SOCIETIES

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THE WORLD TO BE SAVED.

DR. TALMAGE SAYS IT CAN BE DONE IN TEN YEARS.

A Fitting Close to One of the Grandest Centuries in the History of the World. Soul Saving Has Got to Be Done at Short Range.

BROOKLYN, April 14.—At the Tabernacle today, after expounding passages descriptive of the world as it shall be when gospelized, Dr. Talmage gave out the hymn:

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song. Text, Revelation xix, 4: "Amen; Alle-

luia!" The Nineteenth century is departing. After it has taken a few more steps, if each year be a step, it will be gone into the eternities. In a short time we shall be in the last decade of this century, which fact makes the solemnest book outside the Bible, the almanac, and the most suggestive and the most tremendous piece of machinery in all the earth, the clock. The last decade of this century upon which we shall soon enter will be the grandest, mightiest and most decisive decade in all the chronologies. I am glad it is not to come immediately, for we need by a new baptism of the Holy Ghost to prepare for it. That last ten years of the Nineteenth century, may we all live to see them! Does any one say that this division of time is arbitrary? Oh, no; in other ages the divisions of time may have been arbitrary, but our years date from Christ. Does any one say that the grouping of ten together is an arrangement arbitrary? Oh, no; next to the figure seven, ten is with God a favorite number. Abraham dwelt ten years in Canaan. Ten righteous men would have saved Sodom. In the ancient tabernacle were ten curtains, their pillars ten and their sockets ten. In the ancient temple were ten lavers and ten candlesticks and ten ta bles and a molten sea of ten cubits. And the commandments written on the granite of Mount Sinai were ten, and the kingdom of God was likened to ten virgins, and ten men should lay hold of him that was a Jew, and the reward of the greatly faithful is that they shall reign over ten cities, and in the effort to take the census of the New Jerusalem the number ten swings around the thousands, crying "ten thousand times ten thousand."

of interest I can hardly describe. I have also noticed that the favorite time in many of the centuries for great events was the closing fragment of the century. Is America to be discovered, it must be in the last decade of the Fifteenth century, namely 1492. Was free constitutional government to be well established in America, the last

So I come to look toward the closing ten years

of the Nineteenth century with an intensity

years of the Eighteenth century must achieve it. Were three cities to be submerged by one pitch of scoriæ, Herculaneum and Strabaiæ and Pompeii in the latter part of the first century must go under. The Fourth century closed with the most agitating ecclesiastical war of history, Urban the Sixth against Clement the Seventh. Alfred the Great closes the Ninth century and Edward Ironsides the Eleventh century with their resounding deeds. The Sixteenth century closed with the establishment of religious independence in the United Netherlands. Aye, almost every century has had its peroration of overtowering achievements. As the closing years of the centuries seem a favorite time for great scenes of emancipation or disaster, and as the number ten seems a favorite number in the Scriptures written by divine direction, and as we are soon to enter upon the last ten years of the Nineteenth century, what does the world propose! What does the church of Christ propose! What do reformers propose! I know not; but now in the presence of this consecrated assembly I propose that we make ready, get all our batteries planted and all our plans well laid in what remains of this decade, and then in the last decade of the Nineteenth century march up and take this round world for God.

