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Father's Struggles. The reception and wide circulation which the press of the country has given the recent series of sermons of Dr. Talmage on the Marriage Ring, show that the words of the reverend doctor have even grown in interest to the public. He has reached the zenith of his fame and influence, as it does seem scarce-ly possible that a single minister could attain a wider popularity than that which he now holds.

Dr. Talmage owes his success to hard, unflagging work. The faculty for this he inherits from his parents. He was born in Bound Brook, N. J., fifty-four years ago, the youngest of twelve children.

In referring to his father Dr. Talmage

says: "My father started in life belonging to the aristocracy of hard knuckles, but had this high honor that no one could despise he was the son of a father who loved God and kept H.s commandments. Two eyes, two hands and two feet were the capital my father started with. For fifteen years an invalid, he had a fearful struggle to support his large family. More than once he came to his last dollar, but behind that last dollar he found Him who owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and out of the palm of whose

hand all the fowls of heaven peck their food."

Speaking of his mother, he says: "I was the child of her old age, and I remember how her voice used to tremble in evening prayer, with what kindness she started me out in life, and how she watched me and cared for me all the way through; and then giving each one of us a blessing she went away to the palace window, where she is waiting for good news from us."

After graduating from the University of

the City of New York, T. D. Witt Talmage studied law for one year. But he was im-pelled toward the pulpit, and he entered the Theological seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. His first charges were at Bellevus, N. J. and Syracuse, N. Y. From there he went to the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia. Here his fame began. After seven years of labor here he went, in 1869, to the Brooklyn Tabernacle, which he has since rendered famous. The congregation was small, but his preaching soon attracted crowds far beyond the capacity of the buildof seating 3,000 people. This was burned Dec. 22, 1872. In 1874 the present edifice was dedicated. It will seat 5,000 persons, though an enlargement of it has long been contamplated awing to its present overcrowdcontemplated, owing to its present overcrowding, the doctor himself often gaining admittance only through the aid of the police.

Dr. Talmage preaches without notes, and sometimes to emphasize his remark; he gesticulates with the long and supple arms and legs which the Almighty has lavishly pro-



REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE. able writer says of his sermons: "Dr. Talmage starts out with a narration of incidents told in Scripture in connection with the text. His voice is conversational in tone. He talks just as he would if at a fireside, describing scenery visited in foreign travel. With his hands folded behind his back, he leisurely promenades his long platform, about which there is neither railing your the usual which there is neither railing nor the usual pulpit. Walking up and down, facing now unaffected narrative proceeds. from pleasing narrative to entertaining history, and, while pointing to the enter-taining features of it, also discloses with marvellous clearness the characters of the personages involved therein. But before his analysis has been recorded a curtain falls over dazzling hall, resplendant decorations and art treasures, and in their stead is opened up a view of a mountain and a cross upon it, with the Son of God being offered as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. The charming conserver, historian and artist has magically lured his audience on, en-chained its fancy, spell-bound its attention, only to fit it for the transcendant glories of the divine scene he here presents. Now his thoughts glow and his gestures emphasize the ardor of his soul in the cause of salvation; on and on, from height to height of divine eulogy he leads his listeners, while they tearfully follow. It is as a recounter of history that Dr. Talmage commands and delights his

Governor of New Mexico.



noninations by which were recently confirmed by the senate was that of E. G. Ross, as governor of New Mexico. The position is not an enviable one, as the territory contains within its borders some of the most lawiess elements to be found in this country, not to mention the Mexican "greasers" that are a constant source of annoyance to the territory's executive. Governor Ross possesses that quiet firmness that augers well for his success in this office. The salary accompanying this position is but \$2,600 per year, and the term of office lasts for four years.

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