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Washington report—In this dis- course, from a symbol of the Bible, Dr. Talmage urges the adoption of an un- usual mode of estimating character, and shows how different is the divine way from the human way. Text, Proverbs xvi, 2: "The Lord weigheth the spirits." The subject of weights and mea- sures is discussed among all nations, is the subject of legislation and has much to do with the world's prosper- ity. A system of weights and mea- sures was invented by Phidon, ruler of Argos, about 800 years before Christ. An ounce, a pound, a ton, were dif- ferent in different lands. Henry III decided that an ounce should be the weight of 40 dried grains of wheat from the middle of the ear. From the reign of William the Conqueror to Henry VIII the English pound was the weight of 7,680 grains of wheat. Queen Elizabeth decreed that a pound should be 7,680 grains, wheat taken from the middle of the ear. The piece of plat- inum kept at the office of the exchequer in England in an atmosphere of 62 F. decides for all Great Britain what a pound must be. Scientific representa- tives from all lands met in 1889 in Paris and established international standards of weights and measures. You all know something of avoird- uois weight, of apothecaries' weight, of the different kinds of weighing ma- chines, whether a Roman balance, which is our steelyard, or the more usual instrument consisting of a beam supported in the middle, having two basins of equal weight suspended to the extremities. Scales have been in- vented to weigh substances huge like mountains, and others delicate enough to weigh infinitesimals. But in all the universe there has only been one bal- ance that could weigh thoughts, emo- tions, affections, hatreds, ambitions. That balance was fashioned by an Al- mighty God and is hung up for perpe- tual service. "The Lord weigheth the spirits."

possible. If I can say anything good about others, I will say it. If I can say nothing but vile of them, I will keep my lips shut as tight as the lips of the sphinx, which for 3,000 years has looked off upon the sands of the desert and uttered not one word about the desolation. The scheme of reconstructing this world is too great for me to manage, but I am not ex- pected to boss this job. I have laid to believe that the plan is well laid out and will be well executed. Give me a brick and a trowel and I will begin now to help build the wall. I am not a soloist, but I can sing Rock of Ages to a sick pauper. I can't write a great book, but I can pick a clinder from under his thumb nail. I now enlist in this army that is going to take the world for God, and I defy all the evil powers, Count and satanic, to discourage me. I cannot play me into the service, but I can play a cornet or string a harp or ap- plaud the orchestra." All through that man's experience there runs a faith that will keep him cheerful and busy and triumphant. But also into these royal scales the ambitious spirit. Every healthy man and woman has ambition. The lack of it is a sure sign of idiocy or im- morality. The only question is, What shall be the style of our ambi- tion? To stack up a stupendous for- tune, to acquire a resounding name, to sweep everything we can reach into the whirlpool of our own selfish- ness—that is debasing, ruinous and deathful. If in such a spirit we get what we start for, we only secure giv- ing discontent. No man was ever made happy by what he got. It all depends upon the spirit with which we get it, and the spirit with which we keep it, and the spirit with which we distribute it. Not since the world was had there been any instance of complete happiness from the amount of accumulation. Give the man a worldly ambition sixty years of re- liant success. He sought for afflu- ence, and he sought for affluence, and he is put in his wits' end to find out the best stocks and bonds in which he may make investments. He is director in banks enough and president in enough companies to bring on a paroxysm, of which he is now dying. The royal balances are lifted to weigh the ambition which has trod a lifetime. "How much worth of the ambition and heaven? did it yield for usefulness and gain? Less than a scruple, less than a grain of sand, less than an atom, less than nothing. Have a funeral in which ecclesiastics rustle about the casket, caricatures the scene by choral singing. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." That man's life is a fail- ure, and if his heirs scuffle in the struggle for the gate of heaven, the testator to make a last will and testa- ment will only be a prolongation of the failure.

