TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE POMOLOGY OF THE HOLY BIBLE.

God Among the Orchards-"The Fruit Tree Yielding Fruit After His Klad" Genesis; Chapter I., Verse II, -Why Was the Orchard First?



IS Wednesday morning in Paradisc. The birds did not sing their opening piece, nor the fish take their first swim until the following Friday. The solar and lunar lights did not break through the thick, chaotic fog of the world's manufacture until

Thursday. Before that there was light, but it was electric light or phosphorescent light, not the light of sun or moon. But the botanical and pomological productions came on Wednesday—first the flowers, and then the fruits. The veil of fog is lifted, and there stand the orchards. Watch the sudden maturity of the fruit! In our time pear trees must have two years before they bear fruit, and peach trees three years, and apple trees five years; but here, instantly, a complete orchard springs into life, all the branches bearing fruit. The insectile forces, which have been doing their worst to destroy the fruits for six thousand years, had not yet begun their invasion. The had the phylloxera plague, which has easier for me to believe than the truth devastated the vineyards of America of this Edenic story, for I have seen and France, assailed the grapes, nor the same thing in this year of our the borer perforated the wood, nor the | Lord 1897. I could call them by name, aphides ruined the cherry, nor the if it were politic and righteous to do grub punctured the nectarine, nor the | so, the men who have sacrificed a parblight struck the pear. There stood the | adise on earth and a paradise in heavfirst orchard, with a perfection of rind, and an exquisiteness of color, and Their library went. Their good name a lusciousness of taste, and an atfluence of production which it may Their health went. Their immortal soul take thousands of years more of study | went. My friends! there is just one of the releace of fruits to reproduce.

Why was the orchard created two days before the fish and birds, and three days before the cattle? Among other things, to impress the world with a lesson it is too stupid to learn -that fruit diet is healthier than meat diet, and that the former must precede the latter. The reason there are in the world so many of the imbruted and sensual is that they have not improved by the mighty, unnoticed fact that the orchards of paradise preceded the berds and aviaries, and fish-ponds. Oh, those fruit-bearing trees on the banks of the Euphrates, and the Gihon, and the Hiddekel! I wonder not that the ancient Romans, ignorant of our God, adored Pomona, the Goddess of Fruits, and that all the aylvan detties were said to worship her, and that groves were set apart as her temples. You have thanked God for bread thousand times. Have you thanked him for the fruits which he made the first course of food in the menu of the world's table? The acids of those fruits to keep the world's table from being insipld, and their sweets to keep It from being too sour?

At this autumnal season how the or chards breathe and glow, the leaves removed, that the crimson, or pink, or saffron, or the yellow, or brown may the better appear, while the aromatics fill the air with invitation and reminiscence. As you pass through orchard on these autumnal days and look up through the arms of the trees laden with fruit, you hear thumping on the ground that which is fully ripe. and, throwing your arms around the trunk, you give a shake that sends down a shower of gold and fire on all sides of you. Pile up in baskets and barrels and bins and on shelves and tables the divine supply. But these orchards have been under the assault of at least sixty centuries—the storm the droughts, the winters, the insec-What must the first orchard have been? And yet it is the explorer's evidence that on the site of that orchard there is not an apricot, or an apple, or an olive-nothing but desert and desolation. There is not enough to forage the explorer's horse, much less to feed his own hunger. In other words, that first orchard is a lost or chard. How did the proprietor and the proprietress of all that intercolumniation of fruitage, let the rich splendor slip their possession? It was as nov most of the orchards are lost; namely, by wanting more. Access they had to all the fig-trees, apricots, walnuts, almonds, apples-bushels on bushels,and were forbidden the use of only one tree in the orchard. Not satisfied with all but one, they reached for that, and lost the whole orchard. Go right down through the business marts of the great cities and find among the weighers and clerks and subordinates, men who once commanded the commercial world. They had a whole orchard of successes, but they wanted just one more thing-one more house, or one more country-seat, or one more store, or one more railroad, or one more milsion. They clutched for that, and lost all they had gained. For one more tree they lost a whole orchard. There are business men all around us worried nearly to death. The doctor tells them they ought to stop. Insomnia or indigestion or aching at the base of the brain or ungovernable nerves tell them they ought to stop. They really have enough for themselves and their families. Talk with them about their overwork, and urge more prudence and longer rest, and they say: "Yes, you are right; after I have accomplished one more thing that I have on my mind, I will hand over my business to my sons and go to Europe, and quit the kind of exhausting life I have been living for the last thirty years." Some morning you open your paper, and,

he suddenly departed this life. In trying to win just one more tree, he lost the whole orchard.

