

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUBJECT — THE GOSPEL AND THE NEWSPAPERS.

From the Text: "The Children of This World Are, in Their Generation, Wiser Than the Children of Light"—Luke XVI, Verse 8.—The Church and Press.

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Washington, March 3.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls for a warm friendship between those who make newspapers, the spoken word and the printed word to go side by side; text, Luke xvi, 8, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

Sacred stupidity and solemn incompetency and sanctified laziness are here rebuked by Christ. He says worldlings are wiser than the children of light. Men of the world grab occasions, while Christian people let the most valuable occasions drift by unimproved. That is the meaning of our Lord when he says, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

The Plain Truth.

A marked illustration of the truth of that maxim is in the slowness of the Christian religion to take possession of the secular printing press. The opportunity is open and has been for some time open, but the ecclesiastical courts and the churches and the ministers of religion are for the most part allowing the golden opportunity to pass unimproved. That the opportunity is open I declare from the fact that all the secular newspapers are glad of any religious facts or statistics that you present them. Any animated and stirring article relating to religious themes they would gladly print. They thank you for any information in regard to churches. If a wrong has been done to any Christian church or Christian institution you could go into any newspaper office of the land and have the real truth stated. Dedication services, ministerial ordinations and pastoral installations, cornerstone laying of a church, anniversary of a charitable society, will have reasonable space in any secular journal if it have previous notice given. If I had some great injustice done me, there is not an editorial or a reportorial room in the United States into which I could not go and get myself set right, and that is true of any well-known Christian man. Why, then, does not our glorious Christianity embrace these magnificent opportunities? I have before me a subject of first and last importance: How shall we secure the secular press as a mighty reinforcement to religion and the pulpit?

Indiscriminate Hostility.

The first thing toward this result is cessation of indiscriminate hostility against newspaperdom. You might as well denounce the legal profession because of the shysters, or the medical profession because of the quacks, or merchandise because of the swindling bargain makers, as to slambag newspapers because there are recreant editors and unfair reporters and unclean columns. Gutenberg, the inventor of the art of printing, was about to destroy his types and extinguish the art because it was suggested to him that printing might be suborned into the service of the devil, but afterward he thought himself that the right use of the art might more than overcome the evil use of it, and so he spared the type and the intelligence of all following ages. But there are many today in the depressed mood of Gutenberg, with uplifted hammer, wanting to pound to pieces the type, who have not reached his better mood, in which he saw the art of printing to be the rising sun of the world's illumination.

Instead of fighting newspapermen.

Now, as you all have something to do with the newspaper press, either in issuing a paper or in reading it, either as producers or patrons, either as sellers or purchasers of the printed sheet, I propose on the Lord's day a treaty to be signed between the church and the printing press, a treaty to be ratified by millions of good people if we rightly fashion it, a treaty promising that we will help each other in our work of trying to illumine and felicitate the world, we by voice, you by pen, we by speaking only that which is worth printing, you by printing only that which is fit to speak. You help us, and we will help you. Side by side be these two potent agencies until the judgment day, when we must both be scrutinized for our work, healthful or blasting. The two worst of men in that day will be the minister of religion and the editor if they wasted their opportunity. Both of us are the engineers of long express trains of influence, and we will run them into a depot of light or tumble them off the embankments.

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The Disciples as Reporters.

That Providence intends the profession of reporters to have a mighty share in the world's redemption is suggested by the fact that Paul and Christ took a reporter along with them and he reported their addresses and their acts. Luke was a reporter, and he wrote not only the book of Luke, but the Acts of the Apostles, and without that reporter's work we would have known nothing of the Pentecost and nothing of Stephen's martyrdom, and nothing of Tabitha's resurrection, and nothing of the jalling and unjalling of Paul and Silas, and nothing of the shipwreck at Melita. Strike out the reporter's work from the Bible and you kill a large part of the New Testament. It makes me think that in the future of the kingdom of God the reporters are to bear a mighty part.

Re-enforcement of Religion.

