ngton, Jan. 12.--In this disourse Dr. Talmage urges thoughtfulices for others and shows how such a bonignant apirit may be fostered; twat, I Peter ii, 8, "Be courteous." In an age when bluntness has been

canonized as a virtue it may be use ful to extol one of the most beautiful of all the royal family of gracescourtesy. It is graciousness, deference to the wishes of others, good manners, attability, willingness to deny oursolves somewhat for the advantage of others, urbanity. Mark you, it caunot be put on or dramatized succossfully for a long while. We may be full of bows and genufications, and amiles and complimentary phrase, and have nothing of genuine courtesy either in our makeup or in our demeanor. A backwoodsman who never may a drawing room or a dancing master or a caterer or a fold of drapery may with his big soul and hard hand and awkward salutation exercise the grace, while one born under richest upholstery and educated in foreign schools, and bothered to know which of ten garments he will take from royal wardrobe, may be as barren of the spirit of courtesy as the great Sahara desert is of green meadows and topsing fountains.

Now, you know as well as I do that some of the most undesirable people have been seeming incarnations of courtesy. In our early American history there arose a man of wonderful talent, an impersonation of all that can charm drawing rooms and cultivated circles. He became vice president of the United States and within one vote of being president. Men threw away their fortunes to help him in his political aspirations and to forward him in a conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States, he trying to do in America what Napoleon at that very time was trying to do in Europe-establish throne for himself. But he was moral and corrupt. He was the pent that wound its way into many domestic paradise. He shot to death one of the greatest of Americans-Alexander Hamilton. The world found out long before he left it that the offender I speak of was an embodiment of dissoluteness and base ambition. He was the best illustration that know of of the fact that a man may have the appearance of courtesy while

within he is all wrong. Absalom, a Bible character, was apecimen of a man of polish outside and of rottenness inside. He captured all who came near him. But, oh, what a heart he had, full of treachery and unfilial spirit and baseness! was as bad as he was alluring and

I like what John Wesley said to a man when their carriages met on the road. The rufflan, knowing Mr. Wesley and disliking him, did not turn out. but kept the middle of the road. Mr. Wesley cheerfully gave the man all no excuse for boorishness in any the road, himself riding into the ditch, As they passed each other the rufflan said, "I never turn out for fools," and Mr. Wesley said, "I always do." like the reproof which a Chinaman in San Francisco gave an American. The American pushed him off the sidewalk until he fell into the mud. The Chinaman on rising began to brush off the mud and said to the American: "You Christian; me heathen, Good A stranger entered a church in one of the cities and was allowed to stand a long while, although there was plenty of room. No one offered a The stranger after awhile said to one of the brethren, "What church is this?" The answer was, "Christ's church, sir." "Is be in?" said the stranger. The officer of the church understood what was meant and gave him a seat. We want more courtesy In the churches, more courtesy in places of business, more courtesy in

our homes. Let us all cultivate this grace Christian courtesy by indulging in the habit of praise instead of the habit of blame. There are evils in the world that we must deficunce, and there are men and women who ought to be chastised, but never let us allow the opportunity of applauding good deeds man unimproved. The old theory was that you must never praise people lest we make them vain. No danger of that. Before any of us get through with life we will have enough mean and ignoble and depreciating and lying things said about us to keep us humble. God approvingly recognizes a system of rewards as well as of punighments.

When you hear a good sermon, stop after the benediction and tell the partor, though you never saw him before that day, "Your sermon did me good," When a mechanic does a good piece of work tell him it is well done. When physician brings you out of a perces illness, stop him in the street and say, "Doctor, you saved my life." When you hear of a business man in me heavy stress of financial weather elping frailer craft into the harbor, go into his counting room and say, ear you have been helping your fel business man to outride the tem but a panic, and I came in to thank to let you know that all good from appreciate what you have en doing. Go down the street to-erose and thank somebody. There

that there are so many people who efer to believe evil instead of good concerning any one under discussion The more faults a man has of his own the more wiling is he to ascribe faults to others.

