Dr. Talmage's Sermon /

ON

PRACTICAL RELIGION.

Washington, Dec. 20,-This subject of Dr. Talmage cuts through the conventionalities, and spares nothing of that make-believe religion which is all talk and no practice. The text chosen was James, 2: 20: "Faith without works is dead."

The Reman Catholic church has been charged with putting too much stress upon good works and not enough upon faith. I charge Protestantism with putting not enough stress upon good works as connected with salvation. Good works will never save a man, but if a man have not good works he has no real faith and no genuine religion. There are those who depend upon the fact that they are all right inside, while their conduct is wrong outside. Their religion, for the most part, is made up of talk-vigorous talk, fluent talk, boastful talk, perpetual talk They will entertain you by the hour in telling you how good you are. They come up to such a higher life that they have no patience with ordinary Christians in the plain discharge of their duty. As near as I can tell, this ocean craft is mostly sail and very little tonnage. Foretopmast stay-sail. Boston was found to have 41 per cent foretopmast studding sail, maintopsail, of resin and alcohol and chloroform. mizzentopsail-everything from flying-jib to mizzen-spanker, but making no useful voyage. Now, the world has got tired of this, and it wants a relig-'on that will work into all the circumstances of life. We do not want a new religion, but the old religion applied in all possible directions.

Yonder is a river with steep and rocky banks, and it roars like a young Niagara as it rolls on over its rough bed. It does nothing but talk about itself all the way from its source in the mountain to the place where it empties into the sea. The banks are so steep that the cattle cannot come down to drink. It does not run one fertilizing riil into the adjoining field. It has not one grist mill or factory on either side. It sulks in wet weather with chilling logs. No one cares when that river is born among the rocks, and no one cares when it dies into the sea. But yonder is another river, and it mosses its banks with the warm tides. and it rocks with floral lullaby the water lilfes asleep on its bosom. invites herds of cattle and flocks of shee pand coveys of birds to come there and drink. It has three grist mills on one side and six cotton factories on the other. It is the wealth of two hun ired miles of invuriant farms. The birds of heaven chanted when it was born in the mountains, and the ocean shipping will press in from the sea to hall it as it comes down from the Atlantic coast. The one river is a man who lives for himself. The other river is a man who lives for others.

Do you know how the site of the anciest city of Jerusalem was chosen There were two brothers who had adtoining farms. The one brother had a large family, the other had no family. he must be lonely, and I will try to suffering all up and down the land, cheer him up, and I will take some of and we would like to compromise this the sheaves from my field in the nighttime and set them over on his farm, and say nothing about it." The other Now, here we compromise it. Take brother said: "My brother has a large family and it is very difficult for him to support them, and I will help him along, and I will take some of the sheaves from my farm in the nighttime and set them over on his farm, and say nothing about it." So the work of transference went on night after night, but every morning things seemed to be just as they were, for though sheaves had been subtracted from each farm, sheaves had also been added, and the brothers were perplexed and could not understand. But one night the brothers happened to meet while making this generous transference, and the spot where they met was so sacred that it was chosen as the site of the city of Jerusalem. If that tradition should prove unfounded, it will nevertheless stand as a beautiful only rectify all merchandise; it will allegory setting forth the idea that wherever a kindly and generous and toil. A time will come when a man loving act is performed, that is the will work as faithfully by the job as spot fit for some temple of commemoration.

