

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

HARMONY AND MELODY LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Strong Influence in After Years of Hymns Heard and Committed to Memory in Early Life—The Old Fashioned Pulpit.

[Copyright, 1900, by Louis Klopsch.] Text, Psalm cxviii, 14: "The Lord is my strength and song."

The most fascinating theme for a heart properly attuned is the Saviour. There is something in the morning light to suggest Him and something in the evening shadow to speak His praise.

Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

Over the old-fashioned pulpits there was a sounding board. The voice of the minister rose to the sounding board and then was struck back again upon the ears of the people.

Instead of waiting until you get sick and worn out before you sing the praise of Christ, while your heart is happiest and your step is lightest and your fortunes smile and your pathway blossoms and the overarching heavens drop upon you their benediction, speak the praises of Jesus.

The old Greek orators, when they saw their audiences inattentive and slumbering, had one word with which they would rouse them up to the greatest enthusiasm.

Power of the Hymns. Taking the suggestion of the text, I shall speak to you of Christ our Song. I remark, in the first place, that Christ ought to be the cradle song.

We want some counteracting influence upon our children. The very moment your child steps into the street he steps into the path of temptation. There are foul-mouthed children who would like to besoul your little ones.

of it and bitter desolation and a sigh at nightfall with no one to put to bed. The heavenly shepherd will take that lamb safely anyhow, whether you have been faithful or unfaithful, but would it not have been pleasant if you could have heard from those lips the praises of Christ?

Oh, if I could gather up in one paragraph the last words of the little ones who have gone out from all these Christian circles, and I could picture the calm looks and the folded hands and sweet departure, methinks it would be grand and beautiful as one of heaven's great dogologies!

Songs for the Old. I next speak of Christ as the old man's song. Quick music loses its charm for the aged ear.

I was one Thanksgiving day in my pulpit in Syracuse, and Rev. Daniel Waldo, at 98 years of age, stood beside me. The choir sang a tune. I said, "I am sorry they sang that new tune; nobody seems to know it."

Words of Peace. I speak to you again of Jesus as the night son. Job speaks of Him who giveth songs in the night. John Welch, the old Scotch minister, used to put a plaid across his bed on cold nights, and some one asked him why he put that there.

to turn the hot pillow, no one to put the taper on the stand, no one to put ice on the temples or pour out the soothing anodyne or utter one cheerful word. Yet songs in the night! For the poor, who freeze in the winter's cold and swelter in the summer's heat and munch the hard crusts that bleed the sore gums and shiver under blankets that cannot any longer be patched and tremble because rent day is come and they may be set out on the sidewalk and looking into the starved face of the child and seeing famine there and death there, coming home from the bakery and saying in the presence of the little famished ones "Oh, my God, flour has gone up!"

A Christian woman, the wife of a minister of the gospel, was dying in the parsonage near the old church, where on Saturday night the choir used to assemble and rehearse for the following Sabbath, and she said: "How strangely used the choir rehearses tonight. They have been rehearsing there for an hour."

I wonder—and this is a question I have been asking myself all the service—will you sing that song? Will I sing it? Not unless our sins are pardoned and we learn now to sing the praise of Christ will we ever sing it there.

I was reading of the battle of Agincourt, in which Henry V. figured, and it is said after the battle was won, gloriously won, the king wanted to acknowledge the divine interposition and he ordered the chaplain to read the Psalm of David, and when he came to the words, "Not unto us, O Lord, but to Thy name be the praise," the king dismounted, and all the great officers and men, threw themselves on their faces.

Friskiness of Boer Ballets. The friskiness performances of the Mauser bullets, as reported by surgeons from South Africa, are almost unbelievable. Letters received from Mr. Frederick Treves, the eminent London surgeon now at the front, speak of one bullet which entered the top of the head, passed down through the brain into the mouth and finally out at the side of the neck.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Show Signs of Regaining Former Prestige.

THEY WIN SMALL VICTORIES.

Capture Six British Guns Near Bloemfontein—The Empire's Losses at Warrentown Prove Twice as Great as It Was at First Reported.

Wednesday, March 28. Joubert, Boer commander-in-chief, died at Pretoria of a stomach complaint. Kruger will be his nominal successor, but Louis Botha will have actual command.

Cape Colony loyalists complain of leniency to Boer sympathizers. Roberts began his advance north. Buller is nearly ready.

Boers claim to have driven British from Ladybrand. Boers destroyed several Natal coal mines. Mafeking was bombarded on Monday.

Thursday, March 29. Boers concentrating near Glen, fifteen miles north of Bloemfontein. Roberts sent 10,000 men to reinforce 10,000 already there. Kruger boasted he would retake Bloemfontein within a week.

Friday, March 30. French's men met advance guard of Boers at Kamee Siding and drove them back: British lost one killed and 109 wounded. Advance in force predicted within two weeks, with largest army yet concentrated against Burgers.

March 31 and April 1. Six guns and a convoy returning from Thaba Nchu to Bloemfontein were ambushed and captured by Boers. Colville's division sent to scene and shelled Boers. British loss at Warrentown was twice as great as originally reported.

Monday, April 2. Fighting supposed to be in progress near Thaba Nchu between Boers and force sent to recapture guns and men. Reichman, a German-American, com-

MAGNETIC POLE IS LOCATED.

Southern Cross Arrives with the Borchgrevink Party.

The exploring steamer Southern Cross, bearing C. E. Borchgrevink and the survivors of the south polar expedition fitted out in 1898 by Sir George Newnes of London, arrived at Campbell Town, near Bluff Harbor, New Zealand, Sunday. Mr. Borchgrevink reports that the magnetic pole has been located. N. Hansen, one of the zoologists who started with the expedition, died on the voyage.

