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THE CEDAR OF LEBANON.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Speaks of Its Sheltering Wings.

A despatch from Washington says:—Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text:—"All fowl of every wing."—Ezekiel xvii, 23. The cedar of Lebanon is a royal tree. It stands six thousand feet above the level of the sea.

First, the young may come. Of the eighteen hundred and seventy-one years that have passed, about sixteen hundred have been wasted by the good in misdirected efforts. Until Robert Raikes came, there was no organized effort for saving the young.

Again, I remark that the old may come. You say, "Suppose a man has to go on crutches; suppose he is blind; suppose he is deaf; suppose that nine-tenths of his life has been wasted."

Men talk of the grace of God as though it were so many yards long, and so many yards deep. People point to the dying thief as an encouragement to the sinner.

There may be those here who never had one earnest word said to them about their souls. Consider me as putting my hand on your shoulder, and looking in your eye.

fed every day? Who feeds you? Put your hand on your pulse? Who makes it throb? Listen to the respiration of your lungs. Who do you breathe?

O this mercy of God! I am told it is an ocean. Then, I place on it four swift sailing craft, with compass, and charts, and choice rigging, and skilful navigators, and I tell them to launch away, and discover for me the extent of this ocean.

Again: all the dying will find their nest in this goodly cedar. It is cruel to destroy a bird's nest; but death does not hesitate to destroy one.

Of what great varieties heaven will be made up! There come men who once were hard and cruel, and desperate in wickedness, yet now, soft and changed by grace, they come into glory.

So God gathers them up. It is astonishing how easy it is for a good soul to enter heaven.

There are no ropes thrown out to pull us ashore; there are no ladders let down to pull us up.

WHO LIKED STRAWBERRY JAM? The Lady Bountiful of the parish was going her rounds, and called at a small cottage occupied by a model peasant, whose wife had been an invalid for some years.

Just about the same, thankee kindly, mem, was the reply. Did she enjoy those little things I sent her yesterday? asked the lady.

ON THE EVE OF HIS DEATH.

GEN. WAUCHOPE'S LAST WORDS BEFORE THE BATTLE.

His Great Love for the Brave Black Watch—Possessed a Premonition That He Would Lose His Life in the Next Day's Battle.

David Lyall in the British Weekly, tells of a conversation he had with General Wauchope before the fateful battle of Magersfontein. He says:

What interested me most was the fact that I should come to close quarters with General Wauchope, who was a man not only of my own land, but of my own country side.

"That's Wauchope," said my brother of the Pilot, pronouncing the name after the extraordinary manner of the Southern, putting the full emphasis on the last syllable, and giving the "ch" its full due.

"Wa-hope," I tried to correct him mildly, whereat he waxed wroth. "Why don't you make an alphabet for yourself, you Scotch?" he enquired witheringly.

STRONG AND MANLY FIGURE.

I did not for a moment reply, for, indeed, my whole attention was given to the man whose name raised Luttrell's ire. The figure I saw in some strange manner moved me mightily.

"Your Wa-chope looks down on his luck, doesn't he?" said Luttrell, with his aggravating drawl.

NOT AGREED WITH WAUCHOPE.

Luttrell was a shrewd observer. At that moment he had put his finger with unerring precision on the weak spot. I believe it is no longer doubted that Methuen and Wauchope were not agreed about the plan of the approaching engagement.

The great gun, but newly arrived, and already nicknamed Joey, had been dragged by oxen and men to a ridge overlooking the supposed position of the enemy.

WHEN PAYING CALLS.

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DISTRESSING.

Miss Summit—Mr. Tutler does nothing but talk about golf all the time. Miss Pallade—What a bore! Miss Summit—Isn't he? I don't get a chance to talk about it myself.

The aggressive reserve of the Scot, never more strikingly exemplified than in the General's first look at me, was immediately melted in the sunshine of a smile which changed the whole man, and he frankly extended his hand.

