TALMAGE'S

THE DOOR OF CHRISTIAN RE-LIGION OPEN TO ALL.

Wimely Discourse on the Occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Bowery Missions in New York City-Broader Sympathy Required.

(Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) New York, Jan. 20.—On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Bowery mission, Jan. 13, Dr. Talmage preached to a vast audience at the New York Academy of Music. Mintsters of all denominations were present. The text was, John x, 16, "Other sheep I have which are not of this on the beach, why did not Mr. Anfold."

There is no monopoly in religion. The grace of God is not a little property that we may fence off and have all to ourselves. It is not a king's park, at which we look through a barred gateway, wishing that we might go in and see the statuary and the deer and the royal conservatory. No: it is a Father's orchard, and everywhere there are bars that we may let down and gates that we may swing open.

Well, my friends, there are Christian men who have the church under severe guard. There is fruit in this orchard for the whole world, but they have rough and unsympathetic way of accosting outsiders, as though they had no business there, though the Lord wants all to come and take the choicest and ripest fruit on the premises. Have you an idea that because you were baptized at eight months of age and because you have all your life been under hallowed influences you therefore have a right to one whole side of the Lord's table, spreading yourself out and taking up the entire room? I tell you no. You will have to haul in your elbows, for we will place on either side of you those whom you never expected would sit there, for, as Christ said to his people long ago, so he says to you and to me, "Other sheep I have which are not of this

Sheep of Many Folds. McDonald, the Scotchman, has thousands of head of sheep. Some of them are browsing on the heather, some of them are lying down under the trees, some are strolling over the mountains, some of them are in his yard. They are scattered all around in many places. Cameron, his neighbor, comes over and says: "I see you have thirtysix sheep. I have just counted them." "No," says McDonald, "I have a great many more sheep than you found in this yard. Some are here, and some are elsewhere. I have 4,000 or 5,000 in my flocks. 'Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." So Christ says to us. Here is a knot of Christians and there is a knot of Christians, but they make up a small part of the flock. Here is the Episcopal fold, the Methodist fold, the Lutheran fold, the Congregational fold, the Presbyterian fold, the Baptist and the Pedo-Baptist fold. the only difference between these last two being the way in which they wash the sheep, and so they are scattered all over. And we come with our statistics and say there are so many thousand of the Lord's sheep, but Christ responds: "No, no; you have not seen more than one out of a thousand of my flock. They are scattered all over the earth. 'Other sheep I have

Broader Sympathy Required. We need as churches to get into will not be welcomed, "No," says come fastidious Christian, "I do not sinners with a gloss on. It is as if a that stock had to show for their inman had a farm of 3,000 acres and put vestment was a beautifully ornamented all his work on one acre. . He might certificate. Sometimes that man, lookraise never so large ears of corn, never ing over his old papers, comes across so big heads of wheat, still he would that certificate, and it is so suggestive remain poor. The church of God has that he vows that he wants none of bestowed its chief care on one acre and the religion that the president and dihas raised splendid men and women rectors of that oil company proin that small inclosure. But the field fessed. is the world. That means Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America and all the islands of the sea, you came into rejection of Christian-

which are not of this fold."

Exclusiveness in Religion. Years ago I visited a New England reject it. You do not believe that factory village. I went up to the door | Christ is a divine being, although of a factory, and I saw on the outside you admit that he was a very good the words, "No admittance." Of course man. You do not believe that the I went in, and, coming to the second Bible was inspired of God, although door, I saw the words, "No admit- you think there are some very fine tance." Getting clear on into the fac- things in it. You believe that the tory I saw they were making pins, Scriptural description of Eden was useful pins, and nothing but pins. So I only an allegory. There are fifty things think there is sometimes an exclusive- that I believe that you do not believe, ness among some of the churches. The and yet you are an accommodating and Infirm Colored Persons, and is outside world comes up and looks at man. Everybody that knows you the door, and there is something which says that of you. If I should seems to say, "No admittance," and ask of you a kindness, you the world comes up to the pew door do a kindness for me or if any one else and sees written over it, "No admit- would do it. If, when you are ill, I fance," and looks at the pulpit, and should come to you with a vial of there is something there which seems | medicine and say, "This kind of medito say, "No admittance," while we cine has cured fifty people who were stand inside of the same churches ham- just as badly off as you are; take it," mering out our little niceties of relig- and you replied, "I do not want to take ious belief, making pins. Oh, for the it; I have no confidence in it," I would deeper appreciation of the sentiment of say, "Take it to oblige me," and you my text, "Other sheep I have, which would say, "Well, if it will accommoare not of this fold." date you I will take it." Now, you