When I say we, I mean the five hundred million Christians now alive. But, as many of them will not have enough heart for the work, let us copy Gideon, and as he had thirty-two thousand men in his army to fight the Midianites, but many of them were not made of the right stuff, and he promuigated a military order saying "whospever is fearful and afraid let him return and depart early from Gilead," and twenty-two thousand were afraid of getting hurt and went home an i only ten thousand were left, and God told them that even this reduced number was too large a number, for they might think they had triumphed independent of divine help, and so the number must be still further reduced and only those should be kept in the ranks who in passing the river should be so in haste for victory over their enemies that, though very thirsty, they would without stopping a second just scoop up the water in the palm of their right hand and scoop up the water in the palm of their left hand, and only three hundred men did that, and those three hundred men with the battle shout, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," scattered the Midianites like leaves in an equinox, so out of the five hundred million nominal Christians of today let all unbelievers and cowards go home and get out of the way. And suppose we have only four hundred million left, suppose only two hundred million left, suppose only one hundred million left, yea, suppose we only have fifty million left, with them we will undertake the divine crusade, and each one just scooping up a palm full of the river of God's mercy in one hand and a palm full of the river of God's strength in the other, let us with the cry, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," the sword of the Lord and of John Knox, the sword of the Lord and of Matthew Simpson, the sword of the Lord and of Bishop McIlvaine, the sword of the Lord and of Adoniram Judson, the sword of the Lord and of Martin Luther, go into the last decade of

the Nineteenth century. NOTHING IMPRACTICABLE IN THE PROPOSITION Is it audacious for me to propose it? Oh, no; a captive servant in the kitchen of Naaman told the commander-in-chief where he could get rid of the blotches of his awful leprosy and his complexion became fair as a babe's. And didn't Christ in order to take the ophthalmia out of the eyes of the blind man use a mixture of spittle and dust! And who showed Blucher a short cut for his army so that instead of taking the regular road by which he would have come up too late, he came up in time to save Waterloo and Europe! Was it not an unknown lad who perhaps could not write his own name! And so I, "who am less than the least of all saints," propose a short cut to victory, and am willto be the expectoration on some blind eye and tell some of the brigadier generals of the Lord of hosts how this leprosied world may in the final decade of the Ninsteenth century have its flesh come again as the flesh of a little child.

Is there anything in prophecy to hinder this speedy consummation? No. Some our begins to quote from Daniel about "time, times and a half time," and takes from Revalation the seven trumpets, blowing them all at once in my ear. But with utmost reverence I take up all the prophecies and hold them toward heaven and say God never has and never will stop consecrated effort and holy

determination and magnificent resolve, and that if the church of God will rise up to its full work it can make Daniel's time twenty years and his half time ten years. Neither Isaiah, nor Ezekiel, nor Micah, nor Malachi, nor Jeremiah, nor any of the major or minor prophets will hinder us a second. Suppose the Bible had announced the millennium tobegin the year 3889, that would be no hindrance. In one sense God rever changes his mind, being the same yesterday, today and forever. But in another sense he does change his mind, and times without number, every day, and that is when his people pray. Didn't he change his mind about Nineveh! By God's command Jonah, at the top of his voice, while standing on the steps of the merchants' exchange and the palatial residences of that wity, cried out, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." Was it overthrown in forty days? No. The people gave up their sins and cried for mercy, and though Jonah got mad because his whole course of sermons had been spoiled and went into a disgraceful pouting, we have the record so sublime, I cannot read it without feeling a nervous chill running through me, "God saw their works that they turned from their evil way, and God repented of the evil that he had said he would do unto them, and he did it not." God is a father, and some of us know what that means, and some time when we have promised chastisement and the child deserved it, the little darling has put her arms around our neck and expressed such sorrow and such promises of doing better that her tears landed on the lips of our kiss, and we held her a half hour after on our knee and would as soon think of slapping an angel in the face as of even striking her with the weight of our little finger. God is a father, and while he has promised this world scourgings, though they were to be for a thousand years or five thousand years he would, if the world repented, substitute benediction and divine caress. God changed his mind about Sodom six times. He had determined on its destruction. Abraham asked him if he would not spare it if fifty righteous people were found there; and, narrowing down the number, if forty-five people were found there; if forty people; if thirty people; if twenty people; if ten people were found there. And each of the six times the Lord answered, Yes. Oh, why didn't Abraham go on just two steps further and say if five be found there and if one be found there, for then for the sake of Lot, its one good citizen, I think Sodom would have been spared. Eight times does the Bible say that God repented when he had promised punishments and withheld the stroke. Was it a slip of Paul's pen when he spoke of God's cutting short the work in righteousness! No. Paul's pen never slipped. There is nothing in the way of prophecy to hinder the crusade I have proposed for the last decade of the Nineteenth century.