Again, if you would secure the secular press as a mightier reinforcement of religion and the pulpit, extend widest and highest Christian courtesies to the representatives of journalism. Give them easy chairs and plenty of room when they come to report occasions. For the most part they are gentlemen of education and refinement, graduates of colleges, with families to support by their literary craft, many of them weary with the push of a business that is precarious and fluctuating, each one of them the avenue of infor-

mation to thousands of readers, their impression of the services to be the impression adopted by multitudes. They are connecting links between a sermon, or a song, or a prayer, and this great population that tramp up and down the streets day by day and year by year with their sorrows uncomfited and their sins unpardoned. Oh, the hundreds of thousands of people in our cities who never attend churches! Our cities are not so much preached to by ministers of religion as by reporters. Put all journalists into our prayers and sermons. Of all the hundred thousand sermons preached today there will not be three preached to journalists and probably not one. Of all the prayers offered for classes of men innumerable the prayers offered for the most potential class will be so few and rare that they will be thought a preacher's idiosyncrasy. There are many journalists in our church memberships, but this world will never be brought to God until some revival of religion sweeps over the land and takes into the kingdom of God all editors, reporters, compositors, pressmen and newsboys. And if you have not faith enough to pray for that and toll for that you had better get out of our ranks and join the other side, for you are the unbelievers who make the wheels of the Lord's chariot drag heavily. The great final battle between truth and error, the Armageddon, I think, will not be fought with swords and shells and guns, but with pens—quill pens, steel pens, gold pens, fountain pens, and before that the pens must be converted. The most divinely honored weapon of the past has been the pen, and the most divinely honored weapon of the future will be the pen; prophet's pen and evangelist's pen and apostle's pen, followed by editor's pen and author's pen and reporter's pen. God save the pen! The wings of the Apocalyptic angel will be the printed page. The printing press will roll ahead of Christ's chariot to clear the way.

God and the Printing Press.

All things are possible with God, and my faith is up until nothing in the way of religious victory would surprise me. All the newspaper printing presses of the earth are going to be the Lord's, and telegraph and telephone and type will yet announce nations born in a day. The first book ever printed was the Bible, by Faust and his son-in-law, Schoeffer, in 1460, and that consecration of type to the Holy Scriptures was a prophecy of the great mission of printing for the evangelization of all the nations. The father of the American printing press was a clergyman, Rev. Jesse Glover, and that was a prophecy of the religious use that the gospel ministry in this country were to make of the types.

Again, we shall see the secular press

as a mightier reinforcement of religion and the pulpit by making our religious utterances more interesting and spirited, and then the press will reproduce them. On the way to church some 30 years ago a journalist said a thing that has kept me ever since thinking, "Are you going to give us any points today?" "What do you mean?" I asked. He said, "I mean by that anything that will be striking enough to be remembered." Then I said to myself, "What right have we in the pulpits and Sunday schools to take the time of the people if we have nothing to say that is memorable!" David did not have any difficulty in remembering Nathan's thrust, "Thou art the man," nor Felix in remembering Paul's point blank utterance on righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, nor the English king any difficulty in remembering what the court preacher said when, during the sermon against sin, the preacher threw his handkerchief into the king's pew to indicate whom he meant.

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the front of the pulpit. He took out pencil and reporter's pad, resolved to caricature the whole scene. When the music began he began, and with his pencil he derided that and then derided the prayer and then derided the reading of the Scriptures and then began to deride the sermon. But, he says, for some reason his hand began to tremble, and he, rallying himself, sharpened his pencil and started again, and broke down again and then put pencil and paper in his pocket and his head down on the front of the pew and began to pray. At the close of the service he came up and asked for the prayers of others and gave his heart to God, and, though still engaged in newspaper work, he is an evangelist and hires a hall at his own expense and every Sunday afternoon preaches Jesus Christ to the people.

Words of Encouragement.

