

SUNDAY'S SERMON.

ONE OF DR. TALMAGE'S STEELING DISCOURSES.

Subject: "Advice to Voters."

Text: "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, which was the seat of the great empire, shall be as a city of olden times."—REVELATION VIII, 10.

Modern scientists are doing a splendid work in excavating the tomb of a dead empire...

But it is possible that all that remains of Babylon—a city once five times larger than London and twelve times larger than New York...

A city of bazaars and market places, unrivaled for aromatics and unguents, and high heddled houses with gables by their side...

When the morning dawned the conquerors were inside the outside trenches, Babylon had fallen, and hence the sublime threnody of the text: "Alas, alas, that great city of Babylon, that mighty city, for in one hour it was brought down."

Egyptian civilization, stand up. "Dead" answer the ruins of Karnak and Luxor, and from seventy pyramids on the east side of the Nile they come up a great chorus crying: "Dead, dead, Egyptian Empire, stand up and answer!"

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You see, my friends, it is no unusual thing for a government to perish, and in the same necrology of dead nations and in the same graveyard of expired governments will go the United States of America unless there be some potent voice to call a halt, and unless God in His mercy interfere, and through a purified ballot box and a widespread patriotic sentiment...

The first evil that threatens the annihilation of our American institutions is the fact that political bribery, which has been considered a crime, has by many come to be considered a tolerable virtue.

Hundreds and thousands of men will have set before them so much money for a Republican vote, and so much money for a Democratic vote, and the superior financial inducement will decide the action.

These voters on the body politic bleed an ingangrene away the life of the Nation, and public authority in many of the cities looks the other way. You cannot cure such wounds as these with a silken bandage.

Unless this diabolism ceases in this country Barthold's statue on Ballo's Island, with uplifted torch to light other Nations into the harbor, had better be changed into the torch dropped as a symbol of universal intermarriage.

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This country cannot exist unless it exists as one body, the National Capital, the heart, sending out through all the arteries of communication warmth and life to the very extremities.

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My friends, we have in this country people who say the marriage institution amounts to nothing. They scoff at it. We have people walking in polite parlors in our day...

There is some talk about an illicitness in American cities to-day to bring down upon them the wrath of God who, on the 24th of August, 72, buried Herculaneum and Pompeii to deep seas.

day whole blocks of houses which the authorities know to be infamous, and yet by purchase they are cleaned by busy money, so that such places are as much under the control of government as public libraries and armories of war.

Superstition tells of a marvellous reprieve, the capulet, which enabled an crusader a ship of war; but it is no superstition when I tell you that the history of many of the dead Nations proclaims to us the fact that a ship of state is in danger of being crushed by the capulet of National depravity.

I want to put all of this matter before you, so that every honest man and woman will know just how matters stand, and what they ought to do if they vote.

Never since the world began has there been so much darkness as now. What a jewel is this planet! On one side of us the Atlantic Ocean, dividing us from the worst of Governments of Europe.

One hundred millions of population on this continent of North and South America—one hundred millions of people for many hundred millions of miles.

What shall we do in this world? Christ or satan? Who shall have the shore of her inland seas, the silver of her Nevada, the gold of her Colorado, the telescopes of her observatories, the brain of her universities, the wheat of her prairies, the rice of her savannahs, the two great ocean beaches, the one of her Bay from Bahia to Vera Cruz, the other from Bahring Straits to Cape Horn—and all the moral and temporal and spiritual and everlasting interests of a population vast beyond all computation save by Him with whom a thousand years are as one day?

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PLOTTING MORE BLACKMAIL.

"Lord Beresford" trying His Trade Even from Prison.

New York, Nov. 14.—"Lord Charles Beresford," the talented young scamp who is now wearing a convict suit in a Georgia State prison, is plotting more blackmail and scandal from behind prison bars.

The ladies put the matter in the lawyer's hands and he it was who caused Beresford's arrest in Albany on the charge which eventually landed him in a Georgia prison.

THE BODY AND ITS HEALTH.

TUBERCULOSIS AND COW'S MILK.—In a discussion on tuberculosis in Chicago, recently, Dr. Robinson said that the death of babies who are fed by cow's milk is due to germs, and among these germs the tubercular bacillus plays a role.

TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN'S TEETH.—The close connection between the malignant form of sore throat, so common among little children, and decayed teeth has already attracted the attention of wise physicians.