What a curse of cynics and pessimists afflicts our time, afflicts all time! There are those who praise no one until he is dead. Now that he is clear under ground and a heavy stone is on top of him there is no possibility of his ever coming up again as a rival. Some of the epitaphs on tombstones are so fulsome that on resurrection day a man rising may, if he reads the epitaph, for the moment think he got into the wrong grave.

There are two sides to every man's character-a good side and an evil side. The good see only the good and the evil only the evil, and the probability is that a medium opinion is the right opinion. Most of the people whom I know are doing about as well as they can under the circumstances.

The work of reform is the most important work, but many of the reformers, dwelling on one evil, see nothing but evil, and they get so used to anathema they forget the usefulness once in awhile of a benediction. They get so accustomed to excoriating public men that they do not realize that never since John Hancock in boldest chirography signed the Declaration of Independence, never since Columbus picked up the floating land flowers that showed him he was coming near some new country, have there been many noble and splendid Christian men in high places in this country as now. You could go into the president's cabinet or the United States senate or the house of representatives in this city and find plenty men capable of holding an old fashioned Methodist prayer meeting, plenty of senators and representatives and cabinet officers to start the tune and kneel with the penitents at the altar. In all these places there are men who could, without looking at the book, recite the aublime words, as did Gladstone during vacation at Hawarden, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ," and from the senate and house of representatives and the presidential cabinet and from the surrounding offices and committee rooms, if they could hear, would come many voices re sponding "Amen and amen!"

Christian courtesy I especially commend to those who have subordinates. Almost every person has some one un der him. How do you treat that clerk that servant, that assistant, that employe? Do you accost him in brusque terms and roughly command him to de that which you might kindly ask him to do? The last words that the Duke of Wellington uttered were, "If you please." That conqueror in what was in some respects the greatest battle ever fought, in his last hours, asked by his servant if he would take some tea. replied, "If you please," his last words an expression of courtesy. Beautiful characteristic in any class. There is As complete a gentleman as ever lived was the man who was unhorsed on the road to Damascus and beheaded on the road to Ostia-Paul, the apostle. I know that he might be so characterized by the way he apoligized to Ananias, the high priest. I know it from the way he complimented Fellx as a judge and from the way he greets the king. "I thank myself, King Agrippa. because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews, especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews." And then see those words of advice which he gives: "Bear ye one another's burdens;" "In honor preferring one an other;" "honor all men."

What a mighty means of usefulner is courtesy! The lack of it brings to many a dead failure, while before those who possess it in large quantity all the doors of opportunity are open You can tell that urbanity does not come from study of books of etiquette. although such books have their use but from a mind full of thoughtfulness for others and a heart in sympathy with the conditions of others. Ah, this world needs lighting up! To those of us who are prosperous it is no credit that we are in a state of good cheer, but in the lives of ninety-nine out of a hundred there is a pathetic side, a taking off, a deficit, an anxiety. a trouble. By a genial look, by a kind word, by a helpful action, we may lift a little of the burden and partly clear the way for the stumbling foot. Oh. what a glorious art it is to say the right word in the right way at the

right time! Alexander the Great won the love of his soldiers on foot by calling them fellow footmen. Rehoboam lost the ten tribes through his discourtesy. More thoughtfulness for others-let us

all cultivate it. Many years ago two men entered the largest locomotive workshops in Philadelphia. They were treated in a very indifferent way and were allowed to depart without any show of courtesy They went into other shops, and no especial attention was given them. ture a witness was asked if he knew After awhile the two men entered great pains in showing them every- "It m'ans that it's thra-quarters

I do to make others happy? On ou way to office or store or shop or rail train let us be alort for heaven de scended opportunities,

The time must come when the worl will acknowledge international courtesy. Now courtesy between nation is chiefly made of rhetorical greeting but as soon as there is a difference of interest their ministers plenipotentias; are called home, and the guns of the forts are put in position, and the army and navy get ready. Why not a courtesy between nations that will defer to each other and surrender a little rather than have prolonged acrimony ending in great slaughter? Room for all nations of the earth and all styles of government. What the world wants is less armament and more courtesy, less of the spirit of destruction and more of the spirit of amity. This century has opened with too many armies in the field and too many men-of-war on the ocean. Before the century closes may the last cavalry horse be hitched to the plow and the last warship become a merchantman.

