

SUNDAY SERMON.

ONE OF DR. TALMAGE'S STRENGTHENING DISCOURSES.

Subject: The King's Highway.

TEXT: "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for holiness; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

There are thousands of people here this morning who want to find the right road. You sometimes see a person gazing at cross-roads, and you can tell by his looks that he wishes to ask a question as to what direction he had better take.

Here is another road. On either side of it are houses of sinful entertainment, and invitations to come in and dine and rest, but from the looks of the people who stand on the piazza I am very certain that it is the wrong house and the wrong way.

Here is another road. It is very beautiful and macadamized. The horses hoofs clatter and wring, and they who ride over it spin along the highway until suddenly they find that the road breaks over an embankment, and they try to halt, and they saw the bit in the mouth of the heavy steed and cry "Whoa! whoa!"

You have heard of the Appian Way. It was three hundred and fifty miles long. It was four hundred feet wide, and on either side of the road was a wall of a road built before the Appian Way, and yet it is as good as when first constructed.

First, this road of the text is the King's highway. Well, my Lord, King decided to build a highway from earth to heaven. It should span all the chasms of human wickedness; it should tunnel all the mountains of earthly difficulty; it should be wide enough and strong enough to hold fifty thousand millions of the human race.

Still further—this road spoken of is a clean road. Many a fine road has become miry and foul because it has not been properly cared for; but my text says that the clean shall not walk on this one.

If you have no such aspirations as that it proves that you have mistaken your way, and if you will only look up and see the finger-board there, you may read upon it the words, "Behold, there is a sinner that is right upon a man, but the sinner is right, and the man is wrong."

Still further, the road spoken of is a plain road. "The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein"—that is, if a man is three-fourths as plain as a paper, he is just as well as if he were a pillar.

Many a man has been familiar with all the higher branches of mathematics, and yet could not do the simple sum, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

He who tries to get on the road to heaven through the New Testament teaching will get on beautifully. He who goes through philosophical discussion will not get on at all.

Still further, this road to heaven is a safe road. Sometimes the traveler in those ancient highways would think himself perfectly secure, not knowing that a lion by the way was burrowing his head deep beneath the stones.

His soul is safe. His reputation is safe. His name is safe. His honor is safe. His life is safe. His eternity is safe.

BOAT DWELLERS.

HONG KONG'S IMMENSE RIVER POPULATION.

Municipal Regulations Strictly Enforced on the Waters—How These Dwellers Thrive.

One of the most interesting sights around Hong Kong is the river population and its city of boats. This floating city is estimated to number some 300,000 people who recognize no other home than these boats, and whose lives are spent from birth upon the river; in fact, they are not permitted to know any other habitation.

Still further, the road spoken of is a pleasant road. God gives a bond of inhumanity against all evil to every man that trades it. "All things work together for good to those who love God."

Ob, this King's highway! Trees of life on either side bending over until their branches interlock and drop midway their fruit and shade. Houses of entertainment on either side, a feast for poor pilgrims, tables spread with a fount of gold in pictures of silver.

I go a little farther on the same road and meet a trumpeter of heaven, and I say, "Pilgrim, go! go! go! go!"

I go a little farther on the same road, and I meet a maiden of Israel. She has no harp, but she has cymbals. They are the cymbals of the Lord.

I pursue this subject only one step farther. What is its terminus? As I want to know where it comes out, my text declares it. The redeemed of the Lord come to Zion.

When my last wound is healed, when the last heartbreak is ended, when the last tear of earthly sorrow is wiped away, and when the redeemed of the Lord shall come to Zion, then let the harpers take down their harps, and all the trumpeters take down their trumpets, and all across heaven there be a chorus of morning stars, chorus of words, and there be but one song, and but one name spoken, and but one term of honor—that of Jesus only.

THE NEW YORK APPOINTMENT.

Appeals From the Lower Courts Soon to Be Argued.

ALBANY, Sep. 10.—All the indications point to a very exciting contest between the Secretary of State and the County Clerks over the new Legislative Apportionment law.

It is a question whether the Governor has power to convene that court at an earlier date—most of the legal minds being of the opinion that he has not the right. But the Clerk of the Court, who is supposed to reflect the opinions of the individual members of that body, says that the Governor has the undoubted right to convene the Court of Appeals in the same way that he can convene any other court.

Should some of the counties elect under the old law and some under the new, there would be a majority of Assembly members favoring the change to take the oath of office. In that case the trouble might be a very serious one.

The Counterfeiters May Be Sisters. READING, Pa., Sep. 12.—Lina Meyer and Annie Miller, who are under arrest here on the charge of passing counterfeit money, are thought to be sisters.

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QUEER NOTIONS ABOUT SNAKES.

The African cobra is regarded somewhat reverently by the natives of that country, who, once a year, kill a cobra-de-capello and hang its skin to the branch of a tree, tail downward.

Shooting in among these river lanes is the river doctor, in his small boat, and calling attention to his whereabouts by ringing a bell, so that those requiring his services can readily find him, and in like manner travels the barber, who has a busy vocation, his services being in continual demand.

But of all the odd boats in this motley group, perhaps the most singular are those in which they rear ducks and geese, many of them containing as many as several hundred in one boat. The ducks are sent out usually twice a day to feed along the marshes and mud fields by the shore, and they are recalled by a signal from a whistle.

In the midst of this gay life may be seen the funeral boat passing silently by, crowded with mourners; in the center the coffin, covered with a heavy pall and trimmed with green branches.

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A PYTHON'S FURY.

Awful Experience of a Zoological Garden Superintendent.

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