

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"THE MINISTRY OF TEARS" IS SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes"—Rev. VII: 17—The New Heaven and the New Earth—The Covert of Last Resort.

(Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) New York, March 10.—A vast audience crowded the Academy of Music in this city today to hear Dr. Talmage, Discoursing on "The Ministry of Tears," he put the misfortunes of life in a cheerful light, showing that if they were borne in the right spirit they might prove to be advantages.

What a spectacle a few weeks ago when the nations were in tears! Queen Victoria ascended from the highest throne on earth to a throne in heaven. The prayer more often offered than any prayer for the last sixty-four years had been answered, and God did save the queen. All round the world the bells were tolling, and the minute guns were booming at the obsequies of the most honored woman of many centuries.

The Ministry of Tears.

You remember that bottle which David labeled as containing tears, and Mary's tears, and Paul's tears, and Christ's tears, and the harvest of joy that is to spring from the sowing of tears.

What is the use of them anyhow? Why not substitute laughter? Why not make this a world where all the people are well and eternal strangers to pains and aches?

New Heaven and New Earth.

After a man has had a good deal of trouble he says: "Well, I am ready to go. If there is a house somewhere whose roof does not leak, I would like to live there."

laid out and avenues opened and mansions built.

It is trouble, my friends, that makes us feel our dependence upon God. We do not know our weakness nor God's strength until the last plank breaks.

The Last Resort.

Now, some of you treat God just as that young man treated his mother. When you get into a financial perplexity, you call on the banker, you call on the broker, you call on your creditors.

I like what Martin Luther said to Philip Melancton when Melancton has gone to bed discouraged and saying to Luther: "Our cause is lost. We have had all our work for nothing. I am in a state of despair!"

Again, it is the use of trouble to capacitate us for the office of sympathy. The priests, under the old dispensation, were set apart by having water sprinkled upon their hands, feet and head.

Take this good cheer home with you. These tears of bereavement that course your cheek and of persecution and of trial are not always to be there.

The Unfailing Remedy.

I am an herb doctor. I put into the caldron the root of dry ground, without form or comeliness. Then I put in the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley.

day and still find him working on it, and he is at work on it all the week. I say to him, "Why did you put only 20 minutes' work on that one precious stone and put a whole week on this other?"

The Sympathy of Jesus.

Jesus had enough trial to make him sympathetic with all trial. The shortest verse in the Bible tells the story, "Jesus wept."

You have noticed when the children get hurt and their mother is away from home they always come to you, the father, for comfort and sympathy.

Friends, if we could get any appreciation of what God has in reserve for us it would make us so homesick we would be unfit for our everyday work.

Wipe Away the Tears.

Take this good cheer home with you. These tears of bereavement that course your cheek and of persecution and of trial are not always to be there.

The Saxons and the Britons went out to battle.

The Saxons and the Britons went out to battle. The Saxons were all armed. The Britons had no weapons at all, and yet history tells us that the Britons got the victory.

I put this balm on the wounds of your heart.

I put this balm on the wounds of your heart: Rejoice at the thought of what your departed friends have got rid of and that you have a prospect of so soon making your own escape.

Magnetic Islands.

Sinbad's experience with the magnetic island that drew his ship to destruction might have occurred in the Hebrides islands, as recent investigations show that these islands possess strange magnetic properties.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Work in Both Houses at Springfield.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

O'Connor Introduces a Bill Prohibiting Railroad Companies from Requiring Trainmen to Give More Than Twelve Hours Continuous Service.

Monday, March 4.

A delegation of labor leaders from Chicago will go to Springfield March 12 to urge the legislature to repeal the Cane garbage law.

Tuesday, March 5.

Representative Nohr of Cook county is preparing a general franchise tax law for introduction in the legislature next week.

Wednesday, March 6.

The sub-committee of the house appropriations committee appointed to visit the Bartonville Insane Asylum recommends a reduction of a trifle over \$50,000 in the amount asked for this institution.

Thursday, March 7.

Capt. Farrell put in a bill which, if it should pass, would make it a state crime for any person to sell coal oil, kerosene, gasoline or naphtha for fuel purposes.

Friday, March 8.

Less than a dozen members were present in the house, and after a brief session presided over by Representative Brown of Randolph an adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. Monday.

NOTES OF THE SESSION.

Representative George E. Aspley of Chicago is engaged in drawing up a bill which if it should be passed through the assembly will provide for a suitable reward for any member of the police or fire departments of Chicago who has become conspicuous for any especially meritorious act of heroism.

A bill by Mr. Spiegel has been introduced providing for an economic survey of the state of Illinois to investigate the character of soils and their adaptability to cultivation.

Mr. Crangle introduced a bill in the assembly providing that where judgments are obtained against an estate in a foreign estate, they may be presented within five years in an auxiliary administration in this state.

Immediately after the adjournment of the house Tuesday Chairman Scroggin of the house committee on congressional apportionment called his committee together for the purpose of having it take formal action on the congressional apportionment bill agreed upon in the Republican house caucus.

Representative Christian introduced in the house a primary election bill which was prepared by the Civic Federation of the city of Chicago.

Winnam Destroy a Penitentiary.