There may be some here who say. "I stopped going to shureh ten

twenty years ago." Is it not strange | to you with a gespel medicine. It has that you are among the first that I ad- cured hundreds and thousands and dress today? I know all your case. You millions, Will you take it? "No," have not been accustomed to going you say, "I have no confidence in it." into the house of God, but I have a sur- Take it, then, to oblige me. I tell you prising announcement to make to you. of a Physician who has cured more You are going to become one of the blind eyes, and bound up more broken Lord's sheep. "Oh," you say, "it is hearts, and healed more ghastly impossible. You don't know how far wounds than all the doctors since the I am from anything of that kind." time of Aesculapius. Be obliging and I know all about it. I have wandered just make the experiment. «If you are up and down the world, and I under- not acquainted with the ordinary stand your case. I have a still more modes of prayer, say in substance: startling announcement to make in regard to you. You are not only going thing for me to do. I know nothing to become one of the Lord's sheep, but you will become one now.

Send Out the Lifebout. When the steamer Atlantic struck Mars rock and the people clambered up clent, that heroic minister of the gospel, of whom we have all read, sit down and take care of those men on the beach, wrapping them in flannels, kindling fire for them, and seeing that they got plenty of food? Ah, he knew that there were others who would do women freezing in the rigging of that boat. Thank God, he is saved!" So not of this fold." lads! Let us reach them. Alas, one is casts you off your first cry for help will more to be saved. Let us push out ditch of your suffering and shame. The there for that one. Clutch the rope, Good Templars cannot save you, al-O dying man; clutch it as with a death | though they are grand institution. The grip. Steady, now, on the slippery Sons of Temperance cannot save you, places! Steady! They are saved, although they are mighty for good. saved, just as I thought, for Christ Signing the temperance pledge cannot has declared that there are some still save you, although I believe in it. in the breakers who shall come ashore. Nothing but the grace of the eternal

this fold." Finding Lost Sheep. The heavenly Shepherd is going to find a great many of his sheep among those who are now rejecters of Christianity. Some of the mightiest advocates of the gospel were once skeptics. dust of many generations passed on, but Thomas Chalmers once a skeptic. Robert Hall a skeptic. Christmas Evans a and Washington its catacombs, and all skeptic, Charles G. Finney a skeptic. Paul, the apostle, once a skeptic. | are underground liquor dives, full of But when once with strong band they dead men's bones and all uncleanness laid hold of the gospel chariot they There is no need of going into the art rolled it on with what momentum! I gallery to see in skillful sculpture that do not know how you came to reject wonderful representation of a man and Christianity. It may have been through his sons wound round with serpents. the infidel talk of some young man in There are families represented here to-

disgusted you with religion. It may ror. be that thirty years ago you lost all faith by what happened in an oil com- pectation that thrills through me, pany which was formed amid the pe- body and soul. "Other sheep I have, troleum excitement. The company which are not of this fold." You are owned no land, or if they did there not gospel hardened. You have not was no sign of oil produced. But the heard many sermons during the last president of the company was a Pres- few years. You feel the Holy Ghost byterian elder and the treasurer of an this moment in your heart. You do not Episcopal vestryman, and one director weep, but the tear is not far off. You was a Methodist class leader and the sigh, and you have noticed that there other officers prominent members of is always a sigh in the wind before Baptist and Congregational churches, the rain falls. There are those here Circulars were got out telling what who would give anything if they could fabulous prospects opened before this find relief in tears. They say: "On, Venezuela and the gateway to Caracas, company. The circular had all the my wasted life! Oh, the bitter past! the capital of the republic. At La sympathy with the great outside world hues of earth and sea and sky. The Oh, the graves over which I have stum- Guayra the mountains overhang the and let them know that none are so letters flamed with all the beauty of bled! Whither shall I fly? Alas, for water, rising to a height of 8,000 feet. gold and jasper and amethyst. Inno- the future! Everything is so dark, so They are visible at sea seventy miles cent men and women who had a little very dark! God help me! God pity away. Caracas is distant only ten money to invest and that little their me!" Thank the Lord for that last ut- miles, but it is reached by one of the like to be crowded in church. Do not all said, "I do not know anything terance. You have begun to pray, and most tortuous pieces of railroad buildput any one in my pew." My brother, about this company, but so many good when a man begins to petition God ing in the world. The journey by rail men are at the head of it that it must steps in and beats back the hounds from the seaport to the capital covers great multitude that no man can num- be excellent and taking stock in it of temptation to their kennel and round ber assembles? They will put fifty in must be almost as good as joining the about the poor wounded soul puts the mate of Caracas is mild and pleasant, church." So they bought their stock covert of his pardoning mercy. Hark! sembled in Christian churches com- and perhaps received one dividend to I hear something fall. What was that? pared with the mightier millions out- keep them still. But after awhile they It is the bars of the fence around the side? Some churches are like a hos- found that the company had reorganiz- sheep-fold. The Shepherd lets down pital that should advertise that its pa- ed and had a different president, a dif- the bars, and the hunted sheep of the tients must have nothing worse than ferent treasurer and different directors. mountain bound in, some of them their toothache or runarounds, but no broken Other engagements or an overcoming fleece torn with brambles, some of heads, no crushed ankles or fractured modesty had caused the former officers them their feet lamed with the dogs, limbs. Bring there for treatment mod- of the company, with many regrets, to but bounding in. Thank God! erate sinners, velvet coated sinners and resign, and all that the subscribers of "Other sheep I have, which are not of

