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LIFE BEYOND THE GRAVE.

REV. DR. TALMAGE SAYS WE MAY SEE AND KNOW OUR FRIENDS.

An Argument Calculated to Show That Beyond Material Death We May Meet and Mingle With Those We Loved on Earth.

Rev. Dr. Talmage preached this interesting discourse from the text: "I shall go to him who is found in II. Samuel, xii, 23." He said: "There is a very sick child in the abode of David, the king. Disease, which stalks up the dark lane of the poor and puts smothering hand on lip and nostril of the wan and wasted also mounts the palace stairs, and, lending over the pillow, blows into the face of a young prince the frosts of pain and death. Tears are wine to the King of Terrors. Alas! for David, the king. He can neither sleep nor eat, and lies prostrate on his face, weeping and waiting until the palace rings with the outcry of woe.

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into the mountain. A light falls from heaven on that mountain and lifts it into the celestial. Christ's garments glow and His face shines like the sun. The door of heaven swings open. Two spirits come down and alight on the mountain. The disciples look at them and recognize them as Moses and Elias. Now, if those disciples standing on the earth could recognize these two spirits who had been for years before you, do you tell me that we, with our heavenly eyesight, will not be able to recognize those who have gone out from among us only five, ten, twenty, thirty years ago?

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says: "Oh, you forget that Sunday-school class you invited to Christ! I was one of them." And another voice says: "You forget that poor old man whom you gave a loaf of bread, and told of the heavenly bread, I was that man." And another says: "You forget that eye one to whom you gave medicine for the body and the soul. I am that one." And then Christ, from a throne, overlooking the vast, will say: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it to Me." And then the seraphs will take their harps and sing the throne and cry: "What song shall it be?" And Christ, bending over the harpers, shall say: "It shall be the 'Harvest Home.'"

Now, is not a stately, formal place, as I sometimes hear it described, a very frigidly of splendor, whose people stand on cold formalities and go around with heavy crowns of gold on their heads. No, that is not my idea of heaven. My idea of heaven is more like that of the event, where you are invited by the fire-place; your whole family there, or nearly all of them, there. While you are seated talking and enjoying the evening, both there is a knock at the door and the door opens, and there comes in a brother that has long been absent. You have not been absent, or years you have not seen him, and so sooner do you make up your mind that it is certainly he. You are very glad to see him, and who shall give him the first embrace? That is my idea of heaven—a great home circle where they are waiting for you. You are very glad to see him, and who shall give him the first embrace? That is my idea of heaven—a great home circle where they are waiting for you.

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THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Adapted for Easy Reading.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

CANADA.
St. Catharines has voted \$200 to the India famine fund.
Hamilton has given work to 400 of the unemployed.
The new directory gives Hamilton a population of 50,000.
Peterson, Tait & Co. have purchased the Beaver Line of steamships.
The bronzes for the Macdonald statue have arrived at Kingston.
The entire force of workmen at the Spring Mines, P.S., is out on strike.
Mr. McCachran reports that hog cholera in Essex is thoroughly stamped out.

The Dominion Type Foundry Company of Montreal has gone into liquidation.
The Hamilton Cattle Company has secured incorporation, with a capital of \$24,000.
Mrs. Western, of Hamilton, has invented and patented a bicycle tire that will not slip.
The Ottawa Board of Trade is discussing a resolution in favor of an alien labor law.
The Winnipeg Public School Board has asked the Council for \$123,256 for the current year.
Rev. Dr. O'Meara has been appointed Dean of the University of Toronto, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Qu'Appelle.
Brantford's fire loss last year was only \$1,528.50. In the last six years the losses were only \$20,851.
The national famine fund now amounts to \$9,000, and a draft of 100,000 rupees has been forwarded to India.

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Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, who was injured in the railway accident near Doncaster, N.B., two weeks ago, is at Halifax.
Rev. Mrs. Smith, of London, called at the meeting of the congregation to their duty as citizens to clean the slush off their sidewalks.
Governor Murray of Newfoundland, who was expected to visit Ottawa on an annexation business, has gone to England.