faith, but this morning I speak to you swiftness or slowness with which a about works, for "faith without works hackman drives whether he is hired by ta dead." I think you will agree with the hour or by the excursion. If he is me in the statement that the great hired by the hour he drives very want of this world is more practical | slowly, so as to make as many hours religion. We want practical religion as possible. If he is hired by the exto go into all merchandise. It will cursion, he whips up the horses so as secervise the labeling of goods. It to get around and get another cuswill not allow a man to say that a tomer. All styles of work have to be thing was made in one factory when inspected. Ships inspected, horses init was made in another. It will not spected, machinery inspected. Boss to allow the merchant to say that watch | watch the journeyman. Capitalist comwas manufactured in Geneva, Switzerland, when it was manufactured in Massachusetts. It will not allow the ing the punch hell to prove his honesty merchant to say that wine came from | as a passenger hands to him a clipped Madeira when it came from California. nickel. All things must be watched Practical religion will walk along by and inspected. Imperfections in the the store shelves and tear off all the | wood covered with putty. Garments tage that make misrepresentation. It will not allow the merchant to say on the third time. Shoddy in all kinds that is pure coffee, when dandelion of clothing. Chromos. Pinchbeck. root and chiccory and other ingredients Diamonds for a dollar and a half. go into it. It will not allow him to say that is pure sugar when there are in read the third chapter. Spavined it sand and ground glass.

When practical religion gets its full several days made to look spry. Wagon swing in the world it will go down tires poorly put on. Horses poorly the street and it will come to that shod. Plastering that cracks without plan

soles of many a fine-looking pair of ing that needs to be plumbed. Impershoes, and show that it is pasteboard sandwiched between the sound leather. And this practical religion will go right into a grocery store and it will pull out the plug of all the adulterated syrups, and it will dump into the ash barrel in front of the store the cassia bark that is sold for cinnamon and the brick dust that is sold for cayenne pepper; and it will shake out the Prussian blue from the tea leaves, and it will sift from the flour plaster of paris and bone dust and soapstone, and it will by chemical analysis separate the one quart of water from the few honest drops of cow's milk, and it will throw out the live animalcules from the brown sugar.

There has been so much adulteration of articles of food that it is an amazement to me that there is a healthy man or woman in America. Heaven only knows what they put into the spices and into the sugars and into the butter and into the anothecary drug. But chemical analysis and the microscopic have made wonderful revelations. The board of health in Massachusetts analyzed a great amount of what was called pure coffee and found in it not one particle of coffee. In England there is a law that forbids the putting of alum in bread. The public authorities examined fifty-one packages of bread and found them all guilty. The honest physician, writing a prescription, does not know but that it may bring death instead of health to his patient, because there may be one of the drugs weakened by a cheaper article, and another drug may be in fu force, and so the prescription may have just the opposite effect intended. Of wormwood warranted pure from Scammony is one of the most valuable medical drugs. It is very rare, very precious. It is the sap or gum of a tree or a bush in Syria. The root of the tree is exposed, an incision is made into the root and then shells are placed at this incision to catch the sap or the gum as it exudes. It is very precious, this scammony. But the peasant mixes it with a cheaper material; then it is taken to Aleppo, and the merchant there mixes it with a cheaper material; then it comes on to the wholesale druggist in London or New York, and he mixes it with a cheaper material; then it comes to the retail druggist and he mixes it with a cheaper material, and by the time the poor sick man gets it into his bottle it is ashes and chalk and sand, and some of what has been called pure scammony after analysis has been found to be no scam-

Now, practical religion will yet rectify all this. It will go to those hypocritical professors of religion who got a "corner" in corn and wheat in Chicago and New York, sending prices up and up until they were beyond the reach of the poor, keeping these breadstuffs in their own hands, or controlling them until the prices going up and up and up, they were, after awhile, ready to sell, and they sold out, making themselves millionaires in one or two years-trying to fix the matter up with the Lord by hullding a church or a university or a hospital-deluding themselves with the idea that the Lord would be so pleased with the gift he would forget the swindle. Now, as tically is making: "Oh. Lord, we, by getting a 'corner' in breadstuffs, swin-The brother with a large family said: | dled the people of the United States "There is my brother with no family; out of ten million dollars, and made matter with thee. Thou knowest it was a scaly job, but then it was smart, I per cent of the profits and with that I per cent you can build an asylum for these poor, miserable ragmuffins of the street, and I will take a yacht and go

to Europe, forever and ever. Amen!" Ah, my friends, if a man hath gotten his estate wrongfully and he build a line of hospitals and universities from here to Alaska, he cannot atone for it. After awhile, this man who has been getting a "corner" in wheat, dies, and then Satan gets a "corner" in him. He goes into a great, long Black Friday There is a "break" in the market. According to Wall street parlance, he wiped others out, and now he is himself wiped out. No collaterals on which to make a spiritual loan. Eternal defalcation.