Youder is a man with many-styles of innocent entertainment and amusement. He walks, he rides, he plays ten-pins in private alleys, he has books on his table, pictures on his wall and occasional outings, concerts, lectures, baseball tickets, and the innumerable delights of friendship. But be wants a key to the place of dissolute convocation. He wants association with some member of a high family as reckless as he is affluent. He wants instead of a quiet sabbath, one of carousal. He wants the stimulus of strong drinks. He wants the permissions of a profligate life. The one membership, the one bad habit, the one carousal robs him of all the possibilities and innocent enjoyments and roble inspirations of a lifetime.

You see what an expensive thing is sin. It costs a thousand times more than it is worth. As some of all kinds of quadrupeds and all kinds of winged creatures passed before our progenitor that he might announce a name, from eagle to bat, and from lion to mole, so I suppose there were in paradise specimens of every kind of fruit tree. And in that enormous orchard there was not only enough for the original family of two, but enough fruit fell ripe to the ground, and was never picked up, to supply whole towns and villages, if they had existed. But the infatuated couple turned away from all these other trees and faced this tree; and fruit of that they will have though it cost them all paradise.

This story of Eden is rejected by cureulio had not yet stung the plum, some as an improbability, if not an nor the caterpillar hurt the apple, nor | impossibility, but nothing on earth is en for one sin. Their house went. went. Their field of usefulness went. sin that will turn you out of paradise if you do not quit it. You know what it is, and God knows, and you had better drop the hand and arm lifted toward that bending bough before you pluck your own ruin. When Adam stood on tiptoe and took in his right hand that one round peach, or apricot, or apple Satan reached up and pulled down the round, beautiful world of our present residence. Overworked artist, overwrought merchant, ambitious politician, avaricious speculator, better take that warning from Adam's orchard and stop before you put out for that one thing more. But I turn from Adam's orchard to

Solomon's orchard. With his own

hand he writes: "I made me gardens

and orchards." Not depending on the natural fall of rain, he irrigated those orchards. Pieces of the aqueduct that watered those gardens I have seen, and the reservoirs are as perfect as when thousands of years ago the mason's trowel smoothed the mortar over their gray surfaces. No orchard of olden or modern time, probably, ever had its thirst so well slaked. The largest of these reservoirs is 582 feet long, 207 feet wide, and 50 feet deep. These reservoirs Solomon refers to when he says: "I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees." Solomon used to ride out to that orchard before breakfast. It gave him an appetite and something orchards, with twelve manner of to think about all the day. Josephus, fruits and yielding their fruit every the historian, represents him as going out "early in the morning from Jerusalem to the famed rocks of Etam, a fertile region, delightful with paradises and running springs. Thither the king. in robes of white, rode in his charlot, escorted by a troop of mounted archers chosen for their youth and stature, and clad in Tyrian purple, whose long hair, powdered with gold dust, sparkled in the sun." After Solomon had taken his morning ride in these luxuriant orchards he would sit down and write those wonderful things in the Bible, drawing his illustrations from the fruits he had that very morning plucked or ridden under. And, wishing to praise the coming Christ, he says: "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved." And wishing to describe the love of the church for her Lord, he writes: 'Comfort me with apples, for I am sick of love," and desiring to make reference to the white hair of the octogenarian, and just before having noticed that the blossoms of the almond tree were white, he says of the aged man; "The almond tree shall flourish." The walnuts and the pomegranates, and the mandrakes, and the figs make Solomon's writings a divinely arranged