The Borchgrevink expedition left Hobart, Tasmania, for the antarctic region on Dec. 19, 1898. During the latter part of February, 1899, the members landed from the Southern Cross near Cape Adair, Victoria Land, it having been arranged that the steamer should leave them there with full equipment of every kind and should return for them early in 1900.

TO TAX PUERTO RICO COFFEE.

Senate Adopts an Amendment to the Puerto Rican Bill.

The senate on Thursday adopted the amendment to the Puerto Rico bill, imposing a tariff of 5 cents a pound on all coffee imported into the island, and defeated an amendment to strike out the clause levying a tax of 15 per cent of the Dingley rates on all imports from Puerto Rico. The vote on the coffee amendment was 13 to 32, and the vote on the motion to strike out the tariff section was 16 to 33.

Fire on a Ship at Sea. The steamer Manchester Commerce had a narrow escape from being burned at sea. The fire started on Saturday among a lot of cotton wool stowed away with the other cargo. It was a hard fight all night, but in the morning the blaze was sufficiently checked to allow the sailors to go below and jettison the damaged freight.

Goebel-Beckham Case Monday. Judge Hazlerig, chief justice of the Kentucky court of Appeals, announced Wednesday that the court would meet in Louisville Monday to consider the case of Taylor and Beckham, involving the governorship, which was appealed from the city court of Jefferson county.

DEATH OF GENERAL PIETRUS JACOBUS JOUBERT.



Pietrus Joubert, better known as Piet Joubert, or "Silem Piet" (Slim Peter), was 68 years old, of an old French Huguenot family, and, like President Kruger, was born in Cape Colony. When seven years old he was taken by his parents to the Orange Free State.

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Sells Circus Stock Sold to Be Sold. J. A. Bailey of Barnum & Bailey fame is reported to have purchased all of Peter Sells' stock in the Sells-Foran circus, which opens its season this week in the Madison Square Garden.

Thirty Drowned Off Gippsland. The British coasting steamer Glenelg, bound for the coast of Gippsland, Southwestern Australia, last Sunday. Thirty persons were drowned. Only three lives were saved.

Red Men Insist on Dancing. Maj. Stough, now agent for the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, has ordered the Indians to quit dancing and the medicine men to quit practicing, but they refuse to obey.

Wales May Go to Denmark. The prince and princess of Wales have decided to go to Denmark for King Christian's birthday on April 5. They will start next week, and remain over Easter.

RECORD OF HAPPENINGS SEVEN DAYS.

May Robbed Many Convicts—Police Bailed in the Case of Former Prisoner Dreyer—The Threatened Strike of Pass May Be Warded Off.

Chicago.—On the decision of Judge Dunne in regard to the contention of the attorneys of former Banker M. S. Dreyer, now under a penitentiary sentence for embezzlement of \$316,000 of the funds of the West park board, may depend the liberty of every convict sent to Joliet from Cook county since 1885.

Benjamin F. Coffman Captured. Harrisburg.—Deputy Sheriff Andrew Reynolds arrested Benjamin F. Coffman, a prominent citizen of Lincoln, Ill., at Grayville, Ill., and brought him to this city on a warrant sworn out by W. S. Mitchell charging him with working a confidence game in obtaining a signature to a deed under false pretenses. Reynolds had chased Coffman to Evansville, Ind. Coffman learned the officers were on his trail, and he boarded a Peoria, Decatur & Evansville train for Chicago.

Illinois Farmers Institute. Greenup.—The farmers' conference of the Nineteenth congressional district met here. Olney was selected as a place for holding the district institute Jan. 2 and 4. The following were the places and dates selected for holding the various county institutes: Edgar county, Paris, Dec. 18 to 20; Cole county, Charleston, Dec. 20 to 22; Cumberland county, Greenup, Dec. 4 to 7; Richard county, Olney, Jan. 1 to 3; Lawrence county, Lawrenceville, Dec. 11 to 13; Stark county, Marshall, Nov. 21 to 23; Jasper county, Newton, Dec. 13 to 14; Crawford county, Robinson, Nov. 20 to 22; Edinburg county, Edinburg, Dec. 5 to 6.

Concession to Penn Miners. Pann.—An agreement between the state officials of the United Mine Workers of America, and the local coal operators has been reached. The miners received every concession asked for, and the scale price will be 40 cents, the scale fixed for the Fourth district. All top men and workers will receive a substantial advance in wages. All mines will shut down April 1, for one month for repairs, and the miners will then receive steady work for the ensuing year. The coal companies will advance all grades of coal 25 cents per ton May 1.

Andrew Jackson's Neighbor. Alto Pass.—Mrs. Polly Sanders died here, aged 94 years. She was born in Rockingham county, N. C., and was acquainted with Andrew Jackson during her girlhood. She lived on a farm adjoining his. She boarded Union soldiers at Cape Girardeau, Mo., during the civil war, and frequently studied the guards. She crossed the Mississippi river and walked to Carbondale, Ill., a distance of thirty miles. She could neither read nor write, but was one of the shrewdest and strongest characters in southern Illinois. She lived here about thirty-five years.

Hon. David H. Frieble Is Dead. Galesburg.—Hon. David H. Frieble, one of the oldest residents of this city, is dead, aged 85 years, of pneumonia. He was a member of the first republican state convention, in 1856, in Bloomington, and that fall was elected a member of the state legislature. He was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. During the civil war he was department provost marshal of this district.

Kruger's Guilt a Life Term. Waukegan.—The trial of George Krueger for the murder of his wife and her mother his crime to an end, and the jury, after being out all night, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at imprisonment for life. Krueger received the verdict with his usual composure. His attorneys secured leave to enter a motion for a new trial, which was heard in May. On the first trial several jurors are reported to have ordered Krueger to be hanged.