

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

OUR CAUSES FOR THANKSGIVING TO THE GOD OF LOVE.

Text from Psalms: "Sing Unto Him with a Psaltery and an Instrument of Ten Strings" - Favours Lavishly Bestowed Received with Ingratitude.

(Copyright, 1902, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) Washington, Feb. 2.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls attention to causes of thanksgiving that are seldom recognized and shows how to cultivate a cheerful spirit; text, Psalms xxxiii, 2, "Sing unto him with a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings."

A musician as well as poet and conqueror and king was David, the author of my text. He first composed the sacred rhythm and then played it upon a harp, striking and plucking the strings with his fingers and thumbs. The harp is the oldest of musical instruments. Jubal invented it, and he was the seventh descendant from Adam. Its music was suggested by the twang of the bowstring. Homer refers to the harp in the "Iliad." It is the most consecrated of all instruments, it has a tenderness and sweetness belonging to no other instrument that I know of. It enters into the richest symbolism of the Holy Scriptures. The raptures of heaven are represented under the figure of "harpers harping on their harps." We learn from coins and medals that in the Maccabean age the harp had only three strings. In other ages it had eight strings. David's harp had ten strings, and when his great soul was affre with the theme his sympathetic voice, accompanied by exquisite vibration of the chords, must have been overpowering.

With as many things to complain about as any man ever had David wrote more anthems than any other man ever wrote. Indeed, the more his troubles the mightier his sacred poems. The words "praise" and "song" are so often repeated in his psalms that one would think the typesetter's case containing the letters with which those words are spelled would be exhausted. In my text David calls upon the people to praise the Lord with an instrument of ten strings, like that which he was accustomed to finger. The simple fact is that the most of us, if we praise the Lord at all, play upon one string or two strings or three strings when we ought to take a harp fully chorded and with glad fingers sweep all the strings. Instead of being grateful for here and there a blessing we happen to think of, we ought to rehearse all our blessings so far as we can recall them and obey the injunction of my text to sing unto him with an instrument of ten strings.

Have you ever thanked God for delightsome food? What vast multitudes are a-hungered from day to day or are obliged to take food not toothsome or pleasant to the taste! What millions are in struggle for bread!

Have you appreciated the fact that on most of your tables are luxuries that do not come to all? What fruits, what nuts, what meats regale your appetite, while many would be glad to get the crusts and rinds and peelings that fall from your table. For the fine flavors and the luxurious viands you have enjoyed for a lifetime perhaps you have never expressed to God a word of thanksgiving.

Have you thanked God for eyesight as originally given to you or, after it was dimmed by age, for the glass that brought the page of the book within the compass of the vision? Have you realized the privation those suffer to whom the day is as black as the night and who never see the face of father or mother or wife or child or friend? The man of millions of dollars who recently went blind from atrophy of optic nerve would have been willing to give all his millions and become a day laborer if he could have kept off the blindness that gradually crept over his vision.

Have you ever given thanks for two eyes—media between the soul inside and the world outside, media that no one but the infinite God could create? The eye, the window of our immortal nature, the gate through which all colors march, the picture gallery of the soul! Without the eye this world is a big dungeon. I fear that many of us have never given one hearty expression of gratitude for treasure of sight, the loss of which is the greatest disaster possible unless it be the loss of the mind.

Further, notice how many pass through life in silence because the ear refuses to do its office. They never hear music, vocal or instrumental. The thunder that rolls its full diapason through the heavens does not startle the prolonged silence. The air that has for us so many melodies has no sweet sound for them. They live in a quietude that will not be broken until heaven breaks in upon them with its harmonies. The bird voices of the springtime, the chatter of the children, the sublime chant of the sea, the solo of the cantatrice and the melody of the great worshipping assemblies mean nothing to them. Have we devoutly thanked God for these two wonders of our hearing, with which we can now put ourselves under the charm of sweet sound and also carry in our memories the infantile song with which our mothers put us to sleep, and the voices of the great prima donnas like Lind and Patti and Nelson, and the sound of instruments like the viola of the Swedish performer, or the cornet of Arbuckle, or the mightiest of all instruments, with the hand of Morgan on the keys and his foot on the pedal, or some Sabbath tune like "Coronation," in the acclaim of which you could hear the crowns of heaven coming down at the feet of Jesus? Many of us have never thanked God for this

hearing apparatus of the soul. That is one of the ten strings of gratitude that we ought always to thrum after hearing the voice of a loved one or the last strain of an oratorio, or the clang of a cathedral tower.

