

SOCIETIES.

Masonic Regular Meetings. Minden, No. 253, on Monday, May 6th at 7:30 P.M. Ancient St. John's, No. 3, on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7:30 P.M. Cataract, No. 92, on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:30 P.M. I. O. O. F. M. U. UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, meet every other Friday, at the Social and Princess Street, Princess Street, next meeting April 25th. W. BUSHILL, Recording Secretary.

Sons of England. LEICESTER LODGE, No. 33, of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, will meet in their new Lodge Room, corner Marlborough and Princess Street, over Strachan's Hardware Store, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Canadian Order Foresters. COURT STANLEY, No. 199, C.O.F., meets on Tuesday, April 30th, in the "Princess Hall, King Street." T. T. HENTON, Rec. Sec.

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A CENTENNIAL SERMON.

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE BY REV. DR. TALMAGE.

No Nation in a More Glorious Condition Than the United States - The Cause of the American Colonies and the Great Revolution - Different Varieties of Lies.

BROOKLYN, April 28. - At the tabernacle today the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., preached a sermon appropriate to the coming centennial. The vast congregation sang the hymn beginning:

Before Jehovah's awful throne, Ye nations bow with sacred joy.

Dr. Talmage's text was II Kings vi, 17: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." He said:

As it cost England many regiments and two million dollars a year to keep safely a troublesome captive at St. Helena, so the king of Syria sends out a whole army to capture one minister of religion - perhaps 50,000 men to take Elisha. During the night the army of Assyrians came around the village of Dothan, where the prophet was staying. At early daybreak the man servant of Elisha rushed in and said: "What shall we do? there is a whole army come to destroy you. We must die, we must die." But Elisha was not scared a bit, for he looked up and saw the mountains all around full of supernatural forces, and he knew that if there were 50,000 Assyrians against him there were 100,000 angels for him; and in answer to the prophet's prayer in behalf of his afflicted man servant, the young man saw it too. Horses of fire harnessed to chariots of fire, and drivers of fire pulling reins of fire on bits of fire; and warriors of fire with brandished sword of fire, and the brilliance of that morning sunrise was eclipsed by the galloping splendors of the celestial cavalcade. "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." I have often spoken to you of the Assyrian perils which threaten our American institutions, but now as we are assembling to keep centennial celebration of the inauguration of Washington, I speak of the upper forces of the text that are to light on our side. If all the low levels are filled with armed threats, I have to tell you that the mountains of our hope and courage and faith are full of the horses and chariots of Divine rescue.

ALLEGORY OF THE CHARIOT OF FIRE. You will notice that the Divine equipage is always represented as a chariot of fire. Ezekiel and Isaiah and John, when they come to describe the Divine equipage, always represent it as a wheeled, a harnessed, an upholstered, a magnificent, a chariot like kings and conquerors of earth mount, but an organized and a compressed fire. That means purity, justice, chastisement, deliverance through burning escapes. Chariot of rescue, yes, but chariot of fire. All our national disenthralments have been through seceding agencies and real disasters. Through tribulation the individual rises. Through tribulation nations rise. Chariots of rescue, but chariots of fire.

But how do I know that this Divine equipage is on the side of our institutions? I know it by the history of the last one hundred and eight years. The American revolution started from the pen of John Hancock, in Independence hall, in 1776. The colonies without ships, without ammunition, without guns, without trained warriors, without money, without prestige. On the other side, the mightiest nation of the earth, the largest armies and the grandest navies and the most distinguished commanders, and resources inexhaustible, and nearly all nations ready to back them up in the fight. Nothing against impenitence.