Three Philadelphians Whose Ages Reach

Why Reject Christianity?

But I do not stop now to know how

ity. You frankly tell me that you do

have found that this world is insum-

cient and you are sick of sin. I come

Total of 350 Years. Philadelphia has the most celebrated trio of old folks in any city in the United States. Each one of the remarkable group has attained the century mark, and the oldest has exceeded it by thirty years. If the ages of these three venerable Philadelphians could be added together they would reach the astonishing total of 350 years and make a span of life which would extend clear back to 1550, contemporaneous with the time of Elizabeth and Shakespeare!

TRIO OF OLD FOLKS.

The oldest of the trio is Mrs. Mary McDonald, according to the best obtainable information the oldest woman in the world. Mrs. McDonald is colnow almost 130 years old; next comes Mrs. Celestina Nigro, aged 111, an Italian, and who, when she arrived in Philadelphia from Campagna, Italy, nine yers ago, was conceded to be the oldest immigrant who ever came to the United States; the youngest member of the group, and Philadelphia's oldest male citizen, is Michael Mooney, a healthy young stripling of 109 years, who resides at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Eighteenth and Jefferson streets.-Boston Journal.

Do nothing when angry and you will have the less to undo.

"O Lord Jesus, this is a strange about the formulas of religion. These Christian people have been talking so long about what thou canst do for me I am ready to do whatever thou commandest me. If there be any power in religion, as these people say, let me have the advantage of it." Will you

not try that experiment? Gospel of Peace and Hope. Oh, men, skeptical and struck through with unrest! I beg you come off that great Sahara desert of doubt into the bright and luxuriant land of that. He says: "Yonder are men and gospel hope and peace. You do not want your children to come up in that wreck. Launch the lifeboat." Now I skepticism. If you do not believe in see the oar blades bend under the anything else, you believe in love—a strong pull, but before they reach the father's love, a mother's love, a wife's wreck a woman was frozen and dead. love, a child's love. Then let me tell She was washed off, poor thing. "But," you that God loves you more than all he says, "there is a man to save." And these together. The great heart of he cries out: "Five minutes longer, Christ aches to have you come in, and and I will save you. Steady, steady! he looks into your eyes this moment, Give me your hand. Leap into the life- saying, "Other sheep I have which are power as the result of a successful

there are those who are safe on the I want to tell you that God loves shore of God's mercy. They are as to take hold of a very bad case. When President And rade. Since Castro took safe as though they had been a thou- the church casts you off, and when control of the government in the latter sand years in heaven, "kept by the the clubroom casts you off, and when part of 1899 he has successfully suppower of God through faith unto sal- society casts you off, and when busivation." But there are some who are ness associates cast you off, and when he knows what he has to deal with. freezing in the rigging of sin and sur- father casts you off, and when mother rounded by tempest. Pull away, my casts you off, and when everybody washed off and gone. There is one bend the eternal God clear down to the "Other sheep I have which are not of God can save you, and that will if you will throw yourself on it.

