DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON:

Wonders of Disaster and Blessing.

"I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth." Joel, 2:30

Dr. Cumming-great and good man!-would have told us the exact time of the fulfilment of this prophecy. As 1 stepped into his study in London on my arrival from Paris just after the French had surrendered at Sedan, the good doctor said to me: "It is just as I told you about France: people laughed at me because I talked about the seven horns and vials, but I foresaw all this from the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation." Not taking any such responsibility in the interpretation of the passage, I simply assert that there is in it suggestions of many things in our time.

Our eyes dilate and our hearts events in the Third century, the Sixth century, the Eighth century, the Fourteenth century, but there are more far-reaching events crowded into

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than in any other, and the last quarter bids fair to eclipse the preceeding three quarters. We read in the daily newspapers of events anounced in one paragraph, and without any special emphasis-of events which a Herodotus, a Josephus, a Xenophon, a Gibbon, would have taken whole chapters or whole volumes to elaborate. Looking out upon our time, we must cry out, in the words of the text: "Wonders in the heavens and in the earth,"

I propose to show you that the time in which we live is wonderful for disaster and wonderful for blessing, for there must be lights and shades in this picture as in all others. Need I argue this day that our time is

WONDERFUL FOR DISASTER?

Our world has had a rough time since by the hand of God it was bowled out into space. It is an epileptic earth; convulsion after convulsion; frosts pounding it with sledge-hammer of iceberg, and fires melting it with furnaces seven hundred times heated. It is a wonder to me it has lasted so long. Meteors shooting by on this side and grazing it, and meteors shooting by on the other side and grazing it, none of them slowing up for safety. Whole fleets and navies and argosies and flotillas, of worlds sweeping about us. Our earth like a fishing smack off the banks of Newfoundland, while the Etruria and the Germanic and the Arizona and the City of New York rush by. Besides that, our world has by sin been damaged in its internal machinery, and ever and anon the furnaces have burst, and the walkingbeams of the mountains have broken, and the islands have shipped a sea, and the great hulk of the world has been jarred with accidents, that ever and anon threatened immediate demoliition. But it seems to us as if our century were esepcially characterized **Jy**

DISASTER-VOLCANIC CYCLONI pceanic, epidemic. I say volcanic, be-< tause an earthquake is only a volcano aushed up. When Stromboli and Cotopaxi and Vesuvius stop breathing, et the foundations of the earth beware! Seven thousand earthquakes in two centuries recorded in the catalogue of the British Association! Trajan, the amid the splendors of his reception is met by an earthquake that nearly departly or fully destroyed! But the disasters of other centuries epidemic. have had their counterpart in our own. watering-place, vineyard clad, sur-rounded by all natural charm and BLESSINGS OF INT historical reminiscence; yonder, Capri, the summer resort of the Roman em- ham Lincolns and the Henry Wilsons perors; yonder, Naples, the paradise of of the coming time will not be re-art-this beautiful island suddenly quired to learn to read by pine-knot toppled into the trough of the earth, lights, or seated on shoemaker's bench, 3,000 merry-makers perishing, and nim." Italy,

retired at 9 o'clock that the barometer had fallen, but at 11 o'clock at night we were awakened with the shock of the waves. All the lights out! Crash! and revolutions in a minute. All the went all the lifeboats. Waters rushing copies of Shakespeare and Tennyson through the skylights down into the cabin, and down on the furnaces until

they hissed and smoked in the deluge. Seven hundred people praying, blaspheming, shrieking. Our great ship poised a moment on the top of a mountain of phosphorescent fire, and then plunged down, down, down, until it seemed as if she never would again be have it. righted. Ahl you never want to see a cyclone at sea.

But I was in Minnesota, where there was one of these cyclones on land that swept the city of Rochester from its foundations, and took dwelling-houses, barns, men. women, children, horses, cattle, and tossed them into indiscrimiquickens in its pulsation as we read of .nate ruin, and lifted a rail train and dashed it down, a mightier hand than that of engineer on the airbrake. Cyclone in Kansas, cyclone in Missouri, cyclone in Wisconsin, cyclone in Illi-nois, cyclone in Iowal Satan, prince of the power of the air, never made such cyclonic disturbances as he has in our day. And am I not right in saying that one of the characteristics of the time in which we live is disaster cyclonic?