Further, there are many who never recognize how much God gives them when he gives them sleep. Insomnia is a calamity wider known in our land than in any other. Sleeplessness is an American disorder. If it has not touched you and you can rest for seven or eight hours without waking—if for that length of time in every twenty-four hours you can be free of all care and worry and your nerves are returned and your limbs escape from all fatigue and the rising sun finds you a new man, body, mind and soul—you have an advantage that ought to be put in prayer and song and congratulation. The French financier, almost wealthy enough to purchase a kingdom but the victim of insomnia, wrote: "No slumber to be bought in any market." He was right. Sleep is a gratuity from him who never sleeps. Oh, the felicities of slumber! Let all who have this real benefaction celebrate it. That is one of the sweetest strings in all the instrument of ten strings.

Further, let us gratefully acknowledge the power of physical locomotion. To be able to go where we wish and all unaided—what a kindness! What multitudes have to call in the aid of cane and crutch and invalid's chair, and their whole life is a hindrance! How hard to get about with lack of strong and healthy and supple limbs! Congratulated ought you all to be if you have the usual physical endowment, and sympathized with ought all those to be who can neither walk nor climb nor enter upon any great activities. That is one of the thousands of reasons why I hate war with a complete hatred. It takes off with bullet or shell or surgeon's knife the capacity of men to achieve their own livelihood or do the work for which they would otherwise be fully qualified. Brave men, self-sacrificing men, for the rest of their life are put on the limits and strangely suffer in stormy weather from limbs amputated.

How much of the human family in every century has been cut up and shot to pieces and passed into mutilation! American manhood had hardly recovered from the lacerations of the war of the Revolution when it was called to be carved by the swords and stabbed with the bayonets and blackened with the gunpowder of 1812. Hardly recovered was our American manhood from that when the war with Mexico began its butchery. Hardly was American manhood recovered from that before the civil war took hold of it and dug its grave trench through the north and its grave trench through the south. Hardly was our American manhood recovered from that when the Spanish war came, with its malaria and crowded hospitals. Thank God that now four of the greatest nations are allied in good understanding—the United States, England, Germany and Russia—and if they will do the right things they can forever stop national and international strife and put an end to wholesale amputation.

Further, celebrate on the instrument of ten strings our illumined nights. They spread themselves over us, and some of us go out to look at them. During the night other worlds come in sight. We thank God for the day; we ought also to thank him for the night. Worlds on worlds in sight of the naked eye, but more worlds revealed by telescope. At least one night in his lifetime every man ought to go into astronomical observatory and see what has been done by the great World Builder. Thank God for lunar and stellar illumination.

Further, on the instrument of ten strings celebrate the possession of our reason. A severe stroke upon the head or a sudden calamity or any one of fifty kinds of accident might deprive our reason and leave us worse off than the brute, for the brute has a substitute for reason in what is called instinct, but a man's brain shattered, and he has neither mind nor instinct. The asylums for the insane, though all the time multiplying, are not enough to shelter the demented. Through the cramming system employed in many of the schools of this country there are tens of thousands of children having their brain depleted. Philosophers at ten years of age, astronomers at eleven years of age, geologists at twelve years of age. They will be first on examination day, but last in all matters of useful and successful life. It would be amusing to see how much children are expected to learn and know if it were not connected with the tragedies of damaged intellects which follow.

Another string of this instrument I now touch—friendships, deep and abiding, by which I refer to those people who, when good or bad motive may be ascribed to you, ascribe the good; those concerning whom you do not wonder which side they will take when you are under discussion; those who would more gladly serve you than serve themselves; those to whom you can tell everything without reserve; those who are first in your home by person or by telegram when you have trouble. Oh, what a blessing to have plenty of friends! Aye, if you have only one good friend, you are blessed in that glad possession. With one such friend you can defy the world. If you have been through some great crisis and you have one friend left, thank God and celebrate it on the sweetest harp-string.

