

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"FIVE PICTURES," THE SUBJECT OF A THRILLING DISCOURSE.

"Behold I see the Heavens Opened" - Acts vi: 44-50 - Delivered at Academy of Music, New York, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1898.



STEPHEN HAD been preaching a rousing sermon, and the people could not stand it. They resolved to do as men sometimes would like to do in this day, if they dared, with some plain preacher of righteousness - kill him.

Stephen gazing into heaven. Stephen looking at Christ. Stephen stoned. Stephen in his dying prayer. Stephen asleep.

First, look at Stephen gazing into heaven. Before you take a leap you want to know where you are going to land. Before you climb a ladder you want to know to what point the ladder reaches.

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cannot say. The painters of the different ages have tried to imagine the features of Christ, and put them upon canvas; but we will have to wait until with our own eyes we see him and with our own ears we can hear him.

Look! There he is! Behold the Lamb of God! Can you not see him? Then pray to God to take the scales off your eyes. Look that way - try to look that way. His voice comes down to you this day - comes down to the blindest, to the deafest soul, saying, "Look unto me, all ye ends of the earth, and be ye saved, for I am God, and there is none else."

His worth if all the nations knew. Sure the whole earth would love him, too.

I pass on now, and look at Stephen stoned. The world has always wanted to get rid of good men. Their very life is an assault upon wickedness.

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but this spirit about which Stephen prayed, what direction will that take? What guide will escort it? What gate will open to receive it? What cloud will be cleft for its pathway?

We may be too feeble to employ either of these familiar forms; but this prayer of Stephen is so short, is so concise, is so earnest, is so comprehensive, we surely will be able to say that: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Pass on now, and I will show you one more picture, and that is Stephen asleep. With a pathos and simplicity peculiar to the Scriptures, the text says of Stephen: "He fell asleep."

I have seen the sea driven with the hurricane until the tangled foam caught in the rigging, and wave rising above wave seemed as if about to storm the heavens, and then I have seen the tempest drop, and the waves crouch, and everything become smooth and burnished as though a camping place for the glories of heaven.

I saw such an one. He fought all his days against poverty and against abuse. They traduced his name. They rattled at the door-knob while he was dying with duns for debts he could not pay; yet the peace of God brooded over his pillow, and while the world faded, heaven dawned, and the deepening twilight of earth's night was only the opening twilight of heaven's morn.

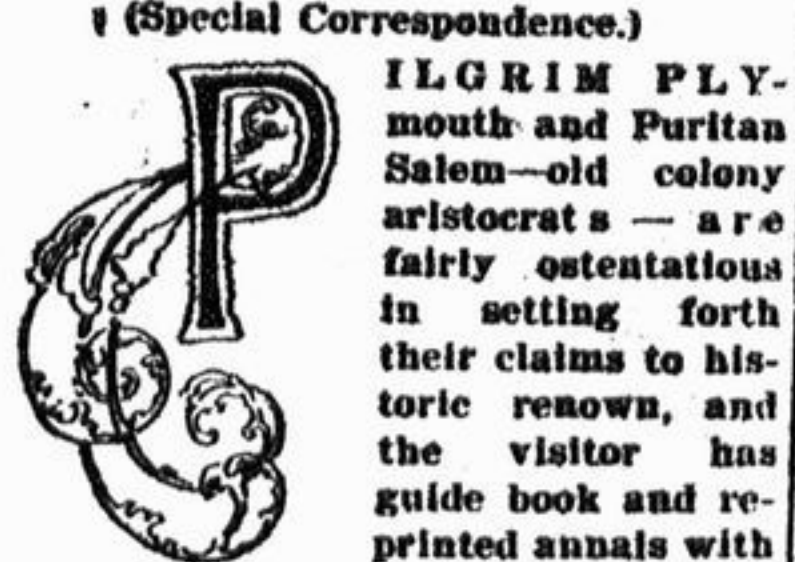
Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose, Uninjured by the last of foes.