But look at the disasters oceanic. Shall I call the roll of the dead shipping? Ye monsters of the deep, answer when I call your names, The Ville de Havre, the Schiller, the City of Boston, the Melville, the President, the Cimbria. But why should I go on calling the roll when none of them answer, and the roll is as long as the white scroll of the Atlantic surf at Cape Hatteras breakers! If the oceanic cable could report all the scattered life and all the the name of Jesus. bleached bones that they rub against in the ocean, what

A MESSAGE OF PATHOS AND TRAGEDY for both beaches! In one storm eighty fishermen perished off the coast of Newfoundland, and whole fleets of them off the coast of England. God help the poor fellows at sea, and give high seats in heaven to the Grace Darlings and the Ida Lewises and the lifeboat men hovering around Goodwin Sands and the Skerries! The sea, owning three-fouths of the earth, proposes to capture the other fourth, and is bombarding the land all around the earth. The moving of our hotels at Brighton Beach backward one hundred yards backward from where they once stood, a type of what is going on all around the world and on every coast. The Dead Sea rolls to-day where ancient cities stood. Pillars of temples that stood on hills, geologists now fund three-quarters under the water or altogether submerged. The sea, having wrecked so many merchantmen and flotillas, wants to wreck the continents. and hence disasters oceanic.

Look at the disasters epidemic! I speak not of the plague in the Fourth century that ravaged Europe, and in Moscow and the Neapolitan dominions and Marseilles wrought such terror in can get no idea of it unless you can the Eighteenth century, but I look at | ring all the church bells in one chime, the yellow fevers, and the choleras, and and sound all the organs in one diapathe diphtherias, and the scarlet fevers, son, and gather all the congregations and the typhoids of our own time. of Christendom in one Gloria in Ex-

dwindling and dropping down into imbecility, and indecency, the wheel of Christianity is making about a thousand Disraeli, and of any ten of the most popular writers of the day, less in number than the copies of the Bible going out from our printing-presses. A few years ago, in six weeks, more than two million copies of the New Testament purchased, not given away, but purchashed because the world will

More Christian men in high official position to-day in Great Britain and in the United States than ever before. Stop that falsehood going through the newspapers-1 have seen it in twenty-that judges of the Supreme Court of the United States are all intidels except one. By personal acquaintance I know three of them to be old-fashioned evangelical Ohristians, sitting at the holy sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I suppose that the majority of them are stanch believers in our Christian religion. And then hear

THE DYING WORDS OF JUDGE BLACK a man who had been Attorney-General of the United States, and who had been Secretary of the United Statesno stronger lawyer of the century than Judge Black-dying, his aged wife kneeling by his side, and he uttering that sublime and tender prayer: "O Lord God, from whom I derived my the ages as being of stupendous existence, and in whom I have always trusted, take my spirit to thyself, and let thy richest blessing come down upon my Mary." The most popular book to-day is the Bible, and the mightiest institution is the Church, and the greatest name among the nations, and more honored than any, is

Wonaers of self-sacrifice: A clergyman told me in the Northwest that for six years he was a missionary at the extreme north, living 400 miles from a post office, and sometimes he slept out of doors in winter, the thermometer sixty and sixty-five degrees below zero, wrapped in rabbit skins woven together. I said: "Is it possible? You do not mean sixty and sixty-five degrees below zero?" He said, "I do, and I was happy."

ALL FOR CHRIST!

Where is there any other being that will rally such enthusiasm? Mothers sewing their fingers off to educate their boys for the gospel ministry. For nine years no luxury on the table until the course through grammar school and college and theological seminary be completed. Poor widow putting her mite into the Lord's treasury, the face of emperor or president impressed upon the coin not so conspicuous as the blood with which she earned it. Millions of good men and women, but more women than men, to whom Christ is everything. Christ first, and Christ last, and Christ forever.