Rene Dabin and Fred Corrier, two Frenchmen, who had a pigery near Ottawa, were reported to have been burned to death on Wednesday night.
The C.P.R. has declared dividends of 2 per cent on the preference stock and 1 per cent for the common stock for the year ending December 31st.
News of a discovery of an enormous rich deposit of copper and gold on both sides of the Canadian boundary has been reported at Spokane.
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The Hamilton Board of Education has a prospect of \$10,000 or \$15,000 more when the Collegiate Institute building is completed.
The governors of the Hamilton General Hospital propose to build a new residence for the nurses and use the present nurses' apartments for patients.
It is intimated that the Dominion Government intends to abolish the office of Deputy Commissioner of Patents, made vacant by the recent death of Mr. Richard Foy.
Of the fifteen Maxim guns in the possession of the Dominion Militia Department, some six or seven will be kept on hand for emergencies, and the others will be handed over to the city battalions.
The various Dominion Government departments have been asked to push forward the preparation of the estimates for the next year, and ask supplies while the tariff is being prepared.
Dr. Selwyn states that he was misapprehended at the meeting of the engineers in Montreal. He is a believer in the gold fields of British Columbia, and called attention to their great prospects in 1888.
Secretary Charles Drinkwater of the C. P. R. was attacked by four foot-pads at Montreal on Tuesday night on his way home. He fought the men as long as he could, but they got away with his gold watch and chain. Mr. Drinkwater received some injuries in the encounter.

GREAT BRITAIN.
The Mansion House fund for the sufferers in India will likely reach the \$5,000,000 mark.
Prof. Crookes, the eminent English scientist, boldly announces his belief in telepathic phenomena.
The steamer Anglomani, reported at London to be reborn on Skerries Island, was probably a total loss.
Mr. Thomas Sexton, anti-Parnellite, who resigned his seat in the House of Commons last year, refuses to re-enter Parliament.
The death is announced of Mr. Frank May, who for twenty years previous to November, 1888, was chief cashier of the Bank of England.
Through the collapse of a viaduct on a railroad at Cornwall on Tuesday 12 men fell a distance of one hundred and fifty feet, and were killed.
London at present is being flooded with such vast herds of unclean German Poles, and Italians, that England may be forced to pass an Exclusion Act.
Returns issued by the British Board of Trade show an increase in imports of \$7,500,000, and a decrease in exports of \$6,800,000, as compared with January 1896.
In the British House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Samuel Smith's motion for the disestablishment and dis-

FIGHTING THE SAVAGES.

Brilliant Work of the Niger Expedition Against Nupe.

A despatch from Bida gives additional details concerning the advance of the columns of the Royal Niger Company's expedition against the Emir of Nupe. The fighting in the vicinity of Bida, the Foulah capital, which was stopped by darkness on the evening of January 26, was resumed at daylight on the morning of January 27. Half of the British forces, which consisted of 500 troops, six Maxims, 25 mounted officers, and 300 carriers, were ordered to cross a ravine near the bridge on which the troops of the Royal Niger Company's expedition had been stationed during the night. As they crossed the ravine it was noticed that the Foulah scouts were watching. The troops accordingly formed in a half square, the guns following. The rear half of the force then closed on the front half, forming a complete square. The British forces advanced steadily, halting every 200 yards, for the purpose of allowing the guns to keep pace. The massed forces of the enemy soon appeared, even covering the sugar plains, constituting a splendid panorama in their semi-barbarous costumes. The square of the Royal Niger Company's forces was soon completely surrounded by 30,000 cavalry and footmen. The reduction from the estimate of 30,000 made on January 26 was due to the death of two of the important Princes, rulers of the Moslem States allies of the Mohammedan Emir of Nupe, and vassals like the Emir of Nupe dependent on the great Mohammedan ruler of Sokoto. When these two Princes and rulers were killed by the shells of the British forces withdrew from the army of the Emir of Nupe. The Royal Niger troops continued to advance slowly until they reached a ridge commanding Bida. They then took up a strong position on the reverse of the slope, and continued to reconnoitre throughout the day. Their forces were constantly harassed by the Foulah sharpshooters, who daringly advanced to within a hundred yards of the square. Swarms of the enemies' cavalry charged on the Royal Niger forces, but they were badly scattered owing to the effective use of the Maxim guns. At 10.30 the artillery bombarded the town, six Maxim guns playing on the gradually retreating masses of the enemy. At noon the advance company of the troops entered Bida, which was three miles from the square. Bombarding a portion of the town was resumed, however, lasting until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when one-half of the British troops took possession of the town. Only 15 of the Houssa troops were wounded. The losses of the Foulah forces were enormous. The brother of the Emir of Nupe and many of the Princes were severely wounded by a shell which exploded among the members of the staff of the Emir. Two men were wounding within a foot of him at the time. All the Foulah Princes fled in the direction of Sokoto.