There is nothing worthy in the thought that the earth will get too crowded with population if vast multitudes are not destroyed by war. When our old world is full of inhabitants, it will have fulfilled its mission, and it will be put aside like an old ship turned into a navy yard and dismantled and the world's inhabitants transferred to some other constellation. The angels in the song celebrated this coming international courtesy when in the Bethlehem starlight they

chanted, "Good will to men." If others lack courtesy, that is no reason why you should tack it. Respond to rudeness by utmost affability. Because some one else is a boor is no reason why you should be a boor. So I applaud Christian courtesy. would put it upon the throne of every heart in all the world. The beauty of it is that you may extend it to others and have just as much of it-yea, more of it-left in your own heart and life. It is like the miracle of the loaves and fishes, which, by being divided, were multiplied until twelve baskets were filled with the remnants. It is like a torch, with which fifty lamps may be lighted and yet the torch remain as bright as before it lighted the first lamp.

But this grace will not come to its coronal until it reaches the heavenly sphere. What a world that must be where seifishness and jealousy and pride and ascerbites of temper have never entered and never will enter! No struggle for precedence. No rivalry between cherubim and seraphim, No ambition as to who shall have the front seats in the temple of God and the Lamb. No controversy about the place the guest may take at the banquet. No rivalry of robe or coronet. No racing of chariots. No throne look ing askance upon other thrones, but all the inhabitants perfectly happy and rejoicing in the perfect happiness of others. If I never get to any other delightful place, I want to get to that place. What a realm to live in for-All worshiping the same God. periencing the sammitions seconding the same heights of love and exultation, all celebrating the victories. Courtesy there easy, because there will be no faults to overlook, no anologies to make, no mistakes to correct, no disagreeableness to overcome, no wrongs to right. In all the ages to come not a detraction or a subterfuge. A perfect soul in a perfect heaven. In that realm, world without end, it will never be necessary to repeat the words of my text, words that now need oft repetition, "Be courteous."

Irishman on Stand.

Lawyers with an appreciative sense of humor enjoy nothing so much as get a quick-witted, ready-tongued son of the Emerald lale on the stand to relieve the monotony of the legal technicalities of the case. A gentleman who has been collecting samples of Irish wit and repa tee for some time relates the following anecdotes, of them are doubtless mellow with age but in any case they will bear repeti-

"Are you guilty or not guiffy?" ask the court clerk of a prisoner charged with some trivial offense.

"Phwat are yees there for but foind out?" was the quick rejoinder. A henpecked husband had his better half arrested for assaulting him. The plaintiff was on the stand.

"And now, Mr. O'Toole," said his council, "will you kindly tell the jury whether your wife was in the habit of striking you with impunity?"

"Wid what, sor?"

"With impunity?" "She wuz, sor, now an' then, by she ginerally used th' potaty masher. A witness testifying in a murder case was asked to describe to the jury th exact location of a flight of stairs. "Explain to the jury," said the pros

"Shure, sor, if ye shtand at th' bot tom they run up, an' if ye sthand at

ecuting attorney, "exactly how the

th' top taey run down." In a suit by an installment house " what "quartered oak" meant. Here is

That body has solemnly convicted John and has expelled him. As express by one of the city fathers, some specifications in the indictment were "being contrary, talking too loud and long and scoring the presiding officer." roy's five associates in the council all voted to deprive him of his sent. The section boss has employed an attorney and will take the matter into the courts.

Morris Polsky of St. Louis was arrested at Springfield on a charge of being in contempt of the United States District Court through his failure comply with an order of the court in a bankruptcy proceeding. Polsky was formerly a merchant in East St. Louis and filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. In the proceedings he was ordered to pay \$5,000 into the court for distribution among his creditors Jan. 3. He failed to comply with the court's order and was apprehended here today. .

