REV. DR. TALMAGE

The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Glories of the Christian

TEXT: "Behold, the half was not told me."
Kings x., 7.

Solomon bad resolved that Jerusalem should be the centre of all sacred, regal and commercial magnificence. He set himself commercial magnificence. He set himself to work and monopolized the surrounding desert as a highway for his caravans. desert as a lighway for his caravans. He built the city of Palmyra around one of the principal wells of the east, so that all the long trains of merchandise from the east were obliged to stop there, pay toll and leave part of their wealth in the hands of Solomon's merchants. He manned the fortress Thapsacus at the chief ford of the Runhrates and put under cuard everything. Euphrates, and put under guard everything

that passed there.

The three great products of Palestine—wine pressed from the richest clusters, and delebrated all the world over; oil, which in that country is the entire substitute for but-ter and lard, and was pressed from the olive branches until every tree in the country be-came an oil well, and honey which was the entire substitute for sugar—these three great products of the country Solomon exported and received in return fruits and precious woods and the animals of every

He went down to Ezion-geber and ordered a fleet of ships to be constructed, oversaw the workmen, and watched the launching of the flotilla which was to go out on more than a year's voyage to bring home the wealth of the then known world. He heard that the Egyptian horses were large and swift, and long maned and round limbed, and he resolved to purchase them, giving eighty-five dollars aniece for them, putting the best of dollars apiece for them, putting the best of these horses in his own stall and selling the surplus to foreign potentates at great profit. He heard that there was the best of tim-

ber on Mount Lebanon, and he sent one hundred and eighty thousand men to hew down the forest and drag the timber through the mountain gorges, to construct it into rafts to be floated to Joppa, and from thence to be drawn by ox teams twenty-five miles across the land to Jerusalem. He heard that there were beautiful flowers in other lands. He sent for them, planted them in his own gardens, and to this very day there are flowers found in the ruins of that city such as are to be found in no other part of Palestine, the lineal descendents of the very flowers that Solomon planted. He heard that in foreign groves there were birds of richest voice and most luxuriant wing. He sent out people to catch them and bring them there, and he put them into his cages.

Stand back now and see this long train of camels coming up the king's gate, and the ox trains from Egypt, gold and silver and precious stones, and beasts of every hoof, and birds of every wing, and fish of every scale! See the peacocks strut under the cedars, and the horsemen run and the char-iots wheel! Hear the orchestra! Gaze upon the dance! Not stopping to look into the wonders of the temple, step right on the causeway and pass up to Solomon's palace. Here we find ourselves amid a collection

of buildings on which the king had lavished the wealth of many empires. The genius of Hiram, the architect, and of the other artists is here seen in the long line of corridors, and the suspended gallery, and the approach to the throne. Traceried window opposite traceried window. Bronzed ornaments busting into lotus and lily and pomegranate. Chapiters surrounded by network of leaves in which imitation fruit seemed suspended as in hanging baskets.

Three branches—so Josephus tells us— three branches sculptured on the marble, so thin and subtle that even the leaves seemed A laver capable of holding five hundred barrels of water on six hundred brazen ox heads, which gushed with water and filled the whole place with coolness and crystalline brightness and musical plash. Ten tables chased with chariot wheel and lion and cherubim. Solomon sat on a throne of ivory. At the seating place of the throne, on each end of the steps, a brazen lion.

Why, my friends, in that place they trimmed their candles with snuffers of gold, and they cut their fruits with knives of gold, and they washed their faces in basins of gold, and they scooped out the ashes with shovels of gold, and they stirred the altar fires with tongs of gold. Gold reflected in the water! Gold flashing from the appare!! Gold blaz-ing in the crown! Gold! gold! gold! Of course the news of the affluence of that

place went out everywhere by every cara-van and by wing of every ship, until soon van and by wing of every saip, until soon the streets of Jerusalem are crowded with curiosity seekers. What is that long pro-cession approaching Jerusalem? I think from the pomp of it there must be royalty in the train. I smell the breath of the spices which are brought as presents, and I hear the shout of the drivers, and I see the dust covered caravan showing that they come from far away. Cry the news up to the palace. The Queen of Sheba advances. Let all the people come out to see. Let the mighty men of the land come out on the palace corridors. Let Solomon come down the stairs of the palace before the Queen has alighted. Shake out the cinnamon and the cence and pass it into the treasure house. Take up the diamonds until they glitter in