UNITED STATES.
Mr. Richard Croker is the probable Tammany candidate for Mayor of New York.
The Ohio river at Cincinnati is fast receding on the danger line, which is 45 feet.
It is stated that after the inauguration of President McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will start on a tour around the world.
Warren W. Linney, after reading Hamlet's soliloquy, thrust a dagger through his heart in his mother's home in Chicago, on Wednesday.
Capt. McGiffin, who commanded the Chinese warship Chen Yuen in the battle of the Yalu River, committed suicide at New York, on Thursday.
The grand jury in Chicago on Tuesday night held up and robbed Antoine Boerter in his steamship ticket office in La Salle street. They got \$2,000.
A mail clerk on a Santa Fe train near Los Angeles, Cal., on Tuesday shot one burglar and wounded another. The mail attempted to "hold up" the train.
The cattle dealers of Buffalo and vicinity are jubilant over the abrogation of the quarantine of Canadian cattle, and are reporting a better demand for an advance price of the animals.
The Michigan lumbermen are opposed to the proposed two dollars duty on the white pine, as in the event of its imposition they fear Canadian retaliation.
Albert Hess of Ipswich, Mass., disappeared suddenly with \$7,000 of other people's money. He sent his wife notice to return to her parents in Toronto.
Armand Castlemeyr, an actor, fell dead at the close of the final scene of the opera of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on Wednesday night.
Mrs. G. W. Baldwin, the Hon. Lady Carey, granddaughter of the late Duke of Brunswick, has filed suit for divorce at Houston, Texas. Her husband is a wealthy citizen of Houston.

Business during the week has been a little more favorable; prices are more firm, and there is a better demand for labor in the Eastern and Middle States particularly where reports are to be opening up. A woman for pig iron and leather is also noted. Hock and leather are more active, with an advance in values. While a lower range of prices is reported for the week, the general return quotes figures as being mostly firm, and in many lines as higher and advancing.

GENERAL.
Governor of the Fiji Islands, is announced at the age of 61.
The death of Sir John Bates Thurston was reported at a strikers' riot at Hamburg.
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ABSURD ERRORS.
Made By Noted Authors, and, Among the Number, Shakespeare.
Shakespeare's anachronisms certainly give him the palm for the greatest number of mistakes. Some of them are also strikingly absurd, as, for instance, the allusion to Cato in Coriolanus, supposed to have been made two centuries before Cato was born, and the allusion to a striking clock in Julius Caesar centuries before such a thing existed. These may, however, be put down to carelessness and the chaotic state of chronology in Shakespeare's time, and none of them are either as absurd or as indefensible as the error of which Coleridge was guilty, when he elapsated the "Ancient Mariner" with the lines:
"The horned moon with one bright star
Within the nether tip."
For such an astronomical monstrosity as this to have been visible, either the star must have been on the earthward side of the moon, or the moon must have shone through the solid body of the satellite. What makes it all the more absurd is the fact that an educated man like Coleridge could have had so much ignorance of such an elementary fact as this.

ABOUT JEWISH WEDDINGS.
The Jewish wedding ceremony is almost the same to-day as it has been for centuries, simple and impressive, but quite different from our ceremonies. Religious Hebrews prefer to get married in the open air, under a canopy of silk called the huppah, which is supported at the four corners of the square by poles. The first in the wedding procession is the rabbi, carrying a glass goblet of wine. Next come four bearers carrying the canopy, each holding a pole. Next come the parent of the bride and groom, and behind them the bride and groom, arm in arm. The canopy is balanced on the shoulders of the bride and groom going under it. The groom stands still and the bride walks around him three times, then takes her place at his right hand, while the rabbi is singing a song of praise. Then the bridegroom takes his bride's hand and slips on her finger the plain gold wedding ring, saying in Hebrew: "Thus do I make thee my wife according to the laws of Moses and the customs of Israel." Both bride and bridegroom take a sip of wine from the goblet the rabbi holds, after which the bridegroom takes the glass himself, drops it on the ground and crushes it beneath his heel. The rabbi says: "No more than this glass can be united again can this couple be separated." This is the end of the ceremony, and it is followed by a supper to the guests seated at long tables where speeches are made and congratulations given the bride and groom.