Why, this age is not so characterized by invention and scientific exploration

the bottom. They told us before we becility. While Infidelity is thus am only afraid that for our indolence God will discharge us and get some other stoker and some other engineer. The train is going through with us or without us. So, my brethren, watch all the events that are going by. If things seem to turn out right, give wings to your joy. If things seem to turn out wrong, throw out the anchor of faith, and hold fast. There is a house in London where

Peter the Great of Russia lived awhile when he was moving through the land incognito and in workman's dress, that he might learn the wants of the people. A stranger was visiting at that house recently, and saw in a dark attic an old box, and he said to the owner of the house, "What's in that box?" The owner said, "I don't know: that box was there when I got the house, and it was there when my father got it. We haven't had any curiosity to look at it; I guess there's nothing in it. "Well," said the stranger. "I'll give you two pounds for it," "Well, done." The two pounds paid, and recently the contents of that box was sold to the czar of Russia for fifty thousand dollars. In it the lathing machine of Peter the Great, his private letters, and documents of value beyond all monetary consideration.

And here are the events that seem very insignificant and unimportant, but they incase treasures of divine providence and eternities of meaning which after while God will demonstrate before value.

When Titans play quoits they pitch mountains; but who owns these gigantic forces you have been reading about the last two months? Whose hand is on the throttle-valve of the volcanoes? Whose foot, suddenly planted on the footstool, makes the continents quiver? God! God! He looketh upon the mountains, and they tremble. He toucheth the hills, and they smoke. God! God! I must be at peace with Him. Through the Lord Jesus Christ this God is mine and He is yours. I put the earthquake that shook Palestine at the crucifixion, against all the down rockings of the centuries. This God on our side, we may challenge all

of eternity. Those of us who are in mid life may well thank God that we have seen so.

MANY WONDROUS TEINGS;

become completely manageable, and locomotion will be swiftened, and a world of practical knowledge thrown in upon the race. Whether we depart in this century, or whether we see the open gates of a more wonderful century, we will see these things. It does not make much difference where we

them from earth. I was at Fire Island, Long Island, I went up in the cupola from which they telegraph to New York the approach of vessels hours before they come into port. There is an opening in the wall, and the operator puts his telescope through that opening and looks out and sees vessels far out at sea. While I was talking with him, he went up and looked out. He said: "We are expecting the Arizona to-night." I said: "Is it possible you know all these vessels? Do you know them as you know a man's face?" He said: "Yes, I never make a mistake; before I see the hulls, I often know them by the masts; I know them all, I have watched them so long." Oh, what a grand thing it is to have ships telegraphed and heralded long before they come to port, that friends may come down to the wharf and welcome their long-absent loved ones! So to-day we take our stand in the watchtower, and we look off, and through the glass of inspiration we look off and see a whole fiest of

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY APRIL 21, 1889. The Two Great Commandments. LESSON TEXT. (Mark 12: 28-34. Memory versos, 30, 31. -----LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Jesus Finishing His Work. GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: have glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do .- John 17 : 4. LESSON TOPIC: The Sum of the Commandments. Information Fought, v. 28.
Information Gained, vs. 29-81.
Information Approved, vs. 32-84. Lesson GOLDEN TEXT : Love is the fulfuling of the law.-Rom. 13:10.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.-Mark 12: 28-34. The sum of the commandments. T .- Matt. 22 : 34 - 40. Matthew's parallel narrative. W .-- Exod. 20 : 1 17. The ten

commandments. T.-Deut. 5:1-21. The commandments repeated.

F.-Rom. 3 : 1-20. None justified by the law.

S .- Rom. 3 : 21-31. Saved without the law. S.-Rom. 10 : 1-15. Christ, the

end of the law.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

I. INFORMATION SOUGHT. L A Skillful Questioner:

One of the scribes came, and

asked him (28). One of them, a lawyer, asked him a

question (Matt. 22:35). The Pharisees began to question with him, tempting him (Mark

They saw the scribes questioning with them (Mark 9:14).

A certain lawyer stood up and tempted 14:16-24). him (Luke 10 : 25).