"While all this is so," says some one, "there are so many things that others have which I have not." I reply, it is not what we get, but what we are, that decides our happiness. With the bare necessities of life many are unspcakably happy, while others with all the luxuries are impersonations of misery. Your heart right, all is right; your heart wrong, all is wrong. But we must tighten the cords of our harp and retune it while we celebrate gospel advantages. The highest style of civilization the world has ever seen is American civilization, and it is built out of the gospel of pardon and good morals. That gospel rocked our cradle, and it will epitaph our grave. It soothes our sorrows, brightens our hopes, inspires our courage, forgives our sins and saves our souls. It takes a man who is all wrong and makes him all right. What that gospel has done for you and me is a story that we can never fully tell. What it has done for the world and will yet do for the nations it will take the thousand years of the millennium to celebrate. Oh, what a world this will be when it rotates in its orbit a redeemed planet, girdled with spontaneous harvests and enriched by orchards whose fruits are speckled and redundant, and the last pain will have been banished and the last tear wept and the last groan uttered, and there shall be nothing to hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain! All that and more will come to pass, for "the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

So far I have mentioned nine of the ten strings of the instrument of gratitude. I now come to the tenth and the last. I mention it last that it may be the more memorable—heavenly anticipation. By the grace of God we are going to move into a place so much better than this that on arriving we will wonder that we were for so many years so loath to make the transfer. After we have seen Christ face to face and rejoiced over our departed kindred there are some mighty spirits we will want to meet soon after we pass through the gates. We want to see and will see David, a mightier king in heaven than he ever was on earth, and we will talk with him about psalmody and get from him exactly what he meant when he talked about the instrument of ten strings. We will confront Moses, who will tell of the law-giving on rocky Sinai and of his mysterious burial, with no one but God present. We will see Joshua, and he will tell us of the coming down of the walls of Jericho at the blast of the ram's horn and explain to us that miracle—how the sun and moon could stand still without demolition of the planetary system. We will see and talk with Daniel, and he will tell us how he saw Belshazzar's banqueting hall turned into a slaughter house and how the lions greeted him with loving fawn instead of stroke of cruel paw. We will see and talk with Solomon, whose palaces are gone, but whose inspired epigrams stand out stronger and stronger as the centuries pass. We will see Paul and hear from him how Felix trembled before him, and the audience of skeptics on Mars hill were confounded by his sermon on the brotherhood of man, what he saw at Ephesus and Syracuse and Philippi and Rome and how dark was the Mamertine dungeon and how sharp the ax that beheaded him on the road to Ostia. What a thrill of excitement for us when we gaze upon the heroes and heroines who gave their lives for the truth. We will see the gospel proclaimers Chrysostom and Bourdaloue and Whitefield and the Wesleys and John Knox. We will see the great Christian poets Milton and Dante and Watts and Mrs. Hemans and Frances Havergal. Yea, all the departed Christian men and women of whatever age or nation.

But there will be one focus toward which all eyes will be directed. His infancy having slept on pillow of straw; all the hates of the Herodian government planning for his assassination; in after time whipped as though he were a criminal; asleep on the cold mountains because no one offered him a lodging; though the greatest being who ever touched our earth, derisively called "this fellow;" his last hours writhing on spikes of infinite torture; his lacerated form put in sepulcher, then reanimated and ascended to be the center of all heavenly admiration—upon that greatest martyr and mightiest hero of all the centuries we will be permitted to look. Put that among your heavenly anticipations.

Now take down your harp of ten strings and sweep all the chords, making all of them tremble with a great gladness. I have mentioned just ten—delightsome food, eyesight, hearing, healthful sleep, power of physical locomotion, illumined nights, mental faculties in equipoise, friendships of life, gospel advantages and heavenly anticipations. Let us make less complaint and offer more thanks, render less dirge and more cantata. Take paper and pen and write down in long columns your blessings. I have recited only ten. To express all the mercies God has bestowed you would have to use at least three, and I think five, numerals, for surely they would run up into the hundreds and the thousands. "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever." Get into the habit of rehearsal of the brightnesses of life.

Notice how many more fair days there are than foul, how many more good people than bad you meet. Set your misfortunes to music, as David opened his "dark sayings on a harp." If it has been low tide heretofore, let the surges of mercy that are yet to roll in upon you reach high water mark. All things will work together for your good, and heaven is not far ahead. Wake up all the ten strings. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen!

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The following dates for Sabbath school conventions to be held throughout Washington county has been set: M. E. church, Richview, February 18; M. E. church, Beaucoup, February 19; Presbyterian church, Nashville, February 20; United Presbyterian church, Oakdale, February 21.

Frank Miller, the singing evangelist, is attracting great crowds at the Vandavia Presbyterian church. The services will be continued indefinitely.

George F. Michaels, who lived alone on his farm in Otego township, was discovered by some of his neighbors suffering with pneumonia, but he died before medical aid could be procured.