What mean Solomon's orchards and Solomon's gardens? for they seem to mingle, the two into one, flowers under foot, and pomegranates over head. To me they suggest that religion is a luxury. All along, the world has looked upon religion chiefly as a dire necessity-a lifeboat from the shipwreck, a ladder from the conflagration, a soft landing-place after we have been shoved off the precipice of this planet. As a consequence so many have said: "We will await preparation for the future until the crash of the shipwreck, until the conflagration is in full blaze, until we reach the brink of the precipice." No doubt religion is inexpressibly important for the last exigency. But what do the apples, and the figs, and the melons, and the pomegranates, and the citron, and the olives of Solomon's orchard mean? Luxury! They mean that our religion is the luscious, the aromatic, the pungent, the arborescent, the efforescent, the foliaged, the umbrageous. They mean what Edward Payson meant when he declared: "If my happiness continues to increase I cannot support it much lon-

a Hindoo convert, meant when he said: "I long for my bed, not that I may sleep-I lie awake often and longbut to hold communion with my God." It means what the old colored man said, when he was accosted by the colporteur, "Uncle Jack, how are you?" "I is very painful in my knee, but, thank my heavenly Master. I'm cause to be thankful. My good Master just gib me nuf to make me humble." "And do you enjoy religion as much now, Uncle Jack, as when you could go to church and class-meetings?" "Yes, I "joys him more. Den I truss to de people, to de meetings, to de sarment; and when I hear de hymn sing, and de pray I feels glad. But all dis ain't like de good Lord in de heart, God's love here." It means sunrise instead of sundown. It means the Memnon statue made to sing at the stroke of the morning light. It means Christ at the wedding in Cana. It means the "time of the singing of birds is come. It means Jeremiah's "well-watered garden." It means David's oil of gladness." It means Isaiah's "bride and bridegroom." It means Luke's bad boy come home to a father's house. Worldly joy killed Leo X, when he heard that Milan was captured. Talva died of Joy when the Roman senate honored him. Diagora died of joy because his three sons were crowned at the Olympian games. Sophocles died of joy over his literary successes. And religious joy has been too much for many a Christian, and his soul has sped

An old and poor musician played so well one night before his king that the next morning when the musician awoke he found his table covered with golden cups and plates, and a princely robe lying across the back of a chair, and richly caparisoned horses were pawing at the doorway to take him through the street in imposing equipage. It was only a touch of what comes to every man who makes the Lord his portion, for he has waiting for him, direct from his King, robes, banquets, charlots, mansions, triumphs, and it is only a question of time when he shall wear them, drink them, ride in them, live in them, and celebrate them.

away on the wing of hosannas.

You think religion is a good thing for a funeral. O, yes. But Solomon's orchard means more. Religion is a good thing now, when you are in health and prosperity, and the appetite is good for citrons, and apples, and apricots, and pomegranates. Come in without wasting any time in talking about them and take the luxuries of religion. Happy yourself, then you can make others happy. Make just one person happy every day, and in twenty years you will have made seven thousand three hundred people happy. I like what Wellington said after the battle of Waterloo, and when he was in pursuit of the French with his advance guard, and Colonel Harvey said to him: "General, you had better not go any farther, for you may be shot at by some straggler from the bushes," And Wellington replied: "Let them fire away. The battle is won and my life is of no value now."

While there is enough of the pomp of the city about heaven for those who like the city best, I thank God there is enough in the Bible about country scenery in heaven to please those of | United States senator poured money inus who were born in the country and streets of gold in heaven; give - the to local matters, all tending to decrease month; and the leaves of the trees are for "the healing of the nations; and there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads; and there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever." But just think of a place so brilliant that the noonday sun shall be removed from the mantle of the sky because it is too feeble a taper! Yet, most of all, am I impressed with the fact that I am not yet fit for that place, nor you, either. By the reconstructing and sanctifying grace of Christ we need to be made all over. And be getting our passports ready if we want to get into that country. An earthly passport is a personal matter, telling our height, our girth, the color of our hair, our features, our complexion, and our age. I cannot get into a foreign port on your passport, nor can you get in on mine. Each one of us for himself needs a divine signature, written by the wounded hand of the Son of God, to get into the heavenly orchard, under the laden branches o which, in God's good time, we may meet the Adam of the first orchard, and the Solomon of the second orchard and the St. John of the last orchard, to sit down under the tree of which the church in the Book of Canticles speaks when it says: "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste:" and there it may be found that today we learned the danger of hankering after one thing more, and that religion is a luxury, and that there is a Divine antidote for all poisons, and that we heaven, and that it was a wholesome and saving thing for us to have discoursed on the pomology of the Bible; or God Among the Orchards.

Our faith is sane and reasonable, with its radiant facts, its convincing principles, its simple commandments, its practical services, its wide sympathies, a religion with the arch of blue above its head and the homely wild flowers round its feet, Rev. John coking at the death column, you find | ger." It means what Bapa Padmanji, | Watson.

ELECTION RESULTS.