But look into the dream of that schoolboy who, without saying any- thing about it, is planning his next career. From an old book partly written in Hebrew and partly in Greek, but both Hebrew and Greek translated into good Eng- lish, he reads of a great farmer like Amos, a great mechanic like Aholiab, a great lawyer like Moses, a great soldier like Joshua, a great king like Hezekiah, a great gleamer like Ruth, a great physician like Luke, a great preacher like Paul, a great Christ like no one on earth or in heaven but the superior of all beings, and he reads the ten commandments and by heart the law of the mount and has splendid theories about everything. Between that fair-haired boy and the achievement of what he wants and expects there are obstacles and obsta- cles known only to the God who is going to discipline him for heroics if I have no power to prophesy the different experiences of his encouragement and disappoint- ment, of his struggle or his triumph, but as sure as God lives to make his word come true that boy will without sleep to-night slumber without waking, and the intermediate chapters of the volume of that young man's life, but I know the first chapter and the last chapter. The first chapter is made up of the chapter filled with the God, and the last chapter is made up of the chapter filled with the God, and the poor will weep because they will lose their best friend. Many in whose temporal welfare and eternal salva- tion he bore a part will hear of it in the intermediate chapters of his mem- orious places and eulogize his mem- orious spirit. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." In the hour of that soul's release and enthronement there will be heavenly acclamation, as in the royal balances "The Lord weigheth the spirits."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XI. JUNE 16, 1901.

Jesus Appears to John—Rev. 1: 9-20. Commentary.—9. I John—John, the author of this book, was St. John, the apostle, the son of Zebedee, the be- loved disciple, and the author of the other books of the New Testam- ent that bear his name. Your bro- ther—member of the family of God, a Christian, Companion—"Partner," R. V. In tribulation—"A word dated from the threshing of wheat. It took hard blows of sorrow and persecution to separate the chaff from the wheat. Patmos—This island is in the Aegean Sea, about seventy miles southwest of Ephesus. "It is about twenty miles in circumference and is rocky and barren. Its loneliness and seclu- sion made it a suitable place for the banishment of criminals; and to the apostle John was banished the close of the first Christian century; though some scholars give an earlier date, under the Emperor Nero." John sur- vived all of the other apostles. His generation, Paul and the other apos- tles had been dead thirty years; hence John was truly the patriarch of the apostolic age. "Godly." 10. In the Spirit—Under the influ- ence of the Spirit, and filled and quick- ened by the Spirit. The Lord's day—"The day made sacred to all Chris- tians for all time by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead." 11. Alpha and Omega—These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This is a figurative ex- pression, used to show that Christ was "of all things. He is from eter- nity to eternity. What thou seest—The prophetic vision that was re- vealed to him on the Lord's Day. A parchment roll, seven churches—"The seven churches mentioned in the book of Revelation. There were hundreds of churches in Asia Minor at that time. The reason why seven only are men- tioned is because the church is sym- bolic of Christ, and seven is the num- ber of perfection. In Asia—This Asia does not have reference to the continent of Asia, nor to Asia Minor; but to a small province in Asia Minor called Ephesus. Mentioned first be- cause the church here was the largest and most important. For a description of these cities see dictionary.