But this practical religion will not also rectify all mechanism, and he does by the day. You say when a thing is slightingly done, "Oh, that was I have often spoken to you about done by the job." You can tell by the ing down unexpectedly to watch the boss. Conductor of a city car soundwarranted to last until you put them Bookbindery that holds on until you horses, by skillful dose of jockeys, for

shoe store and rip off the fictitions any provocation and falls off. Plumbfeet car wheel that halts the whole train with a hot box. So little practical religion in the mechanism of the world. I tell you, my friends, the law of man will never rectify these things. It will be the all-pervading influence of the practical religion of. Jesus Christ that will make the change for the bet-

> Yea, this practical religion will have to come in and fix up the marriage relation in America. There are members of churches who have too many wives and too many husbands. Society needs to be expurgated, and washed, and fumigated, and Christianized. We want this practical religion not only to take hold of what, are called the lower classes, but to take hold of what are called the higher classes. The trouble is that people have an idea they can do all their religion on Sunday with hymn-book, and prayer-book, and liturgy, and some of them sit in church rolling up their eyes as though they were ready for translation, when their Sabbath is bounded on all sides by an inconsistent life, and while you are expecting to come out from under their arms the wings of an angel, there come out from their forehead the horns of a beast.

There has got to be a new departure in religion. I do not say a new religion. Oh, no; but the old religion brought to new appliances. In our time we have had the daguerreotype, and the ambrotype, and the photograph; but it is the same old sun, and these arts are only new appliances of the old sunlight. So this glorious Gospet is just what we want to photograph the image of God on one soul, and daguerreotype it on another soul. Not a new Gospel, but the old Gespel put to new work. In our time we have had the telegraphic invention and the telephonic invention and the electric light invention; but they are all children of old electricity, an element that the philosophers have a long while known much about. So this electric Gospel needs to flash its light on the eyes and ears, and souls of men, and to become a telephonic medium to make the deaf hear; a telegraphic medium to dart invitation and warning to all nations; an electric light to illumine the eastern and western hemispheres. Not a new Gospel, but the old Gospel doing a new work.

Farmers who take their religion into their occupation: Why, this minute their horses and wagons stand around all the meeting houses in America. They began this day by a prayer to God, and when they get home at noon, after they have put their horses up, will offer a prayer to God at the table, seeking a blessing, and next summer there will be in their fields not one dishonest head of rye, not one dishonest car of corn, not one dishonest apple. Worshiping God to-day away up among the Berkshire Hills, or away down amid the lagoons of Florida, or away out amid the mines of Colorado, or along the banks of the Potomac, and the Raritan, where I knew them better because I went to school with

Mechanics who took their religion into their occupations: James Brindley, the famous millwright, Nathaniel Bowditch, the famous ship-chandler, Elihu Burritt, the famous blacksmith, and hundreds and thousands of strong arms which have made the hammer and the saw and the adge and the drill and the axe sound in the grand march of our national industries.

Give your heart to God and then fill your life with good works. Consecrate to him your store, your shop, your banking house, your factory, and your home. They say no one will hear it. God will hear it. That is enough, You hardly know of anyone else than Wellington as connected with the victory at Waterloo; but he did not do the hard fighting. The hard fighting was done by the Somerset cavalry and the Ryland regiments, and Kemp's infantry. and the Scotch Grays, and the Life Guards. Who cares, if only the day was won?

What Is Sleep?