Early W. Mason, who was released from the county jail at Chicago on nominal bond, so that he might die outside the walls of the prison, died Sunday morning at Provident hospital. Mason was attacked with paralysis shortly after he was committed to jail to await trial on a charge of shooting Stephen Pacini. He became helpless and emaciated.

Frederick L. Abbott, 22 years old, a traveling salesman for the Boston Rubber Company, was run over by south-bound train on the Northwestern Road at Evanston and both legs were cut off above the knees. Abbott died a few hours later at the Evanston hus pital. Abbott alighted from the north bound train from Chicago and stepped in front of the south-bound train which was just leaving the station His relatives live in New York and he had been in Evanston for two years living at 1634 Chicago avenue, When the young man was told he could not live he sent for his flancee, Miss Leils Rockwood, 711 Emerson street, and she was with him at the time of his death.

The state auditor of public accounts at Springfield has issued permission to William Gray, Robert Turnbull, J. W. Greene, J. A. Spears and L. R. Green to organize the Farmers' State bank of Speer, Stark county, with a capital of \$25,000. Speer is a town on the line of the Chicago and Northwestern road which has just been completed into

In response to a message that Chas Wintergreen of Red Bud had died, two of his sons, in company with a large number of relatives from St. Louis. went to that town Monday evening, taking with them many expensive floral designs, only to find Mr. Wintergreen alive and well. The evening was pent in merry-making instead rold a blaze

At the annual convention of the Sugar Beet Growers' association of Illinois, held in Bloomington, papers were delivered by H. S. Scilly, Lincoln Neb.; J. W. Jones, Lincoln; Frank Rhoders, Chicago, and C. P. Bull. Champaign. The next meeting place was left to the executive committee. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Prof. P. H. Holden. Bloomington; vice president, R. S. Woodrow, Champaign; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Jones, Lincoln; executive committee-C. F. Mills, Springfield; S. Noble King, Bloomington; John Zeter, Lincoln. Strong resolu tions were adopted in oppositioin to the movement to remove the duty on Cuban sugar, holding that it was inconsistent with the protective tariff policy of the dominant party.

Alfred Bayliss, state superintendent of public instruction, has sent a circular letter to the county superintendents of the state, urging them to stir up juterest among the school children in the Arbor day exercises this year The superintenent has learned that there are 2,346 school-yards in the state that have no shade trees, and he asks that the day be observed by liberal planting.

Illinois pensions granted: Original-August Blettner, Chicago, \$6; (was with Spain) Frank A. Miller, Soidiera' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, \$6 Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.-Nathan B. Lyon, Plainville, \$6; Timothy F. Deveny, De Land, \$8; Thomas O'Neely, St. Elmo, \$8; Christopher C. Crawford, Dundee, \$12; William Livingston, Peoria, \$10; George Weisenberger, Bellmont, \$10; Patrick Barry, Joliet, \$12. Original, widows, etc. -Tillie A. Rhinesmith, Kempton, \$8; Elizabeth Wild, Burksville, \$8; Elizabeth McCall, Carterville, \$12; Sophie Turner, Quincy, \$8; (Mexican war) Anna A. Hollaker, Ottawa, \$8.

The company surgeons of the Chicago & Alton railway met in Jerseyville and organized the Chicago & Alton Railway Surgical association, the first organization of the kind in America. Dr. W. H. Rhodes of Mexico, Mo., was

wight trains for the of the latte.

is on his right side instead of his the board to undergo the physical exthe surprising discovery was The investigation conducted by the board showed that Hunt experies no discomfort or inconvenience as a result of the odd location. The discovery did not invalidate his possible

War has broken out between the Chicago & Alton and the Wahash in Jacksonville. The Alton is moving its station from the present location at Wabash Junction to a site about 15 feet wide, the Wabash having ordered it off the Wabash right of way. Alton, to retalfate, ordered the Pacific Express company to cease use of the Alton platform for the purpose of handling express matter. This is a result of a war between the Alton and Wabash here on account of a contract, in which the / lton secured an alliance with the Jacksonville and St Louis, a former ally of the Wabash, in the handling of St. Louis bustness.

