and the fires are kindled, will preach it tomorrow in Onio." And ometimes the shavings hardly enough I did preach it, but not in as prayerful a to start the wood. The mother is pre- spirit, and I think no one else had been paring the breakfast, the blue edged praying about it, and it turned into the ishes are on the table, and the lid of most mane and profitless discourse that the kettle on the hearth begins to rattle I ever delivered. It was practically the with the steam, and the shadow of the same sermon, but on Wednesday it had ndustrious woman by the flickering on it a power that comes from the secret place of thunder, and on Thursday it

Oh, pray for us! Poor sermons in the pulpit are the curse of God on a prayerless parish. People say: "What is the her than they would like and after be- matter with the ministers in our time? ing called twice, are gathered at the So many of them seem dissatisfied with the Bible and they are trying to help Moses and Paul and Christ out of inconsistencies and contradictions by fixing up the Bible." As well let the musicians go to work to fix up Hadyn's "Creation." or Handel's "Israel in Egypt," or let the painters go to fixing marvelous instances of conversion were not much attention to the prayer, for it up Caphael's "Transf guration," or architects go to fixing up Christopher Wren's St Paul's. But I will tell you what is the matter. There are too many unconverted ministers. Their hearts have never been changed by the grace of God.

A mere intellectual ministry is the trying to get from transcendental the-Two funerals after awhile-not more ology, or from profound exegesis, or than two years apart, for it is seldom from the art of splitting hairs between on his knees; at midnight; with such a calization. That silence of supplication sense, industry and piety. The sons, him cry out, first in lamentation and

Let all the Sabbath school teachers physician, another a minister of the and Bible class instructors and all re-Gospel, useful, consistent, admired, hon- formers and all evangelists and all minored. What a power for good those isters know that diplomas and dictionseven sons and daughters! Where did aries and encyclopedias and treatises they get the power? From the zchools, and libraries are not the source of and the seminaries, and the colleges? moral and spiritual achievement, but Oh, no, though these may have helped. that the room of prayer, where no one From their superior mental endowment? but God is present and no one but Ged No, I do not think they had unusual hears, is the secret place of thunder. mental caliber. From accidental cir- Secret? Ah, yes! So secret that com-

house where a king was once hid. No vast period of time which intervened I think we will take a train and ride one, unless it was pointed out to him, between the final formation of the coul to the depot nearest to the homestead could find the door in the floor through deposits and the formation of the challe from which those men and women start- which the king entered his hiding place. which constitutes the north and south ed. The train halts. Let us stop a few When there hidden the armed purmers downs of England.—Quarterly Review.

ally taronged. Men accustomed to pray minutes at the village graveyard and see looked in vain for him, and afterward public in great composure broke the tomb tores of the parents. Yes, the through an underground passage, far lown under emotion. The people were one was seventy-four years of age and out in the fields, he came out in the open in tears. There were sobs and silences the other was seventy-two, and the epi- air. So this im, rial power of spiritual and solemnifies of such unusual power taph says that "after a useful life they influence has a hiding place, a secret that the worshipers looked into each died a Christian death." How appro-place which f w know, and it comes other's faces, as much as to say, "What does all this mean?" And when the following Sabbath came, although we were what she could." And how beautiful where it was hidden you can find it only in a secular place, over four hundred the passage cut on the father's tomb- by diligent searching. But you may arose for prayers, and a religious awaken- stone, "Blessed are the dead who die in find it, and some of you will find it, and

place of thunder. DR. TALMACE GOING ABROAD. At nine o'clock Wednesday morning, weather is not quite settled, and once Jane 15 next, on the steamer City of down in a rut it is hard to get the wheels New York, I expect to sail for Liverpool, out again without breaking the shafts. to be gone until September. It is in ac-But at last we come to the lane in ceptance of many invitations that I am front of the farmhouse. Let me get out going on a preaching tour. I expect to of the wagon and open the gate while devote my time to preaching the Gospel you drive through. Here is the arbor in England, Scotland, Ireland and under which those boys and girls many Sweden. I want to see how many souls We brag about our limited express years ago used to play. But it is quite I can gather for the kingdom of God. trains which put us down a thousand out of order now, for the property is in miles away in twenty-four hours, but other hands. Youder is the orchard longed to my parish, and I go to speak here is something by which in a mo- where they used to thrash the trees for to them and shake hands with them. I ment we may confront people five thou- apples, sometimes before they were want to visit more thoroughly than besand miles away. We brag about our quite ripe. There is the mow where fore those regions from which my an-