PROCRASTINATION IS THE THIEF OF TIME. The whole trouble is that we put off the completion of the world's redemption to such long and indefinite distances. The old proverb that "what is everybody's business is nobody's business," might be changed a little and be made truthfully to say what is the Gospel business of all the ages is the Gospel business of no age. We are so constituted we cannot get up much enthusiasm about something five hundred years from now or a thousand years from now. We are fighting at too long a range. That gun called the "Swamp Angel" was a nuisance. It shot six miles, but it hardly ever hit anything. It did its chief destructive work when it burst and killed those who were setting it off. Short range is the effective kind of work, whether it be for worldly or religious purpose. Some man with his eyes half shut drones out to me the Bible quotation: "A thousand years are as one day;" that is, ten centuries are not long for the Lord. But why do you not quote the previous sentence which says that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years? That is, he could do the work of ten centuries in twenty-four hours. The mightiest obstacle to Christian work is the impression that the world's evangelization is away off. And we take the telescope and look on and on through centuries until we see two objects near each other, and we strain our vision and guess what they are, and we call great conventions to guess what they are, and we get down our heaviest theological works and balance our telescope on the lid and look and look and finally conclude that they are two beasts that we see and the one has hair and the other has wool, and we guess it must be the lion and the lamb lying down together. In that great cradle of postponement and somnolence we rock the church as though it were an impatient child and say, "Hush, my dear, don't be impatient! Don't get excited by revivals! Don't cry! Your Father's coming! Don't get uneasy! He will be here in two or three or ten or twenty thousand years." And we act as though we thought that when Macaulay's famous New Zealander in the far distant is seated on a broken arch of London bridge sketching the ruins of St. Paul's his grandchild might break in and jolt his pencil asking him if he thought the millennium ever would appear. Men and women of the eternal God! Sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty! We may have it start in the decade that is soon to commence, and it will be dow if we can persuade the people between

now and then to get ready for the work What makes me think it can be done? First, because God is ready. He needs no long persuasion to do his work, for if he is not willing that any should perish, he is not willing that any of the people of the next decade shall perish; and the whole Bible is a chime of bells ringing out "Come, come, come," and you need not go round the earth to find out how much he wants the world to come, but just to walk around one stripped and bare and leafless tree with two branches not arched but horizontal. But he is waiting, as he said he would, for the co-operation of the church. When we are ready God is ready. And he certainly has all the weaponry ready to capture this world for the truth, all the weapons of kindness or devastation. On the one hand, the Gospel and sunshine and power to orchardize and gardenize the earth and fountains swinging in rainbow and Chatsworthian verdure and aromas poured out of the vials of heaven, while on the other hand he has the weaponry of devastation, thunderbolt and confiagration and forces planetary, solar, lunar, stellar or meteoric, that with loose rein thrown on the neck for a second would leave constellations and galaxies so many split and shivered wheels on the boulevards of heaven. And that God is on our side, all on our side. Blessed be his glorious name! Blessed was the hour when through Jesus Christ my sinful soul made peace with him!

THERE IS NOTHING IMPRACTICABLE ABOUT IT. If you continue to ask me why I think that the world can be saved in the final decade of the Nineteenth century, I reply, because it is not a great undertaking, considering the number of workers that will go at it, if onco persuaded it can be done. We have sifte! the five hundred million of workers down to four hundred million and three hundred million and two hundred million and one hundrel million and to fifty million. I went to work to cipher out how many souls that number could bring to God in ten years, if each one brought a soul every year, and if each soul so brought should bring another each succeeding year. I found out, aided by a professor in mathematics, that we did not need anything like such a number of workers

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