

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

A SHATTERED FAITH LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text: "And Some Are Broken Pieces from the Ship"—Acts, Chapter XVII, Verse 43—Saving the Wrecked on Life's Tempestuous Sea.



EVER off Goodwin Sands, or the Skerries, or Cape Hatteras, was a ship in worse predicament than, in the Mediterranean, was the grain ship on which two hundred and seventy-six passengers were driven on the coast of Malta, five miles from the metropolis of that island, called Citta Vecchia.

Knowing that they can never get to the desired port, they make the sea on the fourteenth night black with overthrown cargo, so that when the ship strikes it will not strike so heavily.

Oh, what will become of them? "Take that piece of a rudder," says Paul to one. "Take that fragment of a spar," says Paul to another. "Take that image of Castor and Pollux,"

I believe in both the Heidelberg and Westminster Catechisms, and I wish you all did; but you may believe in nothing they contain except the one idea, that Christ came to save sinners,

I am talking with a man thoughtful about his soul who has lately traveled through New England and passed the night at Andover. He says to me: "I cannot believe that in this life the destiny is irrevocably fixed; I think there will be another opportunity of repentance after death."

run the risk of such other chance as wise men think they can peel off or twist out of a Scripture passage that has for all the Christian centuries been interpreted another way."

Says some other man: "I would attend to religion if I was quite sure about the doctrine of election and free agency, but that mixes me all up."

While I am talking to another man about his soul he tells me: "I do not believe there is any hell at all." Ah! don't you? Do all the people of all beliefs and no belief at all, of good morals and bad morals go straight to a happy heaven? Do the holy and the debauched have the same destination?

"But I don't believe in revivals!" Then go to your room, and all alone, with your door locked, give your heart to God, and join some church where the thermometer never gets higher than fifty in the shade.

"But I do not believe in baptism!" Come in without it and settle that matter afterward. "But there are as many inconsistent Christians!" Then come in and show them by a good example how professors should act.

You may get all your difficulties settled as Garibaldi, the magnetic Italian, got his gardens made. When the war between Austria and Sardinia broke out he was living at Capra, a very rough and uncultivated island home.

way to a pictured mansion. And I tell you if you will come and enlist under the banner of our Victor Emmanuel, and follow him through thick and thin, and fight his battles, and endure his sacrifices, you will find after awhile that he has changed your heart from a jungle of thorny scepticisms into a garden all abloom with luxuriant joy that you have never dreamt of.

I do not know how your theological system went to pieces. It may be that your parents started you with only one plank, and you believe little or nothing. Or they may have been too rigid and severe in religious discipline, and cracked you over the head with a psalm book.

If you can believe nothing else, you certainly believe in vicarious suffering, for you see it almost every day in some shape. The steamship Knickerbocker, of the Cromwell line, running between New Orleans and New York, was in great storms, and the captain and crew saw the schooner Mary D. Cramer, of Philadelphia, in distress.

The weather cold, the waves mountain high, the first officer of the steamboat and four men put out in a life-boat to save the crew of the schooner, and reached the vessel and towed it out of danger, the wind shifting so that the schooner was saved.

You admit you are all broken up, one decade of your life gone by, two decades, three decades, four decades, a half-century, perhaps three-quarters of a century gone.

From many a deathbed I have seen the hands thrown up in deprecation something like this: "My life has been wretched. I had good mental faculties and fine social position and great opportunity, but through worldliness and neglect all has gone to waste save these few remaining hours.

The Porcupine's Quills. The current opinion that a porcupine throws its quills at an enemy is not supported by facts, says the Portland Oregonian: The spines of the porcupine are very loosely attached to the body and are very sharp—as sharp as a needle.

Theory About Quinine. It is claimed that the tree from the bark of which quinine is obtained furnishes no quinine except in malarial regions. If the tree is planted in a malarial district it will produce quinine; if it is planted in a non-malarial district it will not produce quinine.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

REPORTED BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

February 12. The house met at 5 o'clock, but remained in session only a few minutes. Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Daugherty—To enable park commissioners to sell lands no longer needed for park purposes. By Mr. Metcalf—Amending the flag law by striking out all parts of the act pertaining to country school houses and providing that the flag shall be unfurled over the other buildings mentioned in the law only on national holidays.

Mr. Merriam's bill in relation to the election of aldermen in cities which have adopted the minority representation plan came up on first reading. Mr. Revel objected. The bill was not advanced.