The Queen of Sheba alights. She enters the palace. She washes at the bath. She sits down at the banquet. The cupbearers bow. The meat smokes. You hear the dash of waters from moiten sea. Then she rises from the banquet, and walks through the conservatories, and gazes on the archi-tecture, and she asks Solomon many strange questions, and she learns about the religion of the Hebrews, and she then and there be comes a servant of the Lord Got.

She is overwhelmed. She begins to think that all the spices she brought, an i all the precious woods which are intended to be turned into harps and parteries and into railings for the causeway between the temple and the palace, and the one hundred and eighty thousand dollars in money—she begins to think that all these presents amount to nothing in such a piece and she is amount to nothing in such a place and she is almost ashamed that she has brought them, and she says within herself: "I heard a great deal about this wonderful religion of the Hebrews, but I find it far beyond my highest anticipations. I must add more that fifty per cent. to what has been related. It exceeds everything that I could have expected. The half—the half was not told me."

Learn from this subject what a beautiful thing it is when social position and wealth surrender themselves to God. When religion surrender themselves to God. When religion comes to a neighborhood, the first to receive it are the women. Some men say it is because they are weakminded. I say it is because they have quicker perception of what is right, more arient affection and capacity for sublimer emotion. After the women have received the Gospel then all the distressed and the poor of both sexes, those who have no friends, accept Jesus. Last of all come the people of affluence and high social position. Alas, that it is so!

If there are those here to-day who have been favored of fortune, or, as I might better put it, favored of God, surrender all you have and all you expect to be to the Lord

ter put it, favored of God, surrender all you have and all you expect to be to the Lord who blessed this Queen of Shebt. Certainly you are not ashamed to be fouul in this queen's company. I am glad that Christ has had His imperial friends in all ages—Elizabeth Christina, queen of Prussia; Maria Feodorovna, queen o. Russia; Marie, empress of France; Heiena, the imperial mother of Constantine. Area fia, from her great fortunes building public baths in Coustantinople and tolding for the alleviation of the masses; Queen Clottlida, leading her husband and three thousand of his armed warriors to Christian baptism; Elizabeth, of Burgundy, giving her jeweled glove to a beggar and scattering great fortunes among the distressed; Prince Albert, singing "Rock of Ages" in Windsor castle, and Queen Victoria, incognita, reading the Scriptures to a ria, incognita, reading the Scriptures to a dying pauper.

I bless God that the day is coming when royalty will bring all its thrones, and music all its harmonies, and painting all its pictures, and sculpture all its statuary, and architecture all its pillars, and conquest all its scepters; and the queens of the earth, in long line of advance, frankincense filling the air and the camels laden with gold, shall approach Jerusaiem, and the gates snall be hoisted, and the great burden of spienfor shall be lifted into the palace of this greater than Solomon.

Again, my subject teaches me what is earnestness in the search of truth. Do you know where Sheba was? It was in Abyssinia, or some say in the southern part of Arabia Felix. In either case it was a great way off from Jerusalem. To go from there to Jerusalem she had to cross a country in-fested with bandits and go across blistering deserts. Why did not the Queen of Sheba stay at home and sen i a committee to inquire about this new religion, and have the delegates report in regard to that religion and wealth of King Solomon?