The Modern Catacombs. They talk about the catacombs of Naples and the catacombs of Rome and the catacombs of Egypt, the great burial places under the city where is the I tell you New York has its catacombs our cities their catacombs. They the store or shop or factory. It may day that are wrapped in the martyrhave been through the trickery of dom of fang and scale and venom, a some professed Christian man who living Laocoon of ghastliness and hor-

But I turn to outsiders with an ex-

had a hand in encouraging the rebellion in Venezuela which is now in small steamers and two sailing vesprogress. The leader of the rebellion is Celestino Peraza, who until recently gunboats. Furthermore, it has been was the secretary of the present president of the republic, General Castro. General Castro himself came into rebellion which resulted in the overthrow of the government headed by pressed at least two rebellions, so that Leader of the Brouble. Celestino Peraze, the leader of the

present rebellion, began his outbreak in the country along the Orinoco river in the last days of December, 1900. force of 2,500 men was immediately sent against him by President Castro.

and several small eng a g ements have taken place between rival forces. tions of

Glimpse of an Asphalt Lake, result they

be about to seize the arms and other property belonging to the New York and Bermudez Asphalt company at the Bermudes pitch lake, while the regular government, under President Castro, has seized a couple of steamers belonging to a steamboat company owned in the United States. In order | heated from above until the whole to protect the property of citizens of this country from being confiscated in | The process of heating drives off the this way the United States warship Scorpion has been ordered to leave the harbor of La Guayra and run up the Orinoco river, and it is reported that the government at Washington stands ready to send the north Atlantic equadron with a force of marines down from Pensacola, Fla., to Venezuela if the situation does not improve.

Venezuela's Chief Seaport.

La Guayra is the chief seaport of which explains why large cities of tropical America are usually situated some distance from the coast. Caracas is 3,000 feet above the sea level, and the temperature averages 71 degrees above zero all the year round.

Looks Like Absurd Prospect. Some idea of the absurdity of a serious war between the United States and leigh.

Trouble between the United States | Venezuela may be gathered from the and the little Central American state of statement that the Central American Venezuela is possible as the result of country, which has an area dve times a quarrel between rival asphalt comas large as that of the state of Michipanies, who have conflicting claims gan, has a total population of only to the great Bermudez asphalt lake lo- | 2,320,000, somewhat less than that of cated on the shores of the Orinoco riv-Michigan, of which number nearly oneer. Both of the asphalt concerns are fourth are uncivilized Indians. The United States corporations, one of them regular army of Venezuela consists of being the National Asphalt company, 3,600 men, with a militia which in time commonly known as the asphalt trust. of civil war has put as many as 60,000 It is even charged that the trust has men into the field. So far as a navy i concerned, Venezuela has only three sels, with three or four small river only four years since the United States intervened on behalf of Venezuela in its dispute over the question of boundary with Great Britain and secured the appointment of an arbitration commission, by the decision of which several hundred square miles of valuable territory, including some rich gold mines and the country to the south of the mouth of the Orinoco river, were saved to the smaller state.

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The Bone of Contention. The asphalt lake, for the possession of which the rival American companies are fighting, lies between a range of mountains and the shore of one of the outlets of the northern delta of the Orinoco river, near the bay of Paria. The lake is a mile and a half in length by a mile in width and comprises more than 1,000 acres of swampy land. Most of the surface of the so-called lake is covered with a rank growth of grasses and shrubs rising to a height of eight or ten feet and interspersed with tall palm trees. The pitch or asphaltum does not lie in an unbroken surface, as on the Trinidad lakes, but bubbles up as if from springs. The pitch, however, underlies most of the surface included in the lake and has a depth varying from two to ten feet. In the center of the lake is a patch of about saven acres which is free from vegetation and in which the pitch is so soft that it cannot be walked on. The whole surface of the lake is so low that during the spring floods it is entirely covered by water. The pitch is dug out of the lake by native labor and carted to a convenient place near a seaport, where it is refined. The raw asphalt is put into huge kettles and slowly mass is brought to a liquid condition.



A VENEZUELAN MAN-OF-WAR. pitch is filled, while the heavy impurities sink to the bottom of the kettle. The pure asphaltum can then be

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Fitzgerald of Danville, Va., have deeded their place on the north bank of the Dan river. worth \$20,000, to the Danville Orphanage as a permanent home.

The late Chief Justice Faircloth of North Carolina bequeathed \$20,000 to the Baptist Female University of Re-



THE WHITE SQUADRON IN THE HARBOR OF LA GUAYRA.