February 12. Senator Dwyer's garbage bill was passed. The bill provides that contracts for the final disposal of garbage be made in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants for more than one year and not to exceed five years.

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State Items. Boston is complaining that she has not enough poor to give all of her contributions to. Let her send some of them to Chicago.

Illitee did not present a minority report as had been expected. The senate joint resolution introduced by Senator Sparks urging the Illinois members of Congress to use their influence and votes to secure the recognition of the belligerent rights of Cuba was laid before the house by Speaker Curtis.

The bill to repeal the libel law passed two years ago was called up in the house by Mr. Revel and placed on its final passage. The measure called forth the first real debate of the session, and caused the lobby and galleries to fill with listeners, who paid close attention to the discussion.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal Gov. Tanner sent to the senate the following appointments, with the request that they be confirmed: Board of commissioners of the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet, John H. Pierce, Kewanee, to succeed Daniel Hoeman, term expired; Homer H. Green, Bloomington, to succeed Harry A. Sanger, term expired; Thomas J. O'Shaughnessy, Chicago, to succeed Levi Waterman, removed. Members of the board of commissioners of labor, P. H. Donnelly, Springfield, and James Alexander, Murphysboro, to fill vacancies existing on the board; Andrew Yeager, Alton, to succeed W. E. R. Kell, resigned; T. D. Kelliger, Pana, to succeed J. C. Lutz, resigned; S. M. Dulzel, Spring Valley, to succeed C. G. Silvers, resigned. Members of the board of managers of the Illinois state reformatory at Pontiac, Thomas C. MacMillan of Chicago, to succeed Martin B. Madden, resigned; William Jackson of Rock Island, to succeed John W. Ha, term expired. The senate immediately went into executive session and confirmed the appointments.

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Fifteen thousand cattle and 20,000 hogs are fattening on a 55,000-acre farm in Atchison, Mo.

Millions of Cook Books Given Away. There is one large house in this country that has taken business on its turn and means to ride in on the rising tide. Alive to the signs of better times and to the best interests of the people, they are now circulating among families a valuable publication known as The Charles A. Vogeler Company's Cookery Book and Book of Comfort and Health, which contains very choice information on the subject of cooking. Recipes for the preparation of good, substantial and dainty dishes, prepared especially for it by a leading authority, will be found in its pages.

It also contains full information in regard to the great remedies of this house, which provide against bodily ailments, especially the Master Cure for Pains and Aches, St. John's Oil. To give some idea of the labor and expense of this output, more than 300 tons of paper have been used in its publication, and at the rate of 100,000 a day, it has taken several months for the issue.

Children's Letters. Children should be encouraged to write letters. It gives them facility in writing. It gives them facility in expressing their ideas, and if the habit is established in childhood, it is less difficult in after life. When they leave the old home a regular correspondence is a source of the greatest comfort to both parents and children, and frequent letters help to keep the fraternal strong between brothers and sisters.

GUARANTEED. We know there is no case of dyspepsia or constipation or derangement of the stomach, liver, kidneys or bowels so bad but that Dr. Kay's Renovator will cure it. We guarantee it. Never has there been such unqualified success in treating all such cases with any other remedy. You should try it now. There is no better spring medicine. You will be more than pleased if you try it. The following is a sample of the thousands of letters received by us. Mr. Edward Wood, of Fritchburg, Iowa, writes: "I have taken Dr. Kay's Renovator and it has cured me of dyspepsia of about ten years standing. I was so bad that everything I ate caused me stomachic pain. I can now eat anything. I am now 71 years old."

No Kissing in Japan. No kissing ever occurs in Japan except between husband and wife—not even between a mother and child; no shaking of hands in salutation. If one were to offer a kiss to a Japanese man, she would probably think she was going to be bitten.

See BUS. OATS, 175 BUS. BARLEY. M. M. Lather, East Troy, Pa., grew 300 bushels Salsar's Silver Mine Oats, and John Breider, Mishott, Pa., 175 bushels Silver King Barley per acre. Don't you believe it? Write them! Podder plants as rape, turnips, vetch, spurry, clovers, grasses, etc., in endless varieties, potatoes at \$1.50 a barrel. Salsar's seeds are bred to big yields. America's greatest seed catalogue and 12 farm seed samples are sent you by John A. Salsar Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 10 cents stamps, worth \$10, to get a start. W.A.

Yell County, Arkansas. Yell county, Arkansas, probably takes its name from what appears to be its leading industry. It produced seventeen more babies in 1894 than any other county in the state.—Rz.

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