O men of the pencil and pen, amid your unappreciated work you need encouragement and you can have it. Printers of all Christendom, editors, reporters, compositors, pressmen, publishers and readers of that which is printed, resolve that you will not write, set up, edit, issue or read anything that debases body, mind or soul. In the name of God, by the laying on of the hands of faith and prayer, ordain the printing press for righteousness and liberty and salvation. All of us with some influence that will help in the right direction, let us put our hands to the work, imploring God to hasten the consummation. In a ship with hundreds of passengers approaching the South American coast the man on the lookout neglected his work, and in a few minutes the ship would have been dashed to ruin on the rocks. But a cricket on board the vessel, that had made no sound all the voyage, set up a shrill call at the smell of land, and the captain knowing that habit of the insect, the vessel was stopped in time to avoid an awful wreck. And so insignificant means now may do wonders and the scratch of a pen may save the shipwreck of a soul.

Are you all ready for the signing of

the contract, the league, the solemn treaty proposed between journalism and evangelism? Let it be a Christian marriage of the pulpit and the printing press. The ordination of the former on my head, the pen of the latter in my hand, it is appropriate that I publish the banns of such a marriage. Let them from this day be one of the magnificent work of the world's redemption.

LAKE DISAPPEARS.

Ngami, a Great Lake of South Africa, No Longer on the Map.

A great lake has vanished in South Africa. Ngami is its name and a map drawn in 1508 shows that it was there, one of the most conspicuous features of the country. When Livingston, however, visited it on July 28, 1849, he found that its water was slowly disappearing and that its banks were being covered with rank vegetation. Today there is no water in the lake, its place being occupied by a spacious morass, which quickly swallows any one who is so adventurous as to set foot on it. Beneath this morass is still some water, but in order to bring it to the surface, the ground must be bored to a considerable depth. River Tauche formerly flowed into this lake, but now the tributaries that led to the lake are dry, and the river itself is also choked up thirty-two kilometers north of Ngami. During the last ten or twelve years the water has disappeared very rapidly, and the reason apparently is because the mouth of the river was gradually filled with the thousands of small floats or rafts on which the natives were wont to take their early tribute of corn to Denakans. These rafts were left year after year and travelers maintain that the river found itself powerless against an obstacle like this, the result being that the river and lake have become dry and that what was once fertile agricultural region is now bleak and barren. Formerly there were several villages near the lake, but now these, too, have vanished, and only a few cattle kraais are to be seen. "And it will be impossible to restore the lake," says S. Parrage, who visited the place recently, "since in its present condition it would require more water than the river could give it. Lake Ngami is gone forever."

Fruit of Friendship.

A principal fruit of friendship is the ease and discharge of the fullness and swellings of the heart, which passions of all kinds do cause and induce. We know diseases of stoppings and suffocations are the most dangerous in the body; and it is not much otherwise in the mind. You may take sarsa to open the liver, steel to open the spleen, flower of sulphur for the lungs, castoreum for the brain; but no receipt openeth the heart but a true friend, to whom you may impart griefs, joys, fears, hopes, suspicions, counsels, and whatsoever lieth upon the heart to oppress it, in a kind of civil shrift or confession.—Francis Bacon.

How He Earned His Title.

The dean of Christ church, in the '30s, was known as "Presence of Mind" Smith. A well-known tradition explained the name. Going down to Nuneham with a friend in his undergraduate days, he returned alone. "Where is T—?" "Well, we had an accident. The boat leaked, and while we were bailing it T— fell over into the water. He caught hold of the skiff and pulled it down to the water's edge. Neither of us could swim, and if I had not with great presence of mind hit him on the head with the boat hook both would have been drowned."—From "Reminiscences of Oxford," by the Rev. W. Tuckwell.

THE ARMY BILL IS FORGED

Decisive Action Taken By the House.

WILD SCENES OF DISORDER.