12. The voice—He turned to word who it was that spoke of eternity, who being unable to signify the per- son speaking. Golden candlesticks—Compare Zech. iv, 2-11. Lampstands would be a better term. Not one candlestick with seven branches, but seven candlesticks. 13. In the midst—Showing Christ's presence among His people. The Son of Man—Compare Dan. vii, 13. "This term is used here because His glory might hide from view His oneness of sympathy with His people." A gar- ment of robe worn by the high priest. Jesus is our high priest in Heaven. "Girt with a golden girdle—He was girt with a golden girdle, and around the breast (R.V.) as a sign of royalty." The high priest, on which the names of His people are engraved.—Henry. 14. White like wool—Wool is sup- posed to be an emblem of eternity. The whiteness signified antiquity, purity and glory. With Christ, his glory had no sign of decay. 15. Burnished brass (R.V.)—This de- notes His stability and strength. His face as like brass when in the fur- nace. His feet were "strong and steadfast, supporting His own inter- est, subduing His enemies and tread- ing them to powder."—Henry. 16. In this hand—"The right hand" is an emblem of power. Seven stars—These stars are the faithful preachers of the gospel. A sharp two- edged sword—His word, which cut wounds and bones and strikes at sin through the right hand and on the left. "This wonderful sword has two edges, sharp as God's lightning—the edge that saves and the edge that de- stroys." As dead—His countenance was too bright and dazzling for mortal eye to behold, and John was completely overpowered with the glory in which he beheld. Compare Ezekiel. A gar- ment of power and protection, in which the churches were held. Fear not—There is no occasion to fear when in the presence of Christ. 18. The Living One (R.V.)—The source of all life—the One who pos- sesses absolute life in Himself. I was dead—I became a man and died as a man; I am the same One now as I was when I died. I am alive—Having broken the bands of death, I am alive "for evermore." The keys—An emblem of power and authority. 19. Which thou hast seen.—Visions he has just seen. Which are—The actual condition of the seven churches. See chapters ii, and iii. Which shall be—in the future of the church. 20. The mystery—Write the mys- terious—the "secret and sacred" message of what you have seen. "The angels—The ministers or pastors in charge. Teachings—"The churches are the precious light-bearers of Christ" and it is God's purpose that the love and power of Christ should be shown to the world through His people. From this glimpse of Christ we see how our resurrection bodies will appear. St. John himself says, "We shall be like Him."

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Our lesson to-day is from one of the most interesting of all the books of the Bible. There are some things easy to understand, but there are mysteries yet unexplained. Good and great men have grappled with them. To their own minds they have suc- ceeded in unrolling the mystery, while to others they fail to con- vince. Our lesson also introduces to us one of the most lovable characters in the Bible. The Jew called the beloved dis- ciple—the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had married a negro woman, "Was he not derided?" asked the Bostonian. "He was, sah," beamed the negro. "Dey rided him out ob town on a rail."—Household Words. Mercifulness makes us equal to the gods.—Clausden.

The Markets

Following are the leading quotat- ions at important markets to-day:

Table with columns for market names (Chicago, New York, etc.) and prices. Includes sections for 'Leading wheat markets' and 'Toronto Live Stock Markets'.

The stock market here to-day was rather quiet. Wheat—Three hundred bushels of white soft winter lower at 71 1/2-72 1/2. 71 1/2-72 1/2 bushels of spring wheat lower at 70 1/2-71 1/2. The sudden drop in the price of wheat is attributed to the poor crop in present and buyers do not care to take it. Oats—Four hundred bushels sold unchanged at 41. Potatoes—Twenty-five loads sold unchanged at 81 to 81 1/2 per ton. Straw—One load sold 81 higher at 89 per ton. Potatoes—Dealers were ready to buy at 40 to 50c per bag, but were unable to secure any at even those figures. Potatoes are very scarce and the market here is strong. Dressed Hogs—Market rather quiet, with prices unchanged at 28 1/2 to 29 1/2 per cwt.

When we read God's word let our prayer be, "Lord, open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wonderful things of Thy law." One has truthfully said, "Vision in spiritual things, as in nature, depends not on the eye on which it falls; 'May it be seen' is the question. 'But eyes are your eyes, for they see; and your ears for they hear.'" Samuel K. J. Chebro.

RAIDED GAMBLING DEN.

New York Judge Does Work Police Shirked.

CAPTURED QUITE AN OUTFIT.