A Asphalt in History. A

historic times. Some forms of it were Babylon, and others were used in the preparation of mummies. During the middle ages it dropped almost from sight. In 1712 a Swiss physician discovered large beds of it in the Alpa and succeeded in reviving the use of it as building material. It is said that | veloped It was not largely used, howposes was discovered by accide

Asphalt has been known from pre- | while the crude asphalt was being hauled from the deposits where it was used as building material in ancient dug. Pieces of the asphalt dropped from the carts and were gradually ground into the roadbed by the feet of the men and horses. It was noticed that such roads soon presented a hard and resisting surface, and the idea of using asphalt on other roads wi the value of asphalt for paving pur- ever, until 1882, and within the last 28 years it has made its greatest progr

Work in Both Houses

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Er. W. Sullivan Introduces 1 House to Compel Property Owner List Personal Property for I When Requested to De Se.

Thursday, January 17.

Bills in senate: By Dunlap-A bi making an appropriation of \$75,000 an Illinois exhibit at the Pan-A can exposition. By Pemberton A propriating \$40,000 annually for the ordinary expenses of the Eastern Illinois State Normal. Also a bill appropriat ing \$60,000 for the erection of a indies dormitory at the Eastern Illinois Stat Normal School. Also a bill appropris ing \$24,000 for miscellaneous expen at the Eastern Illinois State Norma By May-Appropriating \$6,380 for the conduct of the expenses of the three employment offices. In house: Bi Mr. Drew-To protect employes in their right to belong to labor organizations; also a bill providing that proceedings for the annexation of territory to cities and villages shall be upon the petition of one-half of the legal voters of the territory proposed to be annexed. Hy Mr. Jones of Cook-Providing for the payment of fees to attorneys appointed by courts of record to defend indigent persons accused of crime. By Mr. Me-Culloch-To increase the salaries judges of the circuit court outside o Cook county from \$3,500 to \$5,000 per annum. By Mr. Schlagenhauf-To authorize a topographical survey of the state of Illinois. By Mr. W. Sullivan -Amending the revenue law by providing a fine of not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisonment in the county fail not exceeding thirty days for refusal on the part of a property owner to list his personal property when requested as to do by the proper officer.

Friday January 18. Senators Funderburk and McAdame had the senate all to themselves with the pleasing company of the chaplain. Senator Funderburk presided, the chaplain offered the customary prayer: McAdams moved to adjourn until Monday night and Funderburk declared the motion carried. Augustus W. Nohe, at the special request of Speaker Sherman, presided over the house.

At the session Mr. None presided with much dignity, although a few of the members present endeavored disconcert him. Representive A. W. Nohe has prepared a bill for the regulation of control of benevolent, mutual, and assessment life and accident societies.

Saturday, Jan. 18. The determination of Speaker Sh man to dispose of the apportionm legislation early in the session has had the effect of turning the attention of the members of the General Assembly to their statistics of population and election returns. It is likely that the committee on senatorial apportionment in the house and the senate will be named this week. Speaker Sherman has not indicated his choice for chairman of the House committee, but it is said that the place will probably go to Representative Bundy. The first thing the committee will have to decide will be the number of districts to be given to Cook county under the new apportionment. Until this is done it will not be worth while to figure on the remainder of the state. If the apportionment depended upon an ever division of population Cook would get nineteen and possibly twenty districts. The population of the state is 4.831. 550, and the number of districts i fifty-one. Divided equally, each district would have a population of 24,54 and Cook county would have nineteen full districts and population to spare.

Monday, January 21. Representative A. W Nohe of Chicago will introduce in the house a bill which directs the attorney general of the state to proceed against the true companies which make abstracts of and guarantee titles to real estat The bill specifically refers to the title guarantee companies as having n power under their charters to make abstracts or issue title-guarantee pol icies. The bill makes null and void all business in this line which may have been transacted by these companies but preserves to the holders of guaran teed title policies the right to pro ceed by suit against the companie Nohe says these companies are nulli lying the benefits the people should have from the Torrens system. No will introduce a bill limiting the rate of fare that may be charged within the city limits by steam railroads to maximum of 5 cents. This bill wo benefit all patrons of the trains in Chicago. Repre Kopf of Chicago will introduce a fixing a maximum passenger rate all railroads in the state at mile.

NOTES OF THE SPESIORS. The appointments made by Gov Tanner during the recess were firmed by the senate.

Resolutions of respect were ac to the memory of the late Scott of Pike county; Elijah J. Blaisdell of Chicago, and Samuel C. Wyllie, all formem members of the house.

After the senatorial fight was Congressman Prince said: "I a this fight in good fa for the senatorship e