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CAUSES OF APOPLEXY AND BRIGHT'S DISEASE.—The medical profession knows and the public ought to know, writes Dr. Ephraim Cutler, that apoplexy and Bright's disease are but the result of fatty degeneration in the brain and kidneys.

VENTILATION IN WINTER.—The coming of cold weather and the winter's fires call renewed attention to the need of ventilation in our winter houses.

THE MULE BLOWN FUST.—Babe Boston's mule was sick and neighbor advised him to admit calomel.

Milk as a Dressing for Wounds.—Milk has been found to contain remarkable healing qualities if used to wounds in an early stage, and excellent results have been obtained in the dressing of burns.

La Uruguay there are 400,000 acres under cultivation this year.

death-traps. In these days of modern improvements, it behooves every holder to look carefully to all the secondary matters of his house. Too many people think only of external appearances, and pay little attention to the essential points which make their habitations of health.

CITY OF MEXICO.

Unique Street Scenes in the Mexican Metropolis.

By day the town of Mexico presents a very unique appearance, for, from whatever point of view chosen, the avenues are shut in by the serrated mountains surrounding the whole valley.

The straight wide streets, running in parallel lines from north to south and from east to west, make it look modern enough, but, for all that, the old white-washed houses, the only architectural beauties of which are the numerous windows with projecting balconies, give the whole place a superannuated appearance.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF MOST OF THE HOUSES being laid in water or in marshy flats, they have no cellars, and are really great cubes of masonry kept in place by their own weight.

INDIAN MEN AND WOMEN pass to and fro screaming out in ear-splitting tones the names of what they have to sell, carrying everything on their backs in wicker-work baskets, fastened on to their shoulders like soldiers' knapsacks, but supported by a leather thong passed across the forehead beneath the broad-brimmed straw sombreros, or worn just under the arms across the chest.

Milk as a Dressing for Wounds.—Milk has been found to contain remarkable healing qualities if used to wounds in an early stage, and excellent results have been obtained in the dressing of burns.

The victory of modern science and the recovery of the lost disinfectant, considered the great triumph of modern medicine. They have hygiene and sanitary measures to effect health possible, and they open a new avenue for combating disease. But the great point—the worthy of understanding is that the disinfectant is based upon salt, principally sodium chloride. Salt in some of its forms is the great disinfectant which we use everywhere, and its value as a health preservative is just being realized. It is used on our meat to flavor it, and to make it more acceptable to the stomach, where the meat undergoes a remarkable change. Salt prevents souring, and the sudden employment in us of disease germs. Similarly salt in all our food acts as a preservative. Horses and cows never get well unless salt is fed to them. Their systems become broken down and sickly if it is denied them. But salt as a purifier of the food can be carried further than simple ingredients of our food to make more acceptable. It is a medicinal mineral possessing medicinal properties of high order. The mineral waters are generally highly impregnated with salt, and many of their beneficial results are entirely to this. In hot weather, drinks are valuable in keeping the system through the pores of the skin. In fact, those who take baths winter and summer are free from disease than those who themselves with drugs. Salt becomes nauseating to the taste and is taken internally and externally in the shape of baths the year round. During the fall and spring, when the weather is changing, it is especially beneficial. [Yankee Blade.]

The Ant-Bear.

An effort is to be made in Cape Colony, South Africa, to prevent threatened extermination of that one but useful quadruped, the ant-bear, which is one of the very best friends of the white man, although they have only been induced to believe it. It is the white ant, which does enormous mischief to the crops. Against pests the bear wages ceaseless warfare, digging out their nests and destroying them in countless numbers. Unfortunately, the natives are daily fond of ant-bear meat, and resembles a very good quality of wild also hunt it for its hide, worth about \$4 in the market. However, it is already beginning to out the aardvark's revenge. The white ant is increasing with rapidity, and the farmers' associations are in a state of considerable alarm. They are demanding protection for the ant-bear, and that harmless creature may yet survive to enjoy a life of great prosperity and peace.

"The Mule Blown Fust."

Babe Boston's mule was sick and neighbor advised him to admit calomel.

"How will I get it into him?"

"Pat it in a quill, put the quill in his mouth and blow it down his throat," responded the neighbor.

A few days later the neighbor looked right green and was all down.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the neighbor.

Babe placed his hand pathetically over his stomach, gave a sigh, and replied:

"The mule blown fust."

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