John H. Siegel, a prominent young physician of Collinsville, and Miss Es tells Peers, youngest daughter of Mr. James N. Peers, editor of the Collinsville Herald, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. C. H. Branch, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

The annual convention of the linois Swine Breeders' and Experts' association convened at Bement for a two days' session with about 100 delegates in attendance. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor H. E. Shaw and responded to by Mr. A M. Caldwell of Champaign.

A meeting of the Republican Congressional committee of the 24th Illinois district has been called Shawneetown February 20 for purpose of effecting an organisation.

Two of the oldest settlers of Lincoln are dead. John Kearney, born in Londonderry, Ireland, died of pneumonia aged \$1 years. Samuel D. Irwin passed away at the age of 78 years with lung fever. He was one of the earliest merchants of Lincoln

Eugene Ritchey and Miss Pearl Richard were married Wednesday at the bride's home at Lincoln,

Thomas Arnold and Miss Elsie Smith of Omega township, Ill., were married Wednesday.

Central about eight miles from Carbondale in which Engineer Tippey was seriously injured in the side. He also lost an eye. Fireman James Dounel. was also injured. The cause of the wreck is supposed to be the spreading of the rails, which made the engine

The second and last day's session of the convention of the Illinois Retail Clerks' Association closed at Springfield with the association a member of the state labor federation. This move was made in the morning. The state secretary of the federation, W. L. Morris, of Springfield, performed the ceremony of bringing the infant order within the protection of the larger body. The only other business accoun plished was the election of delegates to attend the state federation convention to be held in October in East St. Louis. Five were chosen, as follows: J. Hartman, of Alton; Emma Lamphere and Oscar Peterson, of Galeaburg: H. Johnson, of Chicago, and Henry F. Risch, of Springfield. The association decided to hold its next convention the first Tuesday in January, 1903, in this

Striking employes of the Allis-Chalmera company. Chicago, hope to induc machinists employed at the Milwaukee shops to quit.

Patrick Walsh, formerly a mail carrier iff Springfield, has been convicted of abstracting articles of value from letters which he delivered. Sentence in his case was deferred. A conviction gan, the leader of a gang of counterterfeiters who operated in the neighborhood of Vandalla about a year ago. Milligan was convicted under two

At the bik dispersion sale of Hereford cattle in Chicago Perfection, bull owned by Thomas Clark of Beacher, Ill., sold to Gilbert H. Hoxie of Chicago for the record price of \$9,000. This is the highest figure ever paid for a bull in this country, and stands next to the sale of Lord Wilson in England some years ago for \$19.36 Hoxle is the son of the late John R. Hoxie, the railroad magnate, a is a millionaire. His hobby in the cattle. He owns a highly improstock farm at Thornton, Ill., and big ranch near Taylor, Texas, Edward Chency of Galesburg seri the recent New York tunnel

was buried from Evanston I

ris; B. H. Haines, Tay Henry Innvillence ior, Gridley. Assistanta-Decatur: J. R. Neal, Jr., ployes of the Chi circular which states company for twenty years' connection with the was required to recutre. A fee of \$17,816 was not Secretary of State James way company to do be nois. Last October, when the then Reensed to transmi the state until the p capital stock and m has a capital stock of inols, or 17 8-10 per ce capital stock and m oration in Illinois. The ington, Ia., the com had paid larger fees in

Poultry and Pet Stock charge of D. T. He ville, Ill The funeral of Mrs. Paris, Priday, Mrs. 25

months. She was a native of Samuel H. Thomps eighth year. He served Wooster University will ! fort to raise the \$146.6

secure the provisi to the Ohio Instituti not Dr. D. M. Penre reported in the dispe building a mosth ago the t with the expected c make a fund of \$800.0

porter. His family and one time he had a lu nention at a Los eral decades ago, but the