OFF YEAR BUT REPUBLICANS CAME OUT WELL.

New York Is Lost to Good Government but Ohto and Maryland Stand Well in Line with The Republicans-Tariff OJust High Enough.

(Washington Lette")

Much more interest has been manifested this year in elections than is usual at any time other than in presi-

dential elections. Off-years in politics, with a Republican President in the white house, do not as a rule favor Republican success. but the Republican party in the great contests which have been waged in several states have well withstood the reaction which always follows a presi dential victory at the polls. The fight has been strong and bitter, and while both heavy losses as well as satisfactory gains are seen, the Republicans here feel in a good frame of mind over the result. The general result is looked upon as a vindication of the cause of sound money and an upholding of the administration.

New York, where was the most concentrated fight, through division in the Republican ranks, has been handed over to the control of Tammany and the management of that city will shortly undergo a radical change. Outside of New York, where the fighting was bitter to an extreme, the state of Ohio furnished the most exciting and

of 121/2 cents per ounce. This company mines and the silver extracted from the ore is produced at a much less cost than in most mines which produce silver exclusively. The Anaconda mine of Montana, which by the way is owned by British capitalists, is a copper mine, but the ore contains a large per cent of silver. Last year the mine paid a profitable dividend through its copper production, and yielded in addition 6,000,000 ounces of silver, which, of

GEO. H. WILLIAMS.

Increase in Sheep Values.

The difference in the value of shee under free-trade and protection shown in the results of an assignee sale of the estate of Thomas McElroy. a farmer in Jefferson county, Ohio, who had given particular attention to sheep husbandry. This sale took place in October, 1894, a few weeks after the passage of the Wilson bill, and the animals offered were all fine black-top merinos. The files of the Ohio "State Journal" show that forty ewes were sold for 69 cents each, 30 lambs for 20 a billion dollars a year by decreased cents each, and one registered buck for 50 cents. Other lots chosen from the flock sold at similar prices, and all were fine mering sheep.

"Secretary Miller of the State Board of Agriculture," says the Piqua "Dispatch," "is authority for the statement that today ewes of the same grade are worth \$3 to \$4 each, lambs \$2 to \$2.50. and registered bucks from \$15 to \$25. A few days ago the Insurance Association of Medina county made an allowimportant campaign. In that state ance of \$2 each for common breed the fight was fierce and the methods lambs. This is what the Republicans

operates immense copper and lead course, was all net profit.

products. With a hundred thousand tons of Alabama coal going to Mexico for the use of her railroad locomotives in competition with English coal, it looks as though a new field is open to the south for her rich products.

REPUBLICAN OPINION.

Ex-Candidate Bryan accounts for the

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with our export trade.

"The revival of all industries and the commencement of prosperity in all parts of the United States were the natural and necessary results of the action of the President and a Republican congress."-John Sherman.

With all the Democratic vituperations against the oppressions and wickedness of the Dingley law, we haven't heard any wish expressed yet to return to the beneficent provisions of the Wilson law.

Mr. Bryan made numerous speeches during his recent tour through Ohio, but reading one was reading them all.

It is to be expected that Democrats will deny that the Dingley law has anything to do with the return of prosperity to the country.

"The first six months of the McKinley administration were the most disastrous in the history of the country." -William Jennings Bryan. That's a good one, Mr. Bryan; give us another.

The total value of the agricultural products of Kansas for 1897, according In April, 1896, there were 2,633,410 to the report of the board of agriculture of that state, in \$176,000,000, the largest in the present decade.



A TEN STRIKE: ALL DOWN!

dirty. Every possible abuse was aimed at Senator Hanna, whose confirmation for the Republican vote singled him out as a target for Democratic orators and methods. There is no doubt as to how the State would have voted had the question been simply a vote on Republican principles, and the McKinley administration. But a number of local matters came into the fight in whose interest national issue lost to a large extent. turbulence of the coal strike barely subsided when Bryan's flerce speeches arraying class against class again started it into action. great play of John McLean to become to the state. In Cleveland and Cincinnever got over it. Now you may have | nati there were factional splits, owing the normal Republican majority; yet notwithstanding all these things Ohio elected a Republican governor and will elect a Republican senator, thus giving her a solid Republican representation in the senate for the time in many years, prior to Senator Hanna's appointment by Governor Bushnell.

