

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Washington, Nov. 22, 1896.—A resounding call goes out in this sermon of Dr. Talmage. If heeded it would be revolutionary for good.

One morning in Dothan, a young theological student was scared by finding himself and Ellaha the prophet, upon whom he waited, surrounded by a whole army of enemies.

Many young men, standing among the most tremendous realities, have their eyes half shut or entirely closed. May God grant that my sermon may open wide your eyes to your safety, your opportunity, and your destiny!

A mighty defence for a young man is a good home. Some of my hearers look back with tender satisfaction to their early home. It may have been rude and rustic, hidden among the hills, and architect or upholsterer never planned or adorned it.

Another defence for a young man is industrious habits. Many young men, in starting upon life in this age, expect to make their way through the world by the use of their wits rather than the toil of their hands.

My young friends, there is no way to genuine success, except through toil, either of head or hand. At the battle of Crecy, in 1346, the prince of Wales, finding himself heavily pressed by the enemy, sent word to his father for help.

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wife obeyed the Divine injunction and been at work, they would not have been sauntering under the trees and hankering after that fruit which destroyed them and their posterity; a proof positive for all ages to come that those who do not attend to their business are sure to get into mischief.

I do not know that the prodigal in Scripture would ever have been reclaimed had he not given up his idle habits and gone to feeding swine for a living. The devil does not so often attack the man who is busy with the pen, and the book, and the trowel, and the saw, and the hammer.

This is the statement of a man who has broken this Divine enactment: "I was engaged in manufacturing on the Lehigh river. On the Sabbath I used to rest, but never regarded God in it. One beautiful Sabbath when the noise was all hushed, and the day was all that loveliness could make it.

While the Divine frown must rest upon him who tramples upon this statute, God's special favor will be upon that young man who scrupulously observes it. This day, properly observed, will throw a hallowed influence over all the week. The song and sermon and sanctuary will hold back from presumptuous sins.

A noble ideal and confident expectation of approximating to it are an infallible defense. The artist completes in his mind the great thought that he wishes to transfer to the canvas or the marble before he takes up the crayon or the chisel. The architect plans out the entire structure before he orders the workmen to begin, and though there may for a long while seem to be nothing but blundering and rudeness, he has in his mind every Corinthian wreath and Gothic arch and Byzantine capital.

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And this leads me to say that the mightiest defense for a young man is the possession of religious principle. Nothing can take the place of it. He may have manners that would put to shame the gracefulness and courtesy of a Lord Chesterfield. Foreign languages may drop from his tongue. He may be able to discuss literature, and laws, and foreign customs. He may wield a pen of unequalled polish and power.

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NEWS OF ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Social, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

The new Congregational church at Havana will be dedicated this month. Judge C. W. Raymond has returned to his home at Watseka, from a long visit to Mexico.

D. Wright, of Homer, has this fall sold 100 tons of timothy hay of his own raising at \$5 and \$6 a ton. B. F. Stephens of Ludlow has a pair of ferrets, which he uses to protect his large corn crib from the depredations of rats.

A Royal Neighbors' camp was organized at Thomasboro by Deputy Supreme Oracle Mrs. Florence Hines of Champaign. The engagement of Eli Lillenstern, formerly of Petersburg, now of Ashland, and Miss Minnie Benjamin, of Springfield, is announced.

The North Central Illinois Medical association will hold its annual meeting this year in Streator, on the first and second days of December. While D. C. Brown of Havana was attending church some one entered his residence and stole \$500 in gold which he had "hoarded" in an old sock.

John Zerbe, of Foolsland, was killed recently by being thrown out of his wagon by a runaway team. He was thrown under the vehicle, which ran over his abdomen.

Miss Della Taylor of Ogden started to drive to Homer one day last week, when the horse became frightened and threw her against a tree. She was found and taken home and died next day from the effects.

Miss Louisa Griffen of Maroa, starts next Wednesday for Craftonville, Cal., where she will be married to Mr. J. R. McClurg, of that place, formerly of Maroa. Mr. McClurg has a good position with the Southern Pacific railroad.

Jessie, the bright little 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Meneley, of Champaign, was burned to death a few days ago while playing around a fire of leaves. The Meneleys gave the concert around central Illinois.

The Odell town council has a hole in the ground 500 feet deep, which cost \$1,375; and the members seem undecided whether to go on and make a water works well out of it or give it up as a bad job. A small vein of salt water was struck at a depth of about 300 feet, but not a sufficient quantity to be available for water works purposes.

A Peru man who had been sick a long time was given up by the doctors. Some of the neighbors recommended that kerosene, taken internally would be a good thing for a man who was going to die. He followed the advice given, but as he is dead it is impossible to learn whether or not he was benefited by the remedy. The man leaves a wife and several children in destitute circumstances.