"I know your name, of course. I have heard you spoken of at the Claud Inneses. I am glad to meet you. What paper do you represent?"

"The St. George Gazette." "Ah, yes, of course, I ought to have remembered. Well, Mr. Lyall, this is a strange business we are embarked on. Have you been here since the start?"

"I joined Lord Methuen's column just before Belmont, sir. My chief, Mr. Wardrop, has his only son shut up in Kimberley."

"Oh, yes, there's a good many vested interests of one kind and another in this country," said the General, with a slight, inscrutable smile.

"I have thought things pointed that way, sir," I said, more and more impressed by his frankness and the inexplicable charm of his manner. It may be that my heart, being soft to him who had come straight from home, was apt to exaggerate the qualities of the man, but in my brief interview with him I came to the conclusion that he possessed all that was necessary to bind his men to him in that passionate ardour of devotion which next day was so sadly exemplified in the field.

A PREMONITION OF DEATH.

"The Black Watch looks very fit," I ventured to remark when he did not reply to me. "I've been talking to some of them. They seem in tremendous spirits."

"Ah, they're fine fellows, fine fellows whom any man might be proud to lead. They and I have been in some tight places together. I wonder whether this will be the last."

"Sir, do not hint at such a thing!" I stammered, for the sadness with which he spoke staggered me.

"I much fear it; in fact, I may almost say I am certain of it. I shall never see Niddrie or the green Lothian plains again, Mr. Lyall. But if a man dies at his post, whether at home or abroad, in peace or in war time, he has fulfilled the Creator's purpose in him, and no man need say his end comes untimely."

With that he got up and strode away, and I dared not follow him. I stood still, and looked after him almost stupidly. The thought in my mind that he was a great soul and solitary, set apart in some strange way from his compeers by the shadow of approaching death.

A FEW HOURS' REST.

As I sauntered back to the great busy camp, my mind was full of many strange thoughts and some natural forebodings concerning the morrow. I saw him very near once more that night before we turned in to snatch a few hours' broken rest. It was late, and he had been long closeted with the commanding officer in his quarters, receiving, we supposed, his full and final instructions concerning the plan of action.

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FEW COOKS IN ENGLAND.

The Wide Wide World is Suffering From a dearth of Housemaids. The servant problem is, without doubt, an engaging one in London.

There is hardly a town or country in England from which complaints on the subject have not been recently received. In addition, householders with experience abroad, in the colonies, India, China, Japan and America have contributed information.

Many objections are raised at the idea of importing Indian or Chinese servants on account of their code of morals and their peculiar views on sanitation. On the other hand, there are many who, knowing the silent Tamil or the catlike Cantonese, would welcome him in England with open arms.

Numerous letters have come from writers on domestic service, giving reasons for the scarcity. On one point there is unanimity—restriction of liberty.

Not enough consideration in the matter of personal comfort is also assigned by the servants themselves as the reason. If some of the descriptions of sleeping rooms given are not grossly exaggerated, certain British matrons have ample scope for reform.

"At afternoon tea the visitors chief topic is servants' failings. The mistresses, of course, are perfect!" The sarcasm comes from a parlor-maid.

GERMANY'S COSTLY NAVY.

Rich Harvest Reaped by the Two Builders of the Kaiser. The armor of the new German battleships is to consist of nickel steel-plate, the total cost being estimated at £13,000,000.

The whole of it is to be furnished by two firms of Krupp and Stumm, whose net profits is estimated at \$8,350,000.

Some members of Parliament suggested that the Government should establish works of their own or invite competition. The Government's delegate replied that this was impossible now, owing to the enormous cost of setting up such establishments.

With reference to Mr. Goschen's statement that England built her ships 20 per cent cheaper than other countries, which means that Germany is now spending £12,400,000 more than England would do for the same number of ships, the Government's delegate said that in England shipbuilding yards were well equipped, materials and coal were cheaper and there was sharper competition among builders.

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