II. A Skilful Answerer. He had answered them well (28).

No one was able to answer him a word (Matt. 22:46). No man after that durst ask him any

question (Mark 22:34). They marvelled greatly at him (Mark

12:17). Never man so spake (John 7: 46).

III. A Momentous Question:

What commandment is the first of all?

Which is the great commandment in the law? (Matt. 22:36).

(Luke 10:25)

2:37). What must I do to be saved? (Acts

16:30).1. "One of the scribes came." (1) An

(4) A priceless lesson,

2. them well, asked him." (1) Know- should be sharp and thin. ledge possessed; (2) Knowledge improved .-- (1) Assured knowledge of Jesus; (2) Approved action of man "What commandment is first of all?" (1) The commandments severally; (2) The commandments relatively; (3) The commandments essentially. IL INFGRMATION GAINED.

(Psa, 1:2). Thy word is a lamp unto my feet (Psa. 119:105). The sacred writings.... are able to make thee wise (2 Tim. 3:13). Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable (2 Tim, 3:16). 1. ('Master, thou hast well said." (1) The Master's sayings; (2) The scholar's applause.-(1) The Teacher. (2) The pupil; (3) The lessons. 2. "Much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." (1) Sacrificial requirements instituted; (2) Sacrificial requirements transcend-3. "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." Nearness to God's kingdom: (1) Its bless:dness; (2) Ite . evidences. LESSON BIBLE READING.

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His delight is in the law of the Lord

THE TWOFOLD LOVE. Love to God: Commanded (Deut. 11 : 1 ; Josh. 22:5].

Commended (Matt. 22 : 37, 38; Mark 12:29, 30).

With all the powers (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22: 37).

Better than all sacrifices (Mark 12 : 33, 34).

Shown by Christ (John 14:31). Characteristic of saints (Psa. 5:11; Rom. 5 : 5).

2. Love to Man:

Commanded (John 13:34; 1 John 4: 21)

Christ-like (John 15: 12; Eph. 5: 2). Essential (1 Cor. 13 : 1-3). Out of a pure heart (1 Pet. 1: 22).

Should rule in everything (1 Cor. 16: 14).

Urged by God's love (1 John 4 : 11).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The parable of the wicked husbandmen was followed immediately by another, which is reported by Matthew only (Matt. 22:1-14); namely, that of the marriage of the king's son. This must be carefully distinguished from a similar one, delivered in Perea (Luke

All three accounts narrate the two attacks on our Lord which followed,that of the Pharisees and Herodians respecting tribute to Cæsar (Matt. 22: 15-22; Mark 12: 13-17; Luke 20; 20-26), and that of the Sadducees, a flippant question respecting the resurrection (Matt. 22 : 23-33; Mark 12 : 18-27; Luke 20: 27-40). Successfully meeting both these, our Lord encounters the scribe (or lawyer), as narrated in the present lesson.

Place: The temple, probably in the court of the Israelites. The time: Tuesday, 12th Nisan, April 4, year of Rome 783,-A. D. 30.

Parallel passage: Matthew 22:34-40. Luke 20:39 seems to refer to the same incident.

How to Carve.

It is considered an accomplishment teacher; (3) A precious privilege; for a lady to know how to carve well at her own table. It is not proper to stand in carving. The carving knife To carve fowls-which should always be laid with the breast uppermostplace the fork in the breast, and take off the wings and legs without turning the fowl; then cut out the "merry thought," cut slices from the breast, take out the collar bone, cut off the side pieces, and then cut the carcass in two. Divide the joints in the leg of a turkey. In carving a sirloin, cut thin slices from the side next to you, (it must be put on the dish with the tenderloin underneath,) then turn it, and cut from the tenderloin. Help the guests to both kinds.

the centuries of time and all the cycles

but there are people here to-day who may have to see the shimmering veil between the material and the spiritual world lifted. Magnetism, a word with which to cover up our ignorance, will yet be an explored realm. Electricity, the flercy courser of the sky, that Benjamin Franklin lassoed, and Morse, Bell and Edison have tried to control, will

stand, but the higher the standpoint the larger the prospect. We will see them from heaven if we do not see

8:11.)

What shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Brethren, what shall we do? (Acts

intelligent pupil; (2) A peerless

"Knowing that he had answered

ALL EUROPE WEEPING,

all Christendom weeping where there were hearts to sympathize and Chris-tians to pray. But while the nations pelago, the most fertile island of all the earth, is caught in the grip of the sit down at them. sarthquake, and mountain after mountain goes down, and city after city, until that island, which produces the bealthiest beverage of all the world, has produced the ghastliest accident of the century. One hundred thousand

the mouth of the Ganges are three islands-the Hattiah, the Sundeep and the Dakin Shabazpore. In the mid-night of October, 1877, on all those three islands the cry was: "The waters! the waters!" A cyclone arose and rolled the sea over those three islands, and of a population of 340,000, 215,were drowned. Only those saved who had climbed to the top of the highest trees! Did you ever see a cyclone?

A CYCLONE ON THE OCEAN. and it swept us eight hundred miles back from our course, and for thirty- mission stations." six hours during the cyclone and after CHCISTIANITY IS ON THE MARCH, t we expected every moment to go to I what there is dwinning into im- I have no anxiety about the track.

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THE WAILING OF MEMPHIS and Shreveport and New Orleans and Jacksonville of the last few decades. emperor, goes to ancient Antioch, and From Hurdwar, India, where every tweifth year three million devotees congregate, the caravans brought the stroys the emperor's life. Lisbon, fair cholera, and that one disease slew and beautiful at 1 o'clock on the 1st of eighteen thousand in eighteen days in November, 1755, in six minutes 60,000 Bossorah. Twelve thousand in one have perished; and Voltaire writes of summer slain by it in India, and twenthem: "For that region it was the ty-five thousand in Egypt. Disasters last judgment, nothing wanting but a epidemic! Some of the finest monutrumpet!' Europe and America feeling ments in Greenwood and Laurel Hill the throb; 1,500 chimneys in Boston | and Mount Auburn are to doctors who lost their lives battling with Southern

But now I turn the leaf in my sub-In 1812 Caracas was caught in the ject, and I plant the white lilies and grip of the earthquake; in 1822, in the palm tree amid the night-shade and Chili, 100,000 square miles of land by the myrtle. This age no more characvolcanic force upheaved to four and terized by wonders of disasters than by seven feet of permanent elevation; in wonders of blessing. Blessing of lon-1854 Japan felt the geological agony; gevity; the average of human life rap-Naples shaken in 1857; Mexico in 1858; idly increasing. Forty years now worth Mendoza, the capital of the Argentine four hundred once. Now I can travel Republic, in 1861; Manilla terrorized in from Manitoba to New York in three 1863; the Hawalian Islands by such days and three nights. In other times orce uplifted and let down in 1871; it would have taken three months. In Nevada shaken in 1871; Antioch in other words, three days and three 1872; California in 1872; San Salvador nights now are worth three months of in 1873; while in 1883 what subterra- other days. The average of human nean excitement! Ischia, an Island of life practically greater now than when the Mediterranean, a beautiful Italian Noah lived his 950 years and Methusa-

BLESSINGS OF INTELLIGENCE.

The Salmon P. Chases and the Abranor will the Fergusons have to study some of them so far down beneath the astronomy while watching the cattle. reach of human obsequies that it may Knowledge rolls its tides along every be said of many a one of them as it was said of Moses, "The Lord buried go down and bathe in them. If the philosophers of the last century were called upon to recite in a class with our boys at the Polytechnic, or our girls at the Packer, those old philosophers would be sent down to the foot were measuring that magnitude of dis- of the class, because they failed to aster, measuring it not with golden rod answer the questions! Free libraries like that with which the angel meas-ured heaven, but with the black rule in all the important towns and cities of the land. Histyrical alcoves and poetiof death, Java, of the Indian archi- cal shelves and magazine tables for all that desire to walk through them, or

Blessings of quick information: News-papers falling all around us thick as leaves in a September equinoctial. News three days old, rancid and stale. We see the whole world twice a daythrough the newspaper at the breakfast table, and through the newspaper people dying, dying, dead, dead! But look at the disasters cyclonic. At at the tea-table, with an "extra" here and there between.