The Bill as Passed Carries the Philippine Amendment Extending the President's Powers in the Archipelago, and Also the Cuban Amendment.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The army appropriation bill passed the house amid scenes of excitement. It now goes to the president for his signature. The bill carries the Philippine amendment extending the president's powers in the archipelago, and also the Cuban amendment specifying the conditions under which the American army will be withdrawn from that island. The four hours during which the bill was under consideration in the house were the most exciting of the session. The house frequently got beyond the control of the speaker, who had to threaten the appearance of the sergeant-at-arms with his silver mace unless order was restored. Vociferous applause, hisses and cat-calls, whistling, laughter and pounding upon desks greatly amused the spectators in the gallery. All dignity and order disappeared. Members addressing the house could not make themselves heard because of the confusion, personal encounters between members were threatened, and the proceedings reminded many of political conventions and other large gatherings where discipline is not strictly enforced.

Four Republicans Voted Nay.

The bill was passed by a vote of 159 yeas to 134 nays—a strict party vote, with the exception of McCall (Mass.), Loud (Cal.), Driscoll (N. Y.), and Mann (Ill.), who voted with the Democrats. Cooper (Wis.) answered present and was not paired.

Labor and Railroad Interests.

The senate committee on interstate commerce, and incidentally Senator Cullom, its chairman, came in for caustic comment today because of its failure to secure action upon important bills urged by labor and industrial organizations, but opposed by railroad interests. The charge was made that the railroads dominated the committee and effectively choked off all legislation they did not approve. The issue was raised over the bill to compel railroads to report accidents to the interstate commerce commission, and Senators Lodge, Hoar, Chandler and others were unsparring in their denunciation of the action of the committee. Mr. Cullom presented a strong defense and Senator Elkins of West Virginia, a member of the committee, joined him.

TROUBLES OVER INAUGURATION.

The Six Ambassadors from Europe Demand Front Seats.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Again the question of ambassadorial precedence is overshadowing the inaugural ceremony at the capitol. Unless the justices of the Supreme court of the United States are willing to take their position after the ambassadors, instead of before them, the representatives of the sovereigns of Europe will be conspicuous by their absence. The arrangement made by the inaugural committee of the senate contemplate the seating of the justices first, then the ambassadors, and after the latter the foreign ministers. There are six ambassadors—Lord Pauncefoot, ambassador of Great Britain; Baron de Fava, ambassador of Italy; Herr von Holleben, ambassador of Germany; M. Jules Cambon, ambassador of France; Count Cassini, ambassador of Russia, and Senor Don Manuel de Aspiroz, ambassador of Mexico. None of these diplomats is urging that he be given precedence because of any petty desire for a conspicuous position. Their claim is based upon the fact that they represent the persons of their sovereigns, and as such are entitled to follow immediately after the president's immediate official family. In Europe the claim has been advanced and successfully established by some ambassadors that they should precede the reigning sovereigns.

20,000 Starving in Russia.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 4.—This cablegram was received by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, minister of the Keneseth Israel congregation, from Odessa, Russia: "More than 20,000 co-religionists are starving in southern Russia. I hope our American brethren will come to their assistance. Help is urgently required. Give the situation publicity through the newspapers."—"MARGOULIES."

Chosen to Succeed Feblay.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Rear-Admiral Bartlett J. Cromwell, commandant of the Portsmouth navy yard, has been selected to succeed Rear-Admiral Schley as commander of the South Atlantic station. Admiral Schley will return home at his own convenience during the spring or early summer.

Socialists Cause Excitement.

Budapest, March 4.—Two well-known socialists caused excitement in the lower house of the diet by showering from the gallery a number of pamphlets entitled "Bread and the Rights of the People." The socialists were arrested.

Stabs His Rival with a Dirk.

Marion, Ind., March 4.—William Mitchell met William Jones in a saloon and stabbed him with a dirk. Jones expired instantly. Mitchell fled to the woods. A posse started in pursuit. Mitchell and Jones were said to be rivals in a love affair.

WAR ON SWEAT SHOPS.

Movement Started for the Abolition of The System.