EXTREMELY LIBERAL.
It is related of a certain very matter-of-fact man that he was waked one night by a burglar at the foot of his bed, who pointed a revolver at his head. "If you move, said the burglar, you are a dead man!"
I beg your pardon, answered the other. "If I move, it will be good proof that I am alive. You should be more careful as to the meaning of your words."
The fault of the story is that it does not tell what the burglar did then. Properly he should have fainted, and remained in the faint until the police came and took him away.

SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Massard Roof of the Western Block Entirely Destroyed—Valuable Records Were Burned—The Hydrants Were Frozen and There Was Difficulty in Getting Water.
The Western Departmental block at Ottawa, caught fire on Thursday afternoon. The building contains seven of the departments of the Government, namely, Railways, Inland Revenue, Public Works, Militia, Trade and Commerce, Customs, and Marine and Fisheries. It is situated at the western side of the Parliament grounds. To the north stand the Parliament buildings proper, devoted to legislative purposes. On the east and west are two blocks, which, together with the Langgavin building, afford accommodation for the small army of public employes who attend to the Executive and Administrative functions of the Public Service. These buildings are fortunately at a considerable distance from each other, and consequently a fire in one does not necessarily endanger the others. The largest block is the western structure, which is partly demolished, and which had a narrow escape of being completely reduced to ruins. The erection of the building was commenced before Confederation, and it was extended and completed during the Mackenzie regime. It cost about two million of dollars.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.
The origin of this fire is involved in some mystery. Early in the afternoon the smell of smoke attracted some attention near the architects' office in the Public Works Department, but it could not be traced to any particular source. Shortly after four o'clock smoke began to issue opposite the elevator shaft from some trap doors that opened the way to steam pipes beneath the floor. It is supposed that the heat of the pipes had ignited the wooden rafters, and that the fire had been smouldering several hours before it was discovered. The building, being some thirty-three years old, had accumulated cobwebs innumerable, and dust between the well-ventilated wooden rafters. These lent themselves to the rapid spread of the flames, which attracted themselves to nooks and crevices, where it was most difficult to reach them. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. As the building is provided with hose and a water service for cases of such an emergency, the first thought of the officers of the fire department was to use the appliances near at hand. The hose was found, however, to be leaky, and the water service was very weak.

HYDRANTS FROZEN.
Finding that the even incipient conflagration was too much for them, a private alarm was given to the city fire brigade. The hydrants were frozen on hand with the hose reels, and they were laid out to the hydrants on the grounds quite convenient to the building. Leaders were placed on the walls, firemen started upwards with the hose, and word was given to turn on the water. But no water came, and the fire spread. The chief of the brigade was calling for water, and the spectators were indignant at the delay, but still there was no water. Upon investigation it was found that every hydrant under the control of the Public Works Department was out of order. There was no water management and neglect somewhere. Valuable time was lost in removing the hose to the city hydrants on Wellington street, which were systematically tested. Before the pressure could be obtained from this source it is said that from twenty minutes to half an hour had elapsed, and what was a very simple fire to cope with had gained a footing in the building which defied all the efforts of the fire department. The delay of those few minutes cost the country a quarter of a million dollars, for the loss on the building and the contents received there were vast. If required, it will be impossible to replace. Some time ago Mr. Tarte dismissed the man whose duty it was to look after these hydrants and put in his place an inexperienced party friend. The result of this economy is a greater loss to the country than Mr. Tarte's loss of a few hundred dollars in a century. No doubt the fire will be the subject of a Parliamentary enquiry.

THE ENGINES AT WORK.
At five o'clock it seemed that the flames could be confined to the portion of the building in which they had started. There was no breeze astir to fan them, and they were confined to a limited area. But as soon as the brigade extinguished the fire in one part of the roof it broke out in another. Three fire engines were brought into requisition. Word was received from Montreal that the Mayor of that city had placed four fire engines on board cars to be shipped the moment the cars received them. They were wanted. But the offer was not accepted. When it seemed that the fire had been got under control about 5.30, it broke out afresh with increased fury. The flames had crept along the wooden rafters, and supports while the brigade was working elsewhere. It was then demolished by the brigade the fire might have been checked in its early stages. The brigade was assisted by the Dominion police, which did excellent work. But, in spite of their efforts, the flames steadily pursued the ascent of their way, obliterating everything above the concrete barrier. The building was simply treated as though it had been levelled down one flat by the hand of man.

SHIFTING THE BLAME.
The Host—I am afraid, old man, that the dinner wasn't very satisfactory. The Guest—Well, old fellow, you must remember that you didn't know I was coming.