The cause of the American colonies, which started at zero, dropped still lower through the quarreling of the generals, and through the jealousies at small successes, and through the winters which surpassed all their predecessors in depth of snow and horrors of congealment. Elisha, surrounded by the whole Assyrian army, did not seem to be worse off than did the thirteen colonies encompassed and overshadowed by foreign assault. What decided the contest in our favor? The upper forces, the upper armies. The green and white mountains of New England, the highlands along the Hudson, the mountains of Virginia, all the Appalachian ranges were full of reinforcements which the young men Washington saw by faith, and his men endured the frozen feet, and the gurgled wounds, and the exhausting hunger, and the long march because "the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Washington himself was a miracle. What Joshua was in sacred history the first American president was in secular history. A thousand other men excelled him in different things, but he excelled them all in roundness and completeness of character. The world never saw his like, and probably never will see his like again, because there probably never will be another such exigency. He was let down a Divine interposition. He was from God direct.

I do not know how any man can read the history of those times without admitting that the contest was decided by the upper forces.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CIVIL WAR. Then in 1861, when our civil war opened, many at the north and at the south pronounced it national suicide. It was not courage against cowardice, it was not wealth against poverty, it was not large states against small states. It was heroism against heroism, it was the resources of many generations against the resources of many generations, it was the prayer of the north against the prayer of the south, it was one-half of the nation in armed wrath meeting the other half of the nation in armed indignation. What could come but extermination!

At the opening of the war the commander-in-chief of the United States forces was a man who had been great in battle, but old age had come with many infirmities, and he had a right to quietude. He could not mount a horse, and he rode on the battle field in a carriage, asking the driver not to jolt it too much. During the most of the four years of the contest, on the southern side was a man in mid-life, who had in his veins the blood of many generations of warriors, himself one of the heroes of Cherubusco and Cerro Gordo, Contreras and Chapultepec. As the years passed on and the scroll of carnage unrolled, there came but from both sides a heroism and a strength and a determination that the world had never seen marshaled. And what but extermination could come when Philip Sheridan and Stonewall Jackson met, and Nathaniel Lyon and Sidney Johnston rode in from north and south, and Grant and Lee, the two thunderbolts of battle, clashed! Yet we are a nation, and yet we are at peace. Earthly courage did not decide the conflict. The upper forces of the text. They tell us there was a battle fought above the clouds on Lookout mountain; but there was something higher than that. Again the horses and chariots of God came to the rescue of this nation in 1876, at the

close of a presidential election famous for devilish ferocity. A darker cloud yet settled down upon this nation. The result of the election was in dispute, and revolution, not between two in three sections, but revolution in every town and village and city of the United States, seemed imminent. The prospect was that New York would throttle New York, and Boston, Boston, and Savannah, Savannah, and Washington, Washington. Some said Mr. Tilden was elected; others said Mr. Hayes was elected; and how near we came to universal massacre some of us guessed, but God only knew. I ascribe our escape not to the honesty and righteousness of infuriated politicians, but I ascribe it to the upper forces of the text. Chariots of mercy rolled in, and though the wheels were not heard and the flash was not seen, yet all through the mountains of the north and the south and the east and the west, though the hoofs did not clatter, the "avalanche of God galloped by. I tell you God is the friend of this nation. In the awful excitement at the massacre of Lincoln, when there was a prospect that greater slaughter would open upon this nation, God hushed the tempest. In the awful excitement at the time of Garfield's assassination, God put his foot on the neck of the cyclone.

THE SPLENDID CONDITION OF THE UNITED STATES. To prove that God is on the side of this nation, I argue from the last eight or nine great national harvests, and from the national health of the last quarter of a century - epidemics very exceptional - and from the great revivals of religion, and from the spreading of the Church of God, and from the continent blossoming with asylums and reformatory institutions, and from an Edenization which promises that this whole land is to be a Paradise where God shall walk in the cool of the day.