Blessings of Gospel proclamation: Do you not know that nearly all the missionary societies have been born in this century? and nearly all the Bible societies, and nearly all the great philanthropic movements? A secretary of one of the denominations said to me the other day in Dakota: "You were wrong when you said our denomination No? Then I pray God you may the year; they established nine in one never see one. I saw week, so you are far within the truth." "I have just been out establishing five

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celsis. Mighty camp meetings! Mighty Ocean Groves! Mighty Chantauquas! Mighty conventions of Christian workers! Mighty general assemblies of the Presbyterian Church! Mighty conferences of the Methodist Churchl Mighty associations of the Baptist Church! Mighty conventions of the Episcopal Church! I think, before long, the best investments will not be in railroad stock or Western Union, but in trumpets and cymbals and festal decorations, for we are on the eve of victories wide and world uplifting.

O you dead churckes, wake upl Throw back the shutters of stiff eccleslasticism, and let the light of the spring morning come in! Morning for the land! Morning for the seal Morning of emancipation! Morning of light and love and peace! Morning of a day in where there shall be no chains to break, no sorrows to assuage. no despotism to shatter, no woes to compassionate. O Christ, descend! Sacred temple, take the crown! Bruised hand, take the sceptre! Wounded toot, step on the throne! "Thine is

the kingdom." These things I say because I want von to

BE ALERT.

want you to be watching all these wonders unrolling from the heavens and the earth. God has classified them, whether calamitous or pleasing. The divine purposes are harnessed in traces that cannot break, and in girths that cannot slip, and in buckles that cannot loosen, and are driven by reins they must answer. I preach no fatalism. A swarthy engineer at one of the depots in Dakota said: "When will you back again, for they are ours; they get on the locomotive, and take a ride with us?" "Well," I said, "now, if that suits you?" So I got on one side of the locomotive, and a Methodist tolling the funeral bell and ring the minister, who was also invited, got | wedding anthem. Shut up the hearse on the other side, and between us and take the chariot. Now, the ship were the engineer and the stoker. The | comes around the great headland. Soon train started. The engineer had she will strike the wharf and we will his hand on the agitated pulse of go aboard her. Tears for ships going the great engine. The stoker shov- out. Laughter for ships coming in. eled in the coal, and shut the door with Now she touches the wharf. Throw a loud clang. A vast plain shipped on the planks. Block not up that gang-under us, and the hills swept by, and way with embracing long lost friends, that great monster on which we rode trembled and bounded and snorted and raged as it hurled us on. I said to the millions come onl Farewell to sind raged as it hurled us on. I said to the Methodist minister on the other side of the locomotive: "My brother, why should Presbyterians and Methodists quarrel about the decrees and free agency? You see that track, that firm track, that iron track; that is the decree. You see this engineer's arm? That is free agency. How beautifully they work together. They are going to take us through. We could not do without the track, and we could not do without the engineer. So I rejoice day by day. WORK FOR ALL TO DO.

and we may turn the crank of the Christian machinery this way or that, for we are free agents; but there is the averaged a new church every day of the year; they established nine in one week, so you are far within the truth." God in sockets that no terrestrial or A clergyman of our denomination said: satanic pressure can ever affect. And along that track the car of the world's redemption will roll and roll to the Grand Central Depot of the millenium.

SHIPS COMING IN.

That is the ship of Peace, flag with one star of Bethlehem floating above the top-gallants. That is the ship of the Church, mark of salt wave high up on the smoke-stack, showing she has had rough weather, but the Captain of salvation commands her and all is well with her. The ship of Heaven, mightlest craft ever launched, millions of passengers waiting for millions more, prophets and apostles and martyrs in the cabin, conquerors at the foot of the mast, while from the rigging hands are waving this way as if they knew us, and we wave Farewell to struggle! Farewell to sickness! Farewell to death! All aboard for Heaven!

A Young Woman with Gall.