The public schools at Batchtown have been closed on account of smallpox. Prof. J. F. Tribble's two daughters, who were attending school in Alton recently returned to their home in Batchtown, afflicted with the disease. The Tribble residence is quarantined.

At Bunker Hill, Ill., Skar Bros.' dry goods store was burned to the ground. The stock was valued at \$11,000 and the building at \$5,000.

Reports come from a number of localities in Illinois that some months ago a stranger canvassed and obtained the signatures of over 200 farmers to petitions, some for a new bridge, and others to open a new roadway. The names were all signed on blank sheets, with liberal space at the top. These have come to the banks in the form of promissory notes for the sum of \$5,000 and \$5,000.

Policeman Ben Martin was shot and killed by Wesley E. Hawley, keeper of a restaurant at Mowqua in which it is alleged whisky is frequently sold.

John Greenbaugh, a farmer, residing near Elgin, saw three men stealing horses. He lay in wait and challenged the thieves. A running fight followed, in which Greenbaugh was severely injured by a bullet in his neck. The robbers escaped.

Norman L. Cottrell, for nearly fifty years a resident of Sycamore, died suddenly of pneumonia, aged seventy-four. His death occurred on the forty-ninth anniversary of his wedding.

During 1901 the naval recruiting station in Chicago has made a remarkable record. Of the 3,228 young men who applied for positions on warships, 2,081 were rejected by the medical officer and 1,147 were enlisted.

The elopement of Arthur Pick, a traveling salesman for a Chicago cloak manufacturing firm, and Miss Bonnie Simons, 19 years old, of Bloomington, has become public. The parents of the girl opposed the union and had been watching her closely to prevent her departure with Pick. She eluded them, however, and the couple were married in Lincoln. They will reside in Chicago.

The Chicago Federation of Labor will object to the Allis-Chalmers company securing a contract from the city for engines for the pumping stations. The company bid \$90,000, while its nearest competitor will fill the contract for \$90,800. The executive board was instructed to prevent the signing of the contract if it had not been awarded.

At Arthur, Michael Corbett, a wealthy pioneer resident, was found dead in bed. He was seventy-two years old and a native of Ireland. He was a cousin to James J. Corbett, the pugilist.

Arthur M. Parent died at Pullman after a short illness. He was manager of the Pullman car shops, and was prominent in the suburb. Mr. Parent has held his position as head of the works at Pullman for nine years.

The management of the Alton road has contracted for the equipment of its western division, from Kansas City to Roodhouse, with electric block signals. There are eighty-two blocks to be erected at once and probably twenty-five additional later.

Corneilus M. Leek, one of the best known newspaper men in Illinois, died of consumption. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1849. His first newspaper work was with the Bloomfield, Ind., Democrat as publisher. For the last thirty years he had been identified with the Press of Bloomington, Ill., and for half that time was editor of the Sunday Eve.

Stricken with death from heart disease while offering up prayer was the tragic fate which overtook Elijah Lamar at the Holiness Chapel at Nashville.

The "age limit," as established by a number of railroads, was attacked by the Chicago Federation of Labor, which body will discuss the proposition as a special order at its next meeting. The purpose is to draw out ideas which may be crystallized into a law that will enable every workman, whether under or over the age of 35 years, to follow his craft.

Willis G. Jackson, one of the oldest real estate men in Chicago, died in Thomaston, Ga.

Dr. Theodore G. Soares has resigned his pulpit at Galesburg and accepted a call extended by the First Baptist church of Oak Park.

Albert Griffiths, better known as "Young Griffo," the pugilist, is at the County Hospital, Chicago, in a serious condition. Both feet and hands are frozen, and the doctors fear that serious results will follow. Hospital physicians say Griffo may have to have both hands and feet amputated.

It is understood that the Kansas City, Peoria & Chicago, which is the name of the reorganized properties recently purchased by J. W. Gates, has been purchased by the Rock Island and the Burlington jointly and that the transfer will soon be made in Chicago.

Prices of chickens, ducks and turkeys are on the up-grade at Chicago. Commission merchants talk of a corner.

A new addition to the German Old People's Home at Quincy has been dedicated.

Fire in the saloon of O. F. Hills of M. Leansboro practically destroyed the building and contents and the adjoining building, occupied by Col. Sam Frye as a restaurant. Hills' loss is \$2,000.

The Jersey county Democrats will hold a county primary April 12.

A United States master in chancery has sold the coal shaft, machinery and lands of the Big Muddy Coal and Washer company, near Carbondale, Ill. The new owners are from Chicago, and will at once place the property in first-class condition.

