

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"HARBOR OF HOME," LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Text: "Go Home to Thy Friends, and Tell Them How Great Things the Lord Hath Done for Thee"—From Book of Mark, Chapter 5, Verse 19.

HERE are a great many people longing for some grand sphere in which to serve God. They admire Luther at the Diet of Worms, and only wish that they had some such great opportunity in which to display their Christian prowess.

Again, I remark that home is a refuge. Life is the United States army on the national road to Mexico, a long march with ever and anon a skirmish and a battle.

There is one word in my text around which the most of our thoughts will go-day revolve. The word is HOME. Ask ten different men the meaning of that word and they will give you ten different definitions.

Ask another man what home is, and he will tell you it is want, looking out of a cheerless fire-grate and kneading hunger in an empty bread-tray.

And in the first place I remark that home is a powerful test of character. The disposition in public may be in gay costume, while in private it is in dishabille.

Reputation is only the shadow of character, and a very small house sometimes will cast a long shadow. The lips may seem to drop myrrh and castia, and the disposition to be as bright and warm as a sheaf of sunbeams.

The reason men do not display their bad temper in public is because they do not want to be knocked down. There are men who hide their petulance and their irritability just for the same reason that they do not let their notes go to protest; it does not pay.

Audubon, the great ornithologist, with gun and pencil, went through the forests of America to bring down and to sketch the beautiful birds, and after years of toil and exposure completed

his manuscript and put it in a trunk in Philadelphia for a few days of recreation and rest, and came back and found that the rats had utterly destroyed the manuscript; but without any discomposure and without any fret or bad temper, he again picked up his gun and pencil and visited again all the great forests of America and reproduced his immortal work.

Now, that man who is affable in public and who is irritable in private is making a fraudulent overture of stock, and he is as bad as a bank that might have four or five hundred thousand dollars of bills in circulation with no specie in the vault.

Yea, life is a stormy sea. With shivered masts and torn sails and hulk a-leak, we put into the harbor of home. Blessed harbor! there we go for repairs in the dry dock of quiet life.

There is the place where we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self-adulation. There is the place where we may lounge without being thought ungrateful.

Get you no hint of cheerfulness from grasshopper's leap and lamb's frisk, and quail's whistle, and garrulous streamlet, which, from the rock at the mountain-top clear down to the meadow ferns under the shadow of the steep, comes looking for the steepest place to leap off at, and talking just to hear itself talk?

One night, lying on my lounge, when very tired, my children all around about me in full romp and hilarity and laughter on the lounge, half awake and half asleep, I dreamed this dream: I was in a far country. It was not Persia, although more than Oriental luxuriance crowned the cities.

Above all, my friends, take into your homes Christian principle. Can it be that in any of the comfortable homes of my congregation the voice of prayer is never lifted? What! No supplication at night for protection? What! No thanksgiving in the morning for care?

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traveled. No world had ever hailed heaven, and heaven had never hailed any other world. I think that the windows and the balconies are thronged, and that the pearly beach was crowded with those who had come to see him sail out of the harbor of light into the oceans beyond.

At our best estate we are only pilgrims and strangers here. "Heaven is our home." Death will never knock at the door of that mansion, and in all that country there is not a single grave. How glad parents are in holiday time to gather their children home again!

Gates of pearl, capstones of amethyst, thrones of dominion do not stir my soul so much as the thought of home. Once there, let earthly sorrows howl like storms and roll like seas.

A law providing for the exclusion of illiterates would affect very slightly those races which have built up the country but would debar considerable numbers of immigrants from the less desirable places which have but recently begun to come in large numbers.

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The Fly in the Ointment. Visitor (in Ruralville).—"This is a very pleasant and homelike place and I cannot understand why so many families should have moved away from it during the last few months, as you say." Native—"You haven't heard our young ladies' brass band yet."

WORK OF CONGRESS.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AT WASHINGTON.

Nicaragua Canal Bill Exhaustively Discussed During the Week—Measure to Restrict Immigration Returned to the Committee—The Liquor Question.

Wednesday, Feb. 3. After a brief parliamentary struggle in the senate the friends of the Nicaragua canal bill were unable to hold a quorum and sit out the obstruction to that measure.

Thursday, Jan. 4. The proceedings in the house were public interest. The major portion of the day was devoted to the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

Friday, Feb. 5. Senator McMillan introduced, by request, in the senate, a bill declaring "The Star Spangled Banner" to be the national song of the United States.

WHERE ILLITERATE IMMIGRANTS COME FROM. Percentages of illiteracy among immigrants from those nations of Europe which sent upward of 2,000 immigrants to the United States during the fiscal year 1895-96.

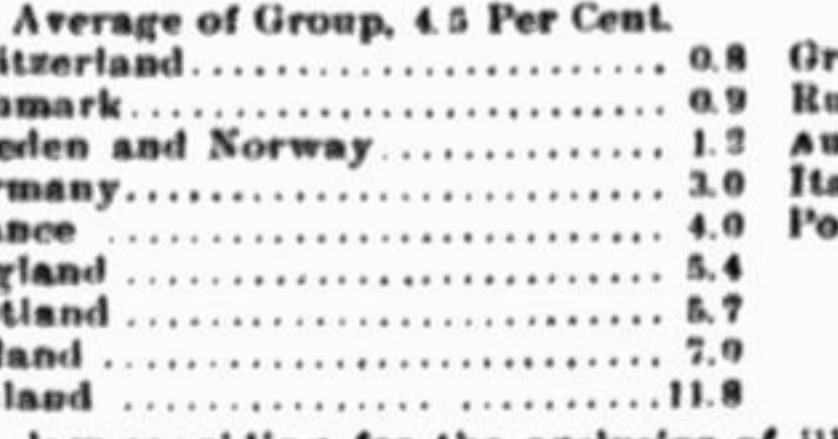


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POPE HAS ANOTHER ATTACK. Despite the statement of Dr. Laponis to the contrary, the London Daily News correspondent in Rome is informed that the pope was on Friday found lying on the back of a chair.

Rawlins Elected in Utah. J. L. Rawlins has been elected United States senator on the following vote: Rawlins, 32; Thacher, 23; Henderson, 1; Brown, 1.

Nebraska Women Can Not Vote. The bill providing for a constitutional amendment giving Nebraska women the right to vote was defeated in the lower house of the legislature Monday by the decisive vote of 16 to 10.

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