She wanted to see for herself and hear for herself. She could not do this by work of committee. She felt she had a soul worth ten thousand kingdoms like Sheba, and she wantel a robe richer than any woven by oriental shuttles, and she wantel a crown set with the jewels of eternity. Bring out the camels. Put on the spices. Gather up the jewels of the throne and put them on the Goad on the camels. When I see that caravan, dust covered, weary and exhausted, truiging on across the desert and among the bandits until it reaches Jerusalem, I say,

'There is an earnest seeker after the truth.' But there are a great many of you, my friends, who do not act in that way. You all want to get the truth, but you want the truth to come to you; you do not want to go to it. There are people who fold their arms and say. I am ready to become a Christian at any time. If I am to be saved I shall be saved, and if I am to be lost I shall be lost." Ah! Jerusalem will never come to you; you must go to Jerusalem. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ will not come to you; you must go and get religion. Bring out the treasures of the heart's affection. Start for the throne. Go in an I hear the waters of salvation dashing in fountains all around about the throne. Sit down at the banquet—the wine pressed from the grapes of the heavenly Eschol, the angels of God the cup-

Goad on the camels; Jerusalem will never come to you; you must go to Jerusalem.
The Bible declares it: "The queen of the south"—that is, this very woman I am speaking of—"the queen of the south shall rise up in judgment against this generation and condemn it; for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold! a greater than Solomon is here." God help me to break up the intatuation of those people who are sitting down in idleness expecting to be saved. Strive to enter in at the straight gate Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to Take the kingdom of heaven by vio-

lence. Urge on the camels! Again, my subject impresses me with the fact that religion is a surprise to any one that gets it. This story of the new religion in Jerusalem, and of the glory of King Solo-mon, who was a type of Christ—that story rolls on and on and is told by even traveler coming back from Jerusalem. The news goes on the wing of every ship and with every caravan, and you know a story en-larges as it is retold, and by the time that

story gets down into the southern part of Arabia Felix, and the Queen of Sheba hears it, it must be a tremenious story. And yet this queen declares in regard to it, althouga she had heard so much and had her antici-pations raised so high, the half—the half was not told her.

So religion is always a surprise to any one that gets it. The story of grace-in old story. Apostles preached it with rattle of chain; martyrs declare: it with arm of fire; deathbeds have affirmed it with visions of t through the lanes and the highways and the chapels and the cathedrais. It has been cut into stone with enisel and spread on the canvas with pencil, and it has been recited in the doxology of great congregations. And yet when a man first comes to look on the palace of God's mercy and to see the royalty of Christ, and the wealth of this banquet, and the luxuriance of His attendants, and the lovilness of His face, and the joy of His service, he exclaims with prayers, with tears, with signs, with triumphs, half—the half was not told me?"

I appeal to those in this house who are Christians. Compare the idea you had of the joy of the Christian life before you became a Christian with the appreciation of that joy you have now since you have be-come a Christian, and you are willing to at-test before angels and men that you never in the days of your spiritual bondage had any appreciation of waat was to come. You are ready to-day to answer, and if I gave you an opportunity in the midst of this assemble of this assemble. biage you would speak out and say in regard to the discoveries you have made of the mercy and the grace and the goodness of Gol, "The half—the half was not told me"

Well, we hear a great deal about the good time that is coming to this world, when it is to be girded with salvation. Holiness on the bells of the horses. The lion's mane patted by the hand of a babs. Ships of Tarshisa bringing cargoes for Jesus, and the hard, dry, barren, winter bleached, storm scarred, thunder split rocx breaking into floods of bright water. Deserts into which drome-daries thrust their nostrils, because they were afraid of the simoom—leserts bloom ng into carnation roses and silver tipped

It is the old story. Every body tells it. Isaiah told it, John told it, Paul told it, Ezskial told it, Lutner told it, Calvan told it, John Milton told it—every body tells it, and yet—and yet when the midnight shall fly the hills, and Christ shall marshal His great army, and China, dasning ner idols into the dust, shall hear the voice of God and wheel into line; and India, destroying her jugger-naut and snatching up her little entitieren from the Ganges, shall hear the voice of God and wheel into line, and vine covered Italy, and all the nations of the earth shall hear the voice of God and fall into line; then the church which has been toiling and strug-gling through the centuries, robed and gar-landed like a bride adorned for her nusband, shall put aside her vail and look up into the face of her Lord and King, and say, "The half—the half was not told me?"