William Widdows, aged 60, for many years a resident of Juka, Ill., is dead.

A draft for \$458 was received in Alton for distribution among the six children of Mrs. Pauline Zirres. The money was willed to the six children by a relative in Germany who died twenty-one years ago.

Owen Theiler was shot and killed by Norris Dow at his home near Downers Grove. Theiler was a woman. The lie was passed and Theiler began hammering Dow with a billy. Dow shot Theiler.

Mrs. S. Demuth, probation officer for Madison county, has twenty-five applications from families who desire to find babies to adopt, and she is unable to fill all the orders she has received.

The grand jury of Marion county has returned eight indictments containing 128 counts against John Zollar for the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. In case of conviction on all counts his fine will amount to \$7,000.

John A. Cousley, editor of the Alton Telegraph, has withdrawn from the contest for the Alton postmastership. The present incumbent, W. T. Norton, will probably be reappointed.

The Republican county central committee at Edinburg issued a call for a convention for Tuesday, February 11, to nominate candidates for county offices and delegates to the senatorial, congressional and state conventions.

In the United States circuit court at Springfield William Nash was awarded \$15,000 damages against the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railway.

The old ladies' home at Springfield, which was seriously damaged by fire, will be rebuilt and refitted.

The auditor of public accounts has canceled \$89,000 of Crawford county 4 per cent bonds. The canceled paper was refunded by an issue of 4 per cent bonds.

The Federal Lead company has completed one mile of fence on its property east of Alton. Material for the new smelter is arriving daily.

O. S. Scott, cashier of the People's bank at Newton, in drilling for water, struck a 4-foot vein of coal.

The Democratic congressional committee of the twenty-third district has selected May 7 as the date for holding the convention at Newton.

Prof. Alfred Bayliss, state superintendent of public instruction, calls attention to the vast number of treeless school premises. Teachers are urged to interest the school children in tree planting in anticipation of arbor day. It is suggested that each tree in the school yard be named in honor of some person worthy of the honor.

Examinations for teachers' certificates will be held at Red Bud, March 21-22; Chester, May 18-17; Coatsville, July 11-12; Steeleville, September 5-6.

The Collinsville Grand Army post has the promise of a cannon from the United States war department.

Gov. Yates has issued a proclamation defining the territory in the southwestern states from which, on account of the prevalence of spleen, or Texas, fever in such territory, cattle shall not be shipped into Illinois.

At a meeting of trades unionists recently held in Chicago resolutions were adopted condemning in the name of organized labor the assassination of President McKinley, and it was decided to take steps to interest trades unionists throughout the state in the movement to raise funds for the proposed monument to the martyr president, to be erected at Canton, Ohio. The late president was an honorary member of Local No. 21, Chicago, of the Bricklayers and Masons' International Union of America. Where the rules of the union prohibit donations from the treasury, individual subscriptions are solicited. All remittances should be made by bank draft, postoffice or express money order, payable to F. W. Arnold, treasurer, Peoria, Ill. Each contributor will receive from the Association a souvenir receipt in addition to a souvenir certificate which will be sent by the Trustees of the McKinley National Memorial Association.

W. B. Cornsaw, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Great Western railway, died at his home in Springfield. He was 79 years old.

Orley Bishop of El Dorado pleaded guilty to selling intoxicating liquors without a license and was fined \$246.

The merchants of Hardin and members of the neighborhood have organized a stock company of \$8,000 capital, and will build a canning factory. The factory will have a capacity of 15,000 cans per day and will employ 100 laborers. It will be in operation by June 1.

H. M. Carnick, editor of the Calhoun Times, has purchased the Calhoun Herald of Charles H. Lamsy. Editor Carnick will continue the publication of both the Times and Herald until April, when the Times, which is published in Batchtown, will be moved to Hardin and the two papers consolidated.

The total tax collected in Marion county this year is \$125,282.52.

John L. Bennett, has resigned as chief clerk in the office of the Wheeling trainmaster to take the management of the wire-mat factory at Decatur.

Defiance Starch, 16 ounces, 15 cents. In De Witt county four men and one estate own 5,400 acres of land. They are Andrew Allen, 1,300 acres; Hon. Carl Swigart, 1,000 acres; George F. Davis, 1,600 acres; Dr. John Warner, 1,000 acres, and the C. H. Moore estate, 1,500 acres.

The Vandavia District Branch League of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its annual district convention at Vandavia in June.