Mr. E. E. Wallace, a Monmouth man, has gathered his twenty-acre crop of popcorn, aggregating 2,200 bushels. Popcorn sells for about \$4 a ton, or 2 cents a pound. The 2,200 bushels weighs 146,000 pounds. At \$40 per ton this means \$3,250. There are some expenses attached to the production of popcorn, but taken altogether it is a profitable crop. The value of the crop from these estimates is about \$175 per acre.

A number of months ago Frank Angier imported some Kankakee eggs to Streator, and upon these eggs an industrious hen sat patiently day after day, until she had hatched forth a brood of twelve fine prize chickens which she and Frank watched in turns almost unceasingly, day and night until they grew old enough to go it alone. All went well until last Friday night, when some sinner with an elastic conscience and an appetite for chicken soup, swooped down upon the chicken coop and took every fowl within reach. Angier is mad, but is consoling himself by gazing at a feather which was plucked from his bantam rooster's tail in the scramble which preceded the abduction of the fowl.

Northern Illinois is to have a new live stock industry. Last week two enterprising citizens from Kansas struck Freeport and at once made their object known. They want a section of land on which they are going to start: black cat ranch. They state that they want to bring 1,000 black Thomas and tabby cats, and also a stock of 5,000 rats on which to feed the cats. It is estimated that the stock will increase to 15,000 cats the first year and the second year to 225,000. Black cat skins are worth \$1 each in the market, and as the cats are killed and skinned their flesh will be fed to the rats, thus perpetual evolution will be put in motion as the rats will increase five times as fast as the cats, and to-day rats will be cats, and to-morrow the cats will be rats, and so on until doomsday. The farm will be surrounded with a patent wire fence ten feet high, to prevent the animals from escaping.

Just before and after election day Mr. R. H. Morse kept on exhibition at his bank at Gifford \$1,500 in three piles. One pile of gold weighed twenty ounces, one pile of silver weighed twenty-nine pounds, and the other pile was of paper which weighed two ounces.

Mendota now has a Young Men's Christian association, and the rooms of the society were opened for the first time last Saturday. At night a reception was held. A number of state officers of the association took part in the dedicatory exercises.

Golf is now being pursued as one of the games at the University of Illinois at Champaign. At Urbana Cecil Sampson, aged 8, fell from a chair and received a compound fracture of the arm.

V. G. Way, of Gibson, has written an article on corn to be published in the forthcoming number of the Sibley Corn and Hog. Philip Moore and wife, and Mrs. Barbara Kindig, who has lived near Roanoke for the past forty years, have moved to California.

The new art glass windows have been placed in the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Petersburg. This church has been almost entirely made over. Dr. Jenks, of Aurora, is a candidate for the position of superintendent of the Northwestern Illinois Insane Asylum, but it is thought that Tanner has no political debts to be paid in Kane county.

The Bloomington Poultry Association will give its fifth annual exhibition in that city, beginning December 14 and continuing four days. The premium list will be out the last day of next week.

The saloon keepers of Wyoming petitioned the village board to remit a part of the license fee, alleging the business did not pay running expenses. The prayer was granted and \$50 from each was remitted.

The Supreme court has handed down an opinion holding the "reciprocity" clause in the insurance laws of Illinois valid. The law compels foreign insurance companies doing business in Illinois to pay 2 1/2 per cent of the gross amount received during the year from premiums into the state treasury as a tax.

Little frogs about the size of the end of a finger hopped about the streets of Pontiac Thursday afternoon shortly after the warm rainfall. They jumped into cellars, climbed upon the window panes and hustled to get under cover indoors or out. They were spry little fellows and soon after the storm had disappeared with the exception of a few, so far as could be learned. It is a puzzle to know where they came from.—Pontiac Leader.

While John J. Goodwin, an Ottawa glassworker, was engaged in the pleasant pastime of beating his wife, ex-Alderman Lunny appeared on the scene and grabbing Goodwin yelled at him to desist. Goodwin desisted just long enough to take a punch at the ex-alderman with a poker and then threw him out of doors, when he resumed the chastisement of his wife. No arrests were reported, and neither had Goodwin given himself up at the latest report.

Miss Levering, a young lady employed at the Soldiers' Orphans' Home in Normal, had the misfortune to have her right hand caught in a mangle while at work in the laundry of that institution about a month ago. An effort was made to save the member, but yesterday amputation of almost the entire hand was necessary. Miss Levering is about 22 years old and her home is in Effingham county. She is an orphan and the case is one that calls for sympathy. An effort will be made to secure an appropriation for her benefit at the next session of the legislature.

Aaron G. Karr, once a brilliant legal light at the Bloomington bar, was committed to the county poor farm Monday. He has lived in Leroy for the last twenty years, but was well known in Bloomington. He has become unable to support himself and so he was turned over to the county authorities. When he realized what disposition was to be made of him he was highly indignant, but his opposition availed him nothing. Aaron Karr was a well-educated and brilliant man. He was admitted to the bar over thirty years ago, and engaged in practice with his brother, taking high rank as an able attorney and counselor. Overwork finally broke him down, and since that time his moderate fortune has been dissipated. He never married. The case is a peculiarly sad one.