New York, March 4.—The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Tailors decided last night to ask Bishop Potter, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, Prof. Felix Adler, Henry White, general secretary of the United Garment Workers of America, and other prominent citizens to head a movement of 200,000 east side men, women and children for the abolition of the sweating system. It was decided to call a big mass meeting to be addressed by leading citizens of all classes, at which the legislature will be asked to adopt amendments to the factory inspection law which will bring about the complete abolition of the sweating system in this city.

The members of the committee were instructed by the officers of the brotherhood last night to call a convention of delegates for the purpose of taking similar action for the abolition of the sweating system in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Rochester, Cincinnati, Syracuse, St. Louis and Utica.

A meeting of the Garment Workers' trades council will be held today to take further action in the movement started by the Brotherhood of Tailors. The council has jurisdiction over 40,000 clothing workers in Greater New York.

"The greatest movement for the abolition of the sweating system ever known in this country has now been started," said Henry Wachsman, leader of the Brotherhood of Tailors. "The United Garment Workers of America have decided to back us up in this movement. It will receive powerful starting impetus in this city and then spread all over the country in all large clothing centers where strong organizations of clothing workers exist."

"Through this movement we shall be able to avoid a big strike of 40,000 clothing workers in this city, which would cause great suffering and misery among 200,000 east side men, women, and children."

CUBANS AWAITING ACTION.

Say they Will Not Agree to Scheme of Relations.

Havana, March 4.—Senator Capote, president of the constitutional convention, saw Governor General Wood this morning and informed him that the convention felt itself in an embarrassing position owing to the vote in the United States senate. He said the delegates had not decided whether to continue the sessions or to dissolve. General Wood advised him to urge the convention not to take any rash action, but to complete its work as originally outlined.

This afternoon the delegates held an informal meeting and agreed to wait for further action on the Cuban amendments.

Several delegates on hearing this evening that congress had adopted amendments, said this would not affect the attitude of the convention, as its members would not agree to the scheme of relations suggested in the amendments.

PURSUIT OF DEWET.

Gen. Kitchener Telegraphs the King That He Is on the Trail.

London, March 4.—Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria: "DeWet has been forced north over the Orange river, and is now clear of Cape Colony. Two hundred prisoners have been taken, others, who were stragglers, being captured. "Eighty men of Kitchener's fighting scouts were attacked by superior numbers, and, after a prolonged fight and sustaining twenty casualties, surrendered."

The War Office has made a contract with an American merchant to supply 3,000 fellingaxes for the British troops in South Africa. English firms have been unable to make a prompt delivery.

Favors the Boers.

Chicago, March 4.—The Republican city convention today adopted resolutions favoring freedom of the Boers.

To Build a \$1,000,000 Hotel.

San Francisco, March 4.—The Call says that the executors of the estate of the late Col. Charles F. Crocker have decided to erect a \$1,000,000 hotel on the old Calvary church site, corner of Powell and Geary streets, in this city. Plans for the structure have been drawn, but the building, which, it is said, will equal the Auditorium of Chicago, will not be completed for two years.

"Old George Pete" Dies at 117.

Kingston, N. Y., March 4.—George Peter Newkirk, an old colored man, who for years was familiarly known to everyone who visited the village of Hurley, as "Old George Pete," is dead of old age at his home in Hurley. He was 117 years old. He was the first colored voter in the state of New York.

Gen. Davis' Daughter to Wed.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 4.—The engagement is announced here of Miss Carmen Davis, daughter of Brig-Gen. George W. Davis, to Philip Munford, cashier in the office of De Ford & Co., bankers in Porto Rico. The wedding will occur in April. The Davis family have resided here since Gen. Davis went to Manila.

Amy Monahan Walker to Wed.

New York, March 4.—It is said in a Paris dispatch to the World that Amy Monahan Walker, daughter of the late S. J. Walker of Frankfort, Ky., is to be married at the end of April to Malcolm Monerleffe, a brother of Georgiana, Countess of Dudley.

SENSITIVE PEOPLE.

A Person Centored on Self Will Gather Chaff.