day from now until my work is done on be kept for ages, and by the turning of We have got to the fountain of pious the other side of the sea, to have me in It is past midnight, and two o'clock in the morning, far enough from smeet matter of great importance about which allows us to speak words into the ears of ly and immortal destinies. Behold! prayers, yours and mine, will be the reeverlasting remembrance, and on the Behold! That is the secret place of suits. If you remember me in the deother side of all eternities they will be thunder. Boys are seldom more than votional circle, that will be well, but heard. Oh, ye who are wasting your their fathers will let them be. Girls what I most want is your importuning, breath, and wasting your brains, and are seldom more than their mothers will your wrestling supplication in the secret

> do you not go into the secret place of in a boy's life when he thinks he knows tion of thousands of souls. I shall more than his father does, and I remem- preach in churches, in chapels and in ber now that I knew more at fifteen the fields. I will make it a campaign tiful theory, yet it does not work in my years of age than I have ever known for God and eternity, and I hope to get during this absence a baptism of power There come times in a girl's life when that will make me of more service to tion, or a cloud of poverty, or a cloud of she thinks her mother is notional and you went I return than I ever yet have does not understand what is proper and been. For, brethren and sisters in In another part of the church sat, Sab- How glad I am that you told me that. best, and the sweet child says, "Oh. Christ, our opportunity for usefulness pshaw!" and she longs for the time when will soon be gone, and we shall have text refers. It was from a cloud that she will not have to be dictated to, and our faces uplifted to the throne of judg-God answered Israel-the cloud over the she goes out of the door or goes to bed ment, before which we must give acchasm cut through the Red sea-the with pouting lips, and these mothers re- count. That day there will be no secret cloud that was light to the Israelites member for themselves that they knew place of thunder, for all the thunders and darkness to the Egyptians. It was more at fourteen years of age than they will be out. There will be the thunder God made reply. It was a cloud that mother, do not think you have lost your the thunder of the bursting waves. was the secret place of thunder. So influence over your child. You have a There will be the thunder of the deresource of prayer that puts the sympa- scending chariots. There will be the tion of my text by talking that way. thetic and omnipotent God into your thunder of the parting heavens. Boom!

your time in reading flimsy books about But all that din and uproar and crash the best ways to bring up children. Go will find us unaffrighted, and will leave us undismayed, if we have made Christ our confidence, and as after an August The reason that we ministers do not shower, when the whole heavens have men and women, and there are multi- accomplish more is because others do been an unlimbered battery cannonadtudes of them, and the multitude is mul- not pray enough for us and we do not ing the earth, the fields are more green, tiplying by the misute. Many of them | pray enough for ourselves. Every min- and the sunrise is the more radiant, and have not a superabundance of educa- ister could tell you a thrilling story of the waters are the more opaline, so the tion. If you had their brain in a post- sermons-sermons hasty and impromptu thunders of the last day will make the mortem examination, and you could because of funerals and sickbeds and trees of life appear more emerald, and weigh it, it would not weigh any heav-

Spiders That Sail Balloons.

There are two minute animals, usually called insects, which produce gossamer. These are the gossamer spiders. and therefore, according to the later zoological classification, they are not. strictly speaking, insects, but form part of a distinct class of animals called the arachnida. The ascent of the gossamer balloons made by these spiders only takes place in bright, screne weather, and is invariably preceded by a production of gossamer on the ground. When impelled by a desire of traversing the air, the gossamer spiders climb to the summit of various objects, and thence emit the viscous threads in such a manner as that they may be drawn out to a great length and fineness; and when sufficiently acted upon by the ascending current, they quit hold of the objects on which they rested and commence their aerial flight by floating away, the gossamer acting exactly in the same way as

a balloon. The threads of gossamer are so delicate that a single one cannot be seen unless the sun shines on it. The viscid fluid is ejected by the spider with great force, becoming a thread, and several such threads are produced at once in a radiating form, which facilitates their being caught by the current of heated air and borne upward, carrying the spider along with them. The spider is said even to have the power, to some extent, of guiding in the air the balloonlike web by which it is wafted up .-London Tit-Bits.

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