If in other sermons I showed you what was the evil that threatened to upset and demolish American institutions, I am encouraged more than I can tell you as I see the regiments wheeling down the sky, and my jeremiads turn into doxologies, and that which was the Good Friday of the nation's crucifixion becomes the Easter morn of its resurrection. Of course God works through human instrumentalities, and this national betterment is to come among other things through a scrutinized ballot box. By the law of registration it is almost impossible now to have illegal voting. There was a time - you and I remember it very well - when droves of vagabonds wandered up and down on election day and from poll to poll, and voted here and voted there, and voted everywhere, and there was no challenge; or, if there were, it amounted to nothing, because nothing could so suddenly be proved upon the vagabonds. Now, in every well organized neighborhood, every voter is watched with severest scrutiny. I must tell the registrar my name, and how old I am, and how long I have resided in the state, and how long I have resided in the ward or township, and if I misrepresent fifty witnesses will rise and shut me out from the ballot box. Is not that a great advance? And then notice the law that prohibits a man voting if he has bet on the election. A step further needs to be taken and that man forbidden a vote who has offered or taken a bribe, whether it be in the shape of a free drink or cash paid down, the suspicious cases obliged to put their hand on the Bible and swear their vote in if they vote at all. So through the sacred chest of our nation's suffrage redemption will come.

God also will save this nation through an aroused moral sentiment. There has never been so much discussion of morals and immorals. Men, whether or not they acknowledge what is right, have to think what is right. We have men who have had their hands in the public treasury the most of their lifetime, stealing all they could lay their hands on, discoursing eloquently about dishonesty in public servants, and men with two or three families of their own, preaching eloquently about the beauties of the seventh commandment. The question of sobriety and drunkenness is thrust in the face of this nation as never before, and to take a part in our political contests. The question of national sobriety is going to be respectfully and definitely heard at the bar of every legislator and every house of representatives and every United States senate, and an omnipotent voice will ring down the sky and across this land and back again, saying to these rising tides of drunkenness which threaten to whirl home and church and nation: "Thus far shalt thou come, but no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed."

I have not in my mind a shadow of disheartenment as large as the shadow of a house fly's wing. My faith is in the upper forces, the upper armies of the text. God is not dead. The chariots are not unwhooled. If you would only pray more and wash your eyes in the cool, bright water, fresh from the well of Christian reform, it would be said of you as of this one of the text: "The Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

THE ARMY ARRAYED AGAINST THE CAUSE OF SOBRIETY.

When the army of Antigonous went into battle his soldiers were very much discouraged, and they rushed up to the general and said to him: "Don't you see we have a few forces and they have so many more?" and the soldiers were affrighted at the smallness of their number and the greatness of the enemy. Antigonous, their commander, straightened himself up and said, with indignation and vehemence: "How many do you reckon me to be?" And when we see the vast armies arrayed against the cause of sobriety it may sometimes be very discouraging; but I ask you in making up your estimate of the forces of righteousness - I ask you how many do you reckon the Lord God Almighty to be? He is our commander. The Lord of Hosts is his name. I have the best authority for saying that the chariots of God are twenty thousand, and the mountains are full of them.

You will take without my saying it that my only faith is in Christianity and in the upper forces suggested in the text. Political parties come and go, and they may be right and they may be wrong; but God lives, and I think he has ordained this nation for a career of prosperity that no demagogism will be able to halt. I expect to live to see a political party which will have a platform of two planks - the Ten Commandments and the Sorrow on the Mount. When that party is formed it will sweep across this land, like a tornado I was going to say, but when I think it is not to be devastation, but resurrection, I change the figure and say, such a party as that will sweep across this land like spice gales from heaven.

Have you any doubt about the need of the Christian religion to purify and make decent American politics? At every yearly or quadrennial election we have in this country great manufactories, manufactories of lies, and they are run day and night, and they turn out half a dozen a day all equipped and ready for full sailing. Large lies and small lies. Lies private and lies public and lies prudent. Lies cut bias and lies cut diagonal. Long limbed lies and lies with double back action. Lies complimentary and lies defamatory. Lies that some people believe, and lies that all the people believe, and lies that nobody believes. Lies with humps like camels and

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