The Nebraska state penitentiary, four miles from Lincoln, has fallen prey to flames. The fire, the origin of which is not known, broke out at midnight Thursday in the rooms in the main building occupied by the warden and his family.

Friend Ends His Fastening.

Dependent over his recent discharge from the Duluth diocese, Rev. Francis Budzyski, a Roman Catholic priest, shot himself in the heart in a hotel at Minneapolis, and died before aid could reach him.

War Upon Migratory Hoboes.

Chief Detective Rank of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad secret service has begun a systematic warfare on the swarms of hoboes who infest the trains of the company.

Palmer's Cashier Arrested.

Walter O'Hill, cashier of Edmund Palmer's defunct Ashley bank, against whom two warrants were issued last week charging him with being an accessory to Palmer in the embezzlement of the bank funds, was arrested at Nashville, Ill., and given a preliminary hearing before Justice Munding.

Missing Cashier of Bank Insane.

Mrs. Charles A. Johnson, wife of the cashier of the First National bank of Niles, Mich., which closed its doors last Friday, has returned from Chicago. She has talked with no one except W. W. Stevens, son-in-law of Bank President W. K. Lacey.

Panacas Cause Trouble.

Because his wife wanted to feed him on panacas Alfred Grogan of Paterson, N. J., became angry and tried to choke her by stuffing the panacas down her throat.

To Unveil the Logan Statue.

It has been arranged that the equestrian statue of General Logan in Washington shall be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies Tuesday, April 9.

Woman Fagin in the Tolls.

Sam Lee, a Chinaman, and Victoria Hyleka, 18 years old, were prisoners Thursday at the West Chicago avenue police station, Chicago, charged with abduction.

Cuban Postal Thief Punished.

John Sheridan, formerly in charge of the money order department of the Havana postoffice, who was arrested Jan. 29, charged with the theft of \$1,200, sent from the postmaster at Guantanamo, Dec. 28, has been sentenced at Havana to two years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1,200 the amount of his defalcation.

Sprague Goes to Asylum.

Charles F. Sprague, the multimillionaire and ex-congressman representing the eleventh Massachusetts district, is an inmate of McLean insane hospital at Waverly. His term in congress expired last Monday and he was driven to the asylum at dusk on Wednesday, accompanied by his valet and a hospital attendant.

Hetty Green Ines Salt.

Judge Fuller issued a decree in the probate court at Taunton, Mass., in the matter of the disputed accounts connected with the estate of Edward Mott Robinson of New York, in which Mrs. Hetty Green appeared as an objector.

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF HAPPENINGS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

Fly-Wheel of Steam-Saw Quilted Machine, Killing One Man and Injuring Two Others—Held Robbery at Duquoin—Chicago Banks Show Gains.

Carnegie Gives to Libraries.

Andrew Carnegie has given to Rockford \$60,000 for a public library building on condition that a suitable site be furnished and \$8,000 a year pledged by the city council for its maintenance.

Two Men Crushed to Death.

The hoisting machinery of a freight elevator at the Moline Plow company's factory broke, at Moline, and twenty-five men fell two stories. Upon the crowd of men huddled upon the platform 9x12 feet at the bottom of the shaft, four 100-pound counterpoise weights fell. The dead are: Arvid J. Burgen, 21 years, single, back of skull crushed and died instantly; Edward Swanson, 25, single, internal injuries, from which he died two hours afterward.

Fast Train Nearly Wrecked.

That a fast passenger train on the Big Four was not wrecked and hundreds of lives lost is regarded as almost miraculous. The heavy train pulled into Litchfield late and Engineer King sent the engine around the sharp curves and bends into Hillsboro at a mile-a-minute rate of speed, making up a portion of the lost time.

Chicago Banks Show Gains.

The auditor has issued a statement showing the aggregate resources and liabilities of the state banks in Chicago at the opening of business Feb. 25, together with a comparison with the statement of Dec. 10. Loans and discounts amount to \$97,829,375, an increase of \$2,216,022; United States bonds show an increase of \$316,342; other bonds of \$2,344,257.

Circulator Saw's Run Is Fatal.

As a result of the bursting of the fly-wheel of a steam-saw outfit on the farm of Charles Nelson, ten miles west of Galeburg, Henry Griffe is dead and George Paul, Levi Young and the latter's son are severely injured. The saw was in full operation, with Griffe as engineer, while the other men were at the woodpile two rods distant.

Woman May Die of Burn.

While Mrs. Ord Hostetter, wife of a prominent farmer near Lovington, was replenishing an air-tight heater, her dress was drawn in the stove and caught fire. She fought desperately to extinguish the flames and was terribly burned. If she lives her hands will have to be amputated. The dress of a neighbor who ran to her aid caught fire and both would have perished but for assistance.

Hold Robbery at Duquoin.

Robbers broke into the jewelry store of Henry Crossmann of Duquoin, taking watches, rings and other articles valued at \$800. The robbery was committed while Mr. Crossmann was at luncheon. There is no clue to the robbers.

Eligible Council for Public Ownership.

The city council of Elgin has put itself squarely on record as being in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities. At its last meeting resolutions favoring the stand taken by the aldermen of Chicago on this question were adopted without a dissenting vote.

Miners' Local Union of Illinois.

The miners' local union of Illinois has been placed on the suspension list for ninety days by the state officers of the United Mine Workers.