You have seen enough for one day. No one can successfully examine more than five pictures in a day. Therefore, we stop, having seen this cluster of Divine Raphaels - Stephen gazing into heaven; Stephen looking at Christ; Stephen stoned; Stephen in his dying prayer; Stephen asleep.

IN QUIANT IPSWICH.

FORMER HOME OF FAMOUS BAY STATE FAMILIES.

Interesting Furtive Registering - First Mayor of the Place - Rev. Manasseh Cutler of Ipswich Hamlet - Picturesque Characters of the Old Borough.



ILGRIM PLYMOUTH and Puritan Salem - old colony aristocrat - a rare fairly ostentatious in setting forth their claims to historic renown, and the visitor has guide book and reprinted annals with every famous locality and landmark plainly noted ready to hand - colonial history on tap.



OLD APPLETON HOUSE, IPSWICH.

Old Ipswich town in the East country. Whence on the tide you can float down through the long salt grass to the wailing sea.

Between John Endicott's first Puritan settlement at Salem and sea-bown Newburyport, of ancient lineage, but a daughter of Ipswich, are the meadows and hills - "the bald Ipswich Hundreds" - that made the fair hunting grounds of Masconomet, Sagamore of the Agawam Indians, which he sold to John Winthrop, Jr., and his twelve associates in 1633 for 120.



REV. MANASSEH CUTLER, Of Ipswich Hamlet.

quiet, comely town, where there are more ancient houses than in any other single village in New England, there are associations of the earliest learning, wit, and dignity of the country.

all the distinctive characteristics of Puritanism in its pastor and teacher, its denizens and tithing men, the stacking of arms at the door, the separation of the men and women, its timing of the preaching by the hour glass, and its long sermons - the minister's salary being shortened if he shortened his discourse.

One of these "illuminated Christians" was Anne Dudley Bradstreet, the friend and ship companion of the ill-fated La; Arbella Johnson, who died so soon after her arrival in Salem.



CHOATE BRIDGE, IPSWICH.

There is romance in old Ipswich, traditions, and tragedy, too. Celia Thaxter sings of the Indian maiden of Heart-break Hill, and all the New England poets have crystallized its legendary material.

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Farmer Hayseed (registering) - I don't want you to think, young man, that I've come to New York for any blow-out.

Room Clerk - That's all right, sir. No danger. Rooms all lighted by electricity.

CHICAGO THEATERS.

AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS FOR COMING WEEK.

What the Managers of the Various One Play-Houses Offer Their Patrons - Drama, Vaudeville and Operatic Engagements.

Chicago Opera House. - The current attraction at this beautiful theater is Edward H. Rice's company of comedians, presenting the "Globe Trotter," Louis DeLange's new comic play.

McVicker's Theater. - An audience that was effusive in its greeting to Comedian Crane and likewise effusive in its acknowledgement of the good points in Martha Morton's comedy, "His Wife's Father," filled McVicker's Theater to the doors on Monday night and forgot the heat in its thorough enjoyment of the play.

Other Amusements for Next Week. Columbia John A' Dreams. Hooley's Charley's Aunt. Grand The Bostonians. Haymarket Charles A. Gardner. Alhambra Shenandoah. Academy of Music A Bowery Girl. Lincoln Conroy and Fox. Masonic Temple Vaudeville. Casino Continuous performance. Hopkins' (West Side) Continuous performance. Hopkins' (South Side) Continuous performance. Olympic Continuous performance. Tennis Continuous performance. Havlin's Vaudeville. The Chutes Daily 2 to 11 p. m. Sam T. Jack's Burlesque. Lyceum Vaudeville. Schiller Kellar the Magician.

RELIGION AND REFORM. Over 250,000 persons have signed the special appeal to the house of commons in favor of woman suffrage.

The City Park Mission of the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, will erect a new building to cost \$50,000. It will be built on the institutional plan.