The daughters of Henry W. Longfellow tell the story of a remarkable request once sent to their father. Mr. Longfellow, as is well known, was a very kind-hearted, generous man, and when he received a letter from a young woman in a distant part of the country who said she wanted a plano, and felt sure that Mr. Longfellow would be glad to encourage youthful talent and send her one, the family were really afraid that he would respond; but he decided not to do so, on the ground that a girl who was so lacking in deli-cacy and self-respect could not ap-

A grain of prudence is worth a pound

preciate music.

L The One God:

The Lord our God, the Lord is one

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord (Deut, 6:4). There is none other but he (Mark

12:32). They should know thee the only true

God (John 17:3). To us there is one God, the Father (1

Cor. 8 : 6). II. The Supreme Love:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God

with all thy heart (30). Love the Lord thy God with all thine

heart (Deut. 6:5). What doth the Lord thy God require of

thee, but,.... to love him? (Deut. 10:12). Love the Lord with all thy heart,

....soul,....mind (Matt. 22: 37). Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (2 Tim. 3:4).

III. Love to Man:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (31),

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Lev. 19:18). Love worketh no ill to his neighbour

(Rom. 13:10). The whole law is fulfilled in one word,

.... Love thy neighbor (Gal. 5 : 14). The royal law, Love thy neighbour (Jas. 2:8).

- "The Lord our God, the Lord is one." (1) One God; (2) Our God."-(1) God's titles; (2) God's oneness; (3) God's worshippers.
- 2. "With all thy heart, soul, mind,....strength." (1) The supreme object of love; (2) The comprehensive sweep of love; (3) The mperative need of love.
- 3. "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (1) The duty of love to others; (2) The measure of love to others; (3) The manifestations of love to others.

III. INFORMATION APPROVED.

I. For its Source: Of a truth, Master, thou hast well said (32).

The Lord giveth the word (Psa. 68 : 11). Thou art a teacher come from God

(John 3 : 2). If I had not spoken unto them, they had not had sin (John 15: 22).

God, ... hath spoken unto us in his Son (Heb. 1:1,2).

IL For its Substance.

To love him is much more than all....sacrifices (33).

The law of the Lord is perfect (Psa. 19:7).

The precepts of the Lord are right (Psa. 19:8).

These are they which bear witness of me (John 5: 39).

Thy word is truth (John 17: 17). III. For its Effects: Thou art not far from the kingdom of

In carving a leg of mutton, or a ham, begin by cutting across the middle to the bone. Cut a tongue across, and not lengthwise, and help from the middle part.

In carving a pig, it is customary to divide it and take off the head before it comes to the table, as to many persons the head is revolting. Cut off the limbs and divide the ribs.

To carve a fillit of veal, begin at the top, and help to the filling with each slice. In a breast of veal, separate the breast and brisket, and then cut them up, asking which part is preferred.

For a saddle of venison, cut from the tail toward the other end, or other side, in thin slices. Warm plates are very necessary with venison and mutton, and in winter are desirable for all

meats. NOT LEAP YEAR .- The year of our Lord nineteen hundred will not be

counted among leap-years. The year is three hundred and sixy-five days five hours and forty-nine minutes long; eleven minutes are taken every year to make the year three hundred and sixtyfive and a quarter days long, and every fourth year we have an extra day. This was Julius Cæsar's arrangement. And where do these eleven minutes come from? They come from the future, and are paid by omitting leap year every hundred years. But if leap year is omitted regularly every hundredth year, in the course of four hundred years it is found that the eleven minutes taken each year well not only have been paid back, but that a whole day will have been given up. So Pope Gregory XIII, who improved on Caesar's calendar in 1582, decreed that every centurial year divisible by four should be a leap year after all. So we borrow eleven minutes each year, more than paying our borrowings back by omitting three leap years in three cen-turial years, and square matters by having a leap year in the fourth cen-turial year. So exact is Pope Gregory's arrangement and the borrowing and arrangement, and the borrowing and paying back balance so closely, that we borrow more than we pay back to the extent of only one day in three thous-and eight hundred and sixty-six years.

IT is said that a woman who died near New Castle, Pa., a short time ago, after having spasms, that when she was a child she had been bitten by a cat, and regularly thereafter with the approach of spring queer blotches would appear on her face, and she would have