New York despatch.—With sledge hammer and burglar's jimmy as weapons, the Society for Prevention of Crime took a hand at poolroom raiding this afternoon, and at No. 36 Beaver street gathered in a big bag of game. The attack was planned with such skill and carried out with such precision and speed that only two, and they of the small fry, of those for whom there were warrants, escaped. The 30 or 40 players who were in the poolroom when the door came crashing in under the blows of the sledge hammer and the ripping and tearing-away of the heavy battening by the jimmy, were in such a state of panic that the few who got away ran off, leaving hats, coats and waistcoats and ties lying scattered about the room where they had been deposited, on account of the heat. In one white waistcoat left hanging on a chair there was a valuable gold watch and chain, which the Society for the Prevention of Crime or to the police. The exciting incident of the raid was the chase after mysterious Ross, one and two. They got a good start from the window and down the fire-escape and their pursuers, Justice Jerome and Agents Hammond and Dillon took after them. The rear of the building opens into a large court, from which there is no egress save by way of the ground floors of the business houses which surround it. When Justice Jerome, with Hammond and Dillon at his heels, reached the fire escape, the mysteri- ous ones had vanished. From all directions came shouts of fugitives had gone. Several onlookers pointed to a flight of steps down into the basement of a large wholesale liquor store. From the fire-escape's last landing the fugitives were seen to enter a space of from twelve to fourteen feet. Down this dropped Justice Jerome, with Hammond and Dillon close after him. The judge made for the flight of steps and the fugitives were brought to a standstill. A burly German em- ployee of the liquor store barred the way. He found himself looking into the muzzle of Agent Hammond's large business-like revolver. He dropped his hammer then and with one cry of "Boleee" went at a swift leap back through the basement to- ward the front of the store. Justice Jerome had him in a corner one of the proprietors of the liquor store rushed down the stairs. He recognized Justice Jerome at once and apologized. He said that there broke through his store a galloping proces- sion either of bandits or lunatics, he could hardly tell which, and the por- ter was only engaged in what he felt the premises when he attempt- ed to hold the judge up.

A Humor of the Census.

The usual humorous incidents were not lacking in the recently taken British census. An immigrant in New Zealand stated to the authorities that his mother was a Kaffir, his father an Irishman, who had become a naturalized American, but after- ward served in the French army, and that he was born on the passage be- tween Yokohama and Colombo in a Spanish vessel. "Put him down a Scotchman!" was the official deci- sion.

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Trade at Montreal continues in a promising condition. The volume of business, so far, certainly equals that of the first five months of 1900. The business in general is reported steady. The wet weather of late has had a beneficial effect on the growth of the crops. Fine, bright, warm weather for a part of this week at Toronto served to show how trade will improve when the weather gets settled down into the regular summer conditions. The excellent summer crop prospects in Ontario and the improvement in the crop condition in the Northwest since the rains early this week in Manitoba are another cause to make the outlook for the fall business very promising. Trade at London has been more active this week. Large shipments of cattle and dairy produce are being made. There has been a very fair amount of business done in wholesale circles at Hamilton this week. Travelers have been sending forward good orders for the present season, and the demands of the retail trade having been stimu- lated by the better weather for business. Fall business looked so far has been very encouraging. Business at Winnipeg, which last week was adversely affected by the wet weather, has improved with the rain this week. The outlook for the growing crops having been improved by the much-needed rain, the feel- ing in business circles is better.

ASKING FOR MERCY.

Denton and Cross Plead for Mitigation of Sentence.

Toronto, June 7.—Through their counsel, Frank Denton, A. E. Cross, and James C. Ryan, of Trafalgar township, applied to be for- given part of the penalties laid upon them for corrupt practices in the Halton election that Cross was a bailiff, and in addition to being fined \$600, and \$98 costs, was disquali- fied from holding office. He had no crown for eight years. Ryan, a farm laborer, was quite unable to pay the \$281 of costs laid upon him. The Judges, Oser and MacLennan, re- served judgment.

New York and Buffalo may soon be connected by a trunk line, a cycle path. It will be possible for a wheelman to make the journey be- tween the two cities without travel- ing over any part of an ordinary roadway.

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