When he returned from his wedding trip, George Jacob Schweinfurth, high chief of mundane apostles, bore in his hand a guitar case. His wife carried another, and this gives color to the rumor that the messiah has been engaged by a vaudeville manager to appear on the stage in a character sketch at a fancy salary. There is no doubt that Schweinfurth would be a big drawing card in vaudeville, which is attracting all the stars who have hitherto shone in the "legit." If Jake could be induced to black that part of his face not covered by his cinnamon-colored whiskers, and sing a song to the accompaniment of his own guitar, it would need all the policemen in Chicago to keep people from being killed in the crush at the door. What a hit it would be if Jake could appear in a little character sketch called Heaven Up to Date, and could wind up a neat monologue with a fancy clog. The gallery gods would go frantic with joy, and the crowned heads of Europe would fall over each other to get on this side of the Atlantic to see the great star. When Jake's guitar talent becomes generally known there will be a general scramble among vaudeville managers to land him.

School teachers in China run great risks. A man in Yungchow was found guilty of murder, and the judges, after dooming him to death, also decreed the death penalty for his teacher, saying that he should have taught his pupil to respect human life.

A button-hole bouquet was fastened with a needle to the jacket of a little son of Henry Haynes, of Clarksville, Tenn. Soon afterwards, while turning a somersault, the needle penetrated his heart, causing death.

MONKEYS PLAY.

One of the monkeys owned by John C. Warren, a well known Philadelphia, purchased a violin and thought it would amuse the evenings at home, when he played the violin, with which instrument he is a fine performer, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Noting the perfect time kept, and also that his monkey was apparently able to imitate every note he concluded to try to teach it to play the violin. For some time very little progress was made, but finally he seemed to catch the idea and would play the bow over the strings, with, however, very little regard to time or tune. For an hour each day his master tried to teach Jocks the elements of music, and after the man's patience was almost exhausted his efforts were crowned with success and the monkey began to play one tune fairly well. That tune once mastered seemed to awaken all of the latent musical talent of the animal, and he became passionately attached to the violin, becoming more proficient each time he played the instrument. Now he executes several waltzes, taking the violin in his arm in correct position and keeping time with his feet and head as he plays, not only furnishing music, but waiting at the same time. While his master does not expect him to become a model, he is, nevertheless, very proud of his monkey and claims that he is a better player than the average man who considers himself fairly proficient. Mr. Warren has almost closed a deal by which he is to dispose of his monkey to the proprietor of a Boston museum. The price to be paid is said to be over \$500.

AS OLD AS HUMANITY.

Men in All Ages of the World Delighted in Hunting and Fishing. Somebody has asked which is the oldest sport and started a discussion that has already put the antiquity of games beyond the middle ages, says the New York Journal. Hunting and fishing were primitive man's chief occupations. These, as civilization developed, were gradually superseded from being means of livelihood into pastimes. But, it is impossible to tell exactly when the change took place, for it is not even yet complete, and what is sport to the squire and amateur is necessary work to the gamekeeper and professional soldier. Nimrod, Noah's great-grandson, was a "mighty hunter before the Lord," and as he was a "mighty one in the earth" he probably hunted for pleasure. This is the oldest record of a sport. The stag and its kind, which make the greatest demand on the skill and endurance of the hunter, would probably be the first animals pursued for pleasure. To hunt the lion was a kingly sport from the earliest times.

The Egyptian monuments show that all kinds of hunting, as well as fishing, were followed for pleasure. The Olympic games were probably the oldest athletic sports and their origin is lost in antiquity. They are said to celebrate Jupiter's defeat of the Titans.

NOW A MARCHIONESS.

Gwendolen Caldwell, Who Recently Married a German Noblemen. The recent marriage of Miss Gwendolen Caldwell, the wealthy Washington heiress, to the Marquis des Montrieux-Meriville, was an event of international interest. The marchioness is in the 30's and is well known in the east. Her sister is the Baroness von Sedwitz, whose husband was drowned in a yachting collision some weeks ago. The marriage occurred in Dresden at the home of the baroness and was simple and unostentatious. Miss Caldwell was a Richmond girl, and inherited \$2,000,000 from her father. She founded the Catholic university in

He Appreciated the Value of Fossils and Studied Graves.

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Washington, and a few years ago announced her approaching marriage to the aged and invalid Prince Murat. A few days before the date of the wedding Miss Caldwell broke the engagement and publicly stated that her reason for so doing was that the prince had demanded an anti-suffrage contract, setting half Miss Caldwell's fortune on him. She refused, and in several negotiations to end, a recent one which she at once complied.

Glasgow's Champion Rope.

The biggest rope ever used for bridge purposes has just been made in Glasgow. It is seven miles long, four and a half inches in circumference, and weighs nearly sixty tons. It has been made in one unbroken and uncut length of patent wire rope steel. When in place it will form a complete circle around Glasgow, crossing the Clyde at its course, and will run at a speed of fifteen miles an hour.—Glasgow Herald.

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