Prof. Debois of Lyons has recently given an interesting answer to this question. According to him, sleep may be defined as a kind of intoxication caused by carbonic acid. Experimenting with animals which hibernate in winter, such as the marmot, for instance, he finds that during the progress of hibernation there is an accumulation of carbonic acid in the blood of the unconscious animal. Further study has convenced him that the "winter sleep" of hibernating animals does not differ, as iar as its causes are concerned, from the ordinary sleep which, for shorter periods, lulls the senses and restores the strength of all animals, including man.

Dr. Nansen's Profits. Some revelations concerning the profits of Dr. Nansen's last trip in the direction of the North Pole show that polar exploration is worth while. In the course of a case in the English law courts it was learned that for three articles, which appeared in the Daily Chronicle, he received \$20,000. For his book, in which he will tell the full story of the voyage of the Fram, he is to receive \$50,000. As he expresses his confidence that he will reach the pole next time, he should soon be very rich.

BLASTS FROM THE RAM'S HORN.

Is there any thing the devil can't make out of an envious man? When you pray for a revival, don't go to church with a long face. Do away with a personal devil, and

there is no need of a personal Christ. The more men disappoint us. more we should have faith in God. It is mistake to call anything success that is not according to God's

NEWSLETS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Sc clai, Religious, Political, Criminal Oblivary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

Illinois railroads have been author ized to make a rate of one fare for the round trip to Springfield for the inaugural ceremonies. The rate will be available Jan. 9, 10 and 11, and tickets will be good for return passage as late as Jan. 12.

Illinois Central trainmen in Chicago have been instructed to allow no policeman to travel free unless he be in uniform. Officials say that fully 1,000 persons in the city are wearing hogus police stars for the purpose of avolding the payment of fares.

Rev. L. C. Martin, pastor of the German Reformed church at Waukegan, was last week adjudged insane and ordered to be taken to an asylum. Most of the time he is sane, but has occasional violent irrational periods. - In court he seemed rational, and appeared to realize his condition. It is thought rest and treatment will cure him.

Suit was instituted in the Circuit court of Cumberland county last week by Elisha Cisna, aged 21, against Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, an aged widow, for \$3,000 damages. On the afternoon of Nov. 14, while Cisna was trying to remove his trunk from Mrs. Lamb's house, where he had been making his home, she shot him with a revolver, the ball narrowly missing his stomach and entering his thigh.

Miss Nellie Carey, formerly postmaster at Kempton, Ford county, was arraigned in the United States court at Springfield last week on an old indictment for being short in her accounts with the government. She entered plea of guilty, and was fined \$25 and costs, amounting in the aggregate to something over \$100. Miss Carey's shortage, which was \$1,500 or \$1,600 was long ago made good.

The body of George Lautenschlager was found floating in the Illinois river at Pekin last week. Lautenschlager disappeared from his home Nov. 14 leaving a letter stating that he would kill himself. Bloodhounds were procured, and they ran to Bailey's lake, two miles away. The lake was thoroughly explored, without result, and the search ceased. A reward was offered for the finding the body, and his fate has remained a mystery until found in the river by some fishermen.

Charles N. Travous and Edwin D. Gillespie, assignees of John Prickett & Son, bankers, of Edwardsville, who went into liquidation Monday, prepared a statement for the information of creditors. They show assets of \$412,516.05, and liabilities of \$250,600.26. The assets include real estate in Washington and Idaho valued at \$75,000, and bonds, stocks and other securieles in those states estimated to be worth \$197,000. The liabilities consist of demand certificates, \$47,343; time certificates, \$147,-271, and personal accounts, \$55,985.

Jefferson E. Greer, a stock yards commission dealer, who resides at Thirtyfifth street and Ellis avenue, Chicago, has been sucd for \$50,000 damages by Miss Beulah B. Free for breach of \$50,000 damages for the loss of her daughter's services, owing to the great grief which Miss Free suffered.