In Maryland the fight was only a litthe less determined and the interest but slightly less. Gorman was defeat ed in his very stronghold, Baltimore Maryland also will have a double Republican representation in the

senate for the first time in history. On the whole, while the Democrats profess jubilance and satisfaction at having carried New York city, they are really sorely disappointed at their failure to capture the legislatures of both Maryland and Ohio. It is stated on good authority that it was the intention of the Ohio legislature, in case it had been Democratic, to immediately proceed to redistrict the entire state in such manner as to give the Democrats in the next congress at least eight or ten members from that state. But that little patriotic scheme was knocked in the head by the Republic-

an voters of the Buckeye state, Treasury reports show a considerable growth in the internal revenue receipts which is due to two causes, the improvement in business and the increase in certain taxes. The combined receipts from the customs and internal revenue will not probably for some two or three months equal the expenditures of the government, but the one is steadily climbing up on the other, and that result will be reached early in the new year. Long before the law shall have been in operation one year it will be producing a surplus instead of a deficit. Democratic editors and others are making their usual howls about the Dingley deficit, but the difference between the Wilson deficit and the Dingley deficit, is that in the present case nobody is at all alarmed. The shortage is believed by everybody to be merely temporary and the gold reserve is meanwhile piling up.

Reports recently received show that silver in many places, notably New South Wales, is produced at a cost of 25 cents per ounce and less. Broken Hill Company of New South Wales has for the past five years been putting silver on the market at a cost | ing

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sheep owned in the state of Ohio, in Texas 2,911,993 in California 2,739,967, in Oregon 2,486.247, in Montana 2,969,-657, in New Mexico 2,595,652, in Utah 1,902,516, in Michigan 1,438,891, in Wyoming 1,296,134, in Colorado 1,258,-373, and in all the states and territories the total sheep owned was 36,461,-405. Allowing an average gain of \$2 per head in the market value of ewes, lambs and bucks, as contrasted with the prices realized at the assignee's sale in October, 1894, the total addition to the wealth of the country from this source alone amounts to \$72,928,810.

Twin Comrades of Calamity.

"For the first quarter of the present fiscal year the deficit is \$29,000,000, and it would have been even more had not the people consumed more alcoholic spirits than usual and run the internal revenue receipts up a few millions. If. however, the increase in the consumption of liquor continues to expand at the same rate, the Republican party will have the profound gratification of seeing the people drink the deficit out of existence. This can hardly be regarded as a victory for temperance, but as long as it is a Republican triumph, what's the odds?-Memphis Commercial.

This sour old Bourbon ought to find comfort in the reflection that as a rule free trade gets its biggest vote in the localities where the largest quantities of whisky are consumed, and that protection thrives best where moderation and temperance abide. The withdrawal from bonded warehouses of spirits used in manufactures and the arts will, however, account in great part for the increase of receipts from internal revenue. Manufactures and the arts have been the first to feel the impulse of prosperity. Then, too, the consumption of light wines and beer always increases in good times. Drunkenness and pauperism go together, twin comrades of free trade.

Well Dressed Women.

"America, which has had reason to boast so long of its beautiful and wellgowned womankind, has dealt them savage blow by the clause in its tariff bill preventing them from taking over frocks from Europe, except on payment of heavy duties. It is really too bad."-The Country Gentleman, London, September, 1897.

If the Country Gentleman could only be spared from looking after his crops. don't you know, he would find more better dressed women in any city of the United States, and all of them wearing American made dresses, than he could find either in London or Par-What can beat our tailor-made gowns? "It is really too bad" you can't leave your farm, old chap,

They Must Buy. Foreign nations are obliged to buy our wares whether we purchase theirs or not.-Minneapolis Minn., "Tribune."

Certainly they are, all free-trade the the souls of their October 9, 1897, ories to the contrary notwithstand-



Will Reach a Normal Basis. "The statistics for September show that under the most adverse conditions the Dingley bill promises to dissipate the Wilson deficit."-St. Louis Star. Oct. 10, 1897.

The decrease of dutiable imports of merchandise for September, 1897, as compared with September, 1896. amounted to \$6,553,019, while the decreame of nearly \$2,000,000 in non-dis tiable imports swelled the total falling off for the month to \$8,445,972. Every body knows why this decrease occur and everybody but the free trade contents knows that as soon as country shall have worked off the accumulation of foreign goods were crowded in during the li months of the Wilson bill will reach a normal basis of and supply, and revenue creased according