There lately died in Indiana a little old lady who for sixty-five years had not stepped outside her door. Although the village station was within a few blocks of her home, she had never seen a railway train. Yet she was not blind, nor a cripple, nor a bedridden sufferer. A few years before the young Victoria ascended the throne of England this Indiana girl quarreled with her lover, and declared their engagement at an end. That evening, and at intervals of sixty years thereafter, the man faithfully renewed his offer of marriage. She chose to abide by her foolish resolution, to which she added a vow never to leave her home. Her man vainly takes many forms. Poor Lady Coventry, who had been world-famous as one of the beautiful Gunnings, spent her last days on a couch with a pocket mirror in her hand. When a caller hinted how greatly she had changed, she took to her bed, had no light in her room, and finally took things in through the bed curtains without suffering them to be withdrawn. History says that ten thousand persons went to see her coffin. Horace Walpole affirms that Lord Fane once kept his bed six weeks because the Duke of Newcastle forgot in one of his letters to sign himself "your very humble servant," as usual, and only put "your humble servant." This all seems very silly, but unfortunately these morbidly sensitive people of the past have their counterparts today. To be talked about and written about is still one of the most prevalent and pernicious cravings of society, and there seem to be few depths of renunciation and self-abasement which go untried. The heroine of the dime-novel type who resolves "never to smile again," who cuts loose from human sympathies, and whose life is centered only on herself, deserves and usually gets "Apollo's reward." To the mortal who laboriously sifted the chaff from the wheat, the humorous and healthy minded sun god gave the chaff for his pains!—Youth's Companion.

Tallest Chimney in America.

The government is erecting at Constable Hook, N. J., a chimney which will be the tallest in America when completed. An excavation of twenty feet deep and forty-five feet square was made to hard gravel. This area was filled with piles closely driven, and upon the platform a base of fireproof brick thirty feet square by thirty feet in height was built. On the base a round chimney of brick is to be built up to a total height of 360 feet. The stack is to be ten feet in diameter at the top and will weigh 20,000 tons. The cost of erection is in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS.

Mrs. Doty, of Highland, Iowa, Restored to Health—A Miraculous Case—Her Husband Is Cured of Bright's Disease by Same Means.

Highland, Ia., March 4.—(Special.)—Friends of Mrs. W. H. Doty are very much pleased to notice the wonderful improvement in her condition. For eighteen years she has been a sufferer from rheumatism, and the torture she has endured during this time is past all description. Mrs. Doty tells the following story: "I have suffered for the past eighteen years with Kidney Trouble and Rheumatism. I have tried doctors, patent medicines, plasters, liniments, electric treatments, and nothing did me any good. I had nearly lost all faith in anything, when I sent for six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I said to my husband I expected that it was some more money thrown away, but when I had taken them a week I could see that they were helping me. The lameness I had suffered with for so long is nearly all gone. It is not a quarter as bad as it was. For years I had to wear a warm bandage around my forehead to prevent the pain. Since using the Pills I have been able to remove this altogether.

"I cannot find words to express my

heartfelt thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills for their wonderful cure of my case. My husband has suffered from Kidney Trouble for years. Last spring a doctor said he had Bright's Disease, and treated him, but he received no benefit, and he kept growing thinner and weaker all the time. When I got Dodd's Kidney Pills he commenced taking four a day. He has taken them three months and is nearly well. His strength is increased, and the improvement in his case is almost miraculous. Dodd's Kidney Pills have certainly been a God send to us."

It is just cases like those of Mr. and

Mrs. Doty that have made Dodd's Kidney Pills so very popular in Iowa. They are 50c a box, six boxes for \$2.50. Buy them from your local druggist if you can. If he cannot supply you, send to the Dodd's Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

When a woman is not invited to a

party she figures out that only a few were invited, anyway. One hair of a maiden's head pulls harder than 10 oxen.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Lots of people seem to think it bad

form to be polite in public.

An Inactive Liver, Stomach disorders,

Sick Headaches and other ills arising from an imperfect digestion are cured by Garfield Tea, which is made from Herbs.

No barber ever combed a man's hair

to suit him.