The fraud order of the postmaster general forbidding the delivery of mail to alleged Chicago bucket-shops reached Postmaster Hesing last week and went into effect shortly before noon. The concerns affected by the order include: Frederick Wiggins & Co., Rialto Building; Andrews, Teevins & Co., Rialto Building; S. W. Carol & Co., Rialto Building; Fidelity Grain and Stock Company, Rialto Building: Mather Commission Company, Jackson street and Fifth avenue; David Van Winkle, Union Stockyards; Damain, Houser & Co., 17 Traders' Building; William Boone & Co., 21-21, 206 LaSalle street; H. F. Goodrich & Co., 215 LaSalle street; Richards, Fremont & Co., Chicago Stock Exchange Building: J. W. Wrenn & Co., Chicago Stock Exchange Building; W. G. Preston & Co., 14 and 15 Pacific avenue. The department should now go after the big gamblers. There is not a commission house connected with the Chicago Board of Trade doing a legitimate business. Dealing in grain and provision options is a business that no honest man will en-

Ex-County Treasurer Joseph Rainey was lodged in fail at Marion last week on the charge of forgery. He forged the names of his wife and Squire | ly used in the east as paper. McNally to a mortgage on eighty acres of his home farm. With this instrument he secured a loan of \$500 from Isaac A, Atwood, a neighboring farmer, and before daylight the next morning. so he claims since his arrest last night he had lost it all save a few dollars a his favorite game of poker, Rainey has heretofore had a good reputation His hearing has been set for next M

Springfield.—A corporation is being organized for the erection of a new hotel here. It is to be located at the northeast corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets, and is to cost \$185,000. The sum of \$85,000, including a subscription of \$45,000 by Chicago capitalists, is

said to be already assured. Sibley.-It is reported on the street that a mob has left the vicinity of the Geddes home for Paxton, the county seat, for the purpose of lynching the alleged murderer of Mrs. Geddes. It is reported also that parties from Danforth and Melvin, Ill., will join them, as the prisoner is accused of murder-

ing women in each place. Decatur.-Frank Cunningham, the expert telegraph operator, who in May last, under the name of F. S. Fox, attempted to get \$450 from the Citizens' National Bank of Decatur, by means of a bogus draft on the People's Bank of Bloomington, Ill., pleaded guilty and was given a sentence of five days in jail and was also fined \$100.

Elgin.-Mrs. Edith Randall Church has commenced proceedings for divorce in the Elgin Circuit court against her husband, Asa Church, alleging extreme crueity. Their marriage two years ago was the outcome of a pugilistic encounter. Miss Randall had two suitors for her hand, and they decided to fight for the honor of being her husband.

Springfield.-Governor Altgeld has issued his requisition upon the governor of Ohlo for the extradition o John Clark and Charles Cole, who are under arrest at Cleveland, O., and wanted in Chicago for burglary. Clark and Cole robbed the tobacco establishment of Joseph J. Koehle, 320 State street, Chicago, of a large amount of goods and money.

Galesburg.—By causing Guy Tuttle of this city to swallow a silver dime and using the X ray and fluoroscope, Dr. Hewitt located gall stones that had obstructed the intestines and were threatening Tuttle's life. Having been located, the stones were removed by a surgical operation. It is said that this is the first time the X ray has been used successfully for the detection of an intestinal obstruction.

Arcola.-Mrs. N. Harry, a leader in church and social circles of this city. drank carbolic acid early yesterday morning and died at 5 o'clock p. m. She had been despondent of late from brooding over troubles imaginary or real, and had been closely watched by her relatives. That morning she eluded their vigitance and took the fatal dose. The death of her husband and two brothers, which occurred recently, had affected her deeply.

Monmouth. -- Mrs. D. M. Walker, aged 60 years, of Roseville, this county, died another kerosene oil victim. filling a lamp which stood near a lighted one Mrs. Walker filled the bowl to overflowing in her haste. She struck and broke the burning lamp, igniting the oil and her clothing. She made the usual fatal mistake of running outside, and, her clothing being heavy ber body was literally roasted,

There is plenty of fun now in the gymnasium of Northwestern University, and by the time it is over the indications are that the trustees will have to erect a new building or compel the baseball team to practice next term in the snow. The fun all arises from the absence of the athletic instructor. promise. The defendant is the senior Prof. Otto Miller, who was called away member of the firm of Greer, Mills & a week ago by illness in his family. Co. He is thirty years the senior of The professor has always carefully Miss Free and has a grown son. Miss cared for all the paraphernalia. But Free, who says she was 18 years old simultaneous with his departure there when Greer first paid his addresses to was a rush to the gymnasium. Dumbher, declares that in April, 1895, Greer | bells were thrown out the window, agreed to marry her and gave her his vaulting horses piled in a corner and former wife's ring. The wedding was the floor cleared for action in football. set for June, she alleges, but Greer post- President Rogers heard what had been poned it until August, as she wanted done and visited the gymnasium, and to visit her father in Obio. On her now it is said those active in demolishreturn from Ohio, Miss Free avers, her ing university property will be given betrothed became cool in his attentions, a faculty hearing before the term and gradually forsook her. After this closes. To add to the trouble, thieves trouble the young woman went upon have appeared. On Wednesday a gold the stage, joining the De Wolf Hopper watch and Thursday an overcoat were company. Mrs. Laura E. Free, mother stolen. Those known as athletes claim of the young woman, has also sued for that the mischief has been mostly done by men who have never been known to enter the gymnasium classes during the athletic seasons.

CURIOUS WORD STUDIES.

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A chancellor was once only a door-

To provide was once simply to "look Despot originally signified "master

of the house." Paper comes from the name of at Egyptian reed.

The word chestnut came originally from Castenea. The word mob is a Latin word sig-

nifying movable. The word nice originally meant ignorant or foolish.

Scamper originally signified only "to go out of a field." The magnet is so called from the mineral magnesia.

A maneuver was once a dextrous piece of handiwork. To insult once signified to jump or dance on a dead body.

To encroach once signified to put a hook into and pull away. Leaf recalls the palm leaves former-

The dandelion was once written dent-de-lion, the lion's tooth, To speculate in its original sense

was to look out of the window. Husband was originally the house band or bond of union of the house. The word abandon originally signifled "to run away from your colors." Thetarentula is named from its ples

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TROLOGY: Th map of the hearens at the time of person's birth many useful, cur ous and importa things relating

teristics, health, wealth, business, marriage, etc. The facts and evidence will justify at all times and to all person the conclusion that some are naturally fortunate while others are just the opposite and some just an average. The astrologer always finds a maryelous sympathy existing between the indications of horoscope and the life of the person born at any particular time.

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Miss Mary, Detroit.

You have the zodiacal sign Sagi tarius, which Jupiter rules, rising your birth, and therefore Jupiter your ruling planet or significator. ittarius usually denotes a pe medium height; a well proand commanding figure; the top clear and healthy; the hair chestnut color growing thin and ing a notch above the t forehead is full and broad; the ap pressive; the laugh is loud, i cheerful; you ere jovial, happy, ous and charitable; you are kind to imals and fond of a fine horse; ye not as conservative as you ab and are liable to get into too deals; you are a natural leads have plenty of courage to carry scheme through that you know is imate; you always have a certain of good luck that does not se come to others; you may apparently b on the brink of a financial pr and just ready to tumble over, ye something will turn in your favor and pull you through all right.

Paul G. Chicago

You have the zodiscal sign T which Venus rules, rising at your and therefore Venus is your planet or significator. The sign T usually denotes a person with but full, strong and well-net broad forebead; dark, curly hair; complexion; broad full cheet shoulders; short thick neck; wide full, pouting lips; you will have habit of shaking your head side when talking earnestly. You are quiet, peaceable and patient in disposition, have great love for beautiful in art and nature; you. very fond of the fine arts, music, painting, drawing, etc. You are fond of good Hylng a generally manage to get it; subject to attacks of the blues any apparent good cause. You lose control of your temper, yet you do you become furior like to change your business or tion and have great love for he its pleasant surroundings.

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