Well, there is coming a greater surprise to every Christian—a greater surprise thar anything I have depicted. Heaven is an

throne, and we made like Him. All our Christian friends surroduding us in glory! All our sorrows and tears and sine gone by forever! The thousands of thousands, the one hundred and forty and four thousand, the great multitudes that no man can num-ber, will cry, world without end, "The half -the half was not told us?"

A Farmer's Remarkable Record.

I adopted a vegetable diet in 1841. when twenty-two years old, writes Rev J. B. Saxe, of Fort Scott, Kansas, and for more than half a century I have eaten no flesh or butter, have drank no tea or coffee, and have lived mostly on graham or corn bresd and fruit. During ali these years I have had hardly a day's sickness, have consulted no doctor, taken no drugs and have always been able to do vigorous work, either mental or physical. What makes this more striking is the fact that I began life with a feeble constitution, and was an invalid most of the time, always doctoring, up to my adoption of this system. I have seen most of my early acquaintances, healthy and vigorous young men and women, pass away while I am conscious of scarcely any bodily or mental decay; and in my seventy-third year can do anything I could at twenty, and do it better and easier. I can see no reason why I may not live twenty years more, as well as have for the past twenty. Though a clergyman by profession, I nave been engaged in farming most of the time for thirty years, and labored with my hands nearly every day; and I assure my brother farmers that there is no need of being sick, or having anything to do with drugs or doctors, or being laid up with age and infirmity at seventy. Nearly every American could and ought to live to the age of 100, and most of them to the age of 200; and could if they lived right from childhood. Captain Reiley says that when captive among the Arabs he saw men 300 years old, and still able to follow the tribe in its wanderings. Health and endurance are as necessary capital as land to a farmer, and should be cultivated as carefully and as scientifically if he would have success in his vocation .- New York Tribune.

Florence Nightingale.

Soon after the close of the Crimean war there was a memorable dinner in London, given by Lord Stratford to the ranking officers of the British army and navy. Naturally, conversation turned on the recent conflict, and toward the conclusion of the entertainment the host sugges ed that each guest should write on a slip of paper the name connected with the war which he believed would be most illustrious through fu ure ages. All wrote as requested, the ballots were collected by the proposer of the movement, were opened and read amid enthusiastic cheers, for every one of them contained the name of Florence Nightin-

The result has proved the truth of that evening's prophecy; a whole generation has passed since then, and who thinks of the dead and gone generals who fell at the storming of the Malakoff? The clocutionist gives the "Charge of the Light Brigade" without knowing who obeyed the bitter blunder; the military student may recall the hero of Kinglake's history-the beloved Ragian-and possibly some veteran dimly remembers the great commander of the gray hosts of the Vladimir, but the sweet name of Florence Nightingale is dear in almost every home where the English language is spoken.-[Chicago Herald.

The Finns.

The inhabitants of Finland are strong and hardy, with bright, intelligent faces, high cheek bones; yellow hair is common, but by no means the rule, black or dark brown being frequently met with in the interior.

Their morals and manners are excellent. Their temper is universally mild. and when angry they keep silence. They are happy hearted, affectionate to one another, and honorable and honest in their dealings with strangers. They are a cleanly people, being much given to the use of vapor baths.

This trait is a conspicuous note of their character from their earliest history to the present day. Often in the runes of the "Kalevala" reference is made to the cleansing and healing virtues of the vapors of the heated bathroom. They are morally upright and have an honesty and simplicity of character totally foreign to that of the Russian; they are hospitable, faithful and submissive, with a keen sense of personal freedom and independence, but they are also somewhat stolid and revengeful. Superstition flourishes among the Finns to a far greater extent than generally known, and of on takes its form in quaint legends .-[Chicago Tribune.

Ice-Coated Swans Caught.

anything I have depicted. Heaven is an old story. Everybody talts about it. There is hardly a hymu in the hymn book that does not refer to it. Children read about it in their Sabbath-school book. Aged men put on their spectacies to study it. We say it is the house of many mansions. We went to getber all it our homes. We say it is the house of many mansions. We went togetber all sweet, beautiful, delicate, exciliarant words; we weave thom into letters, and it leen we spell it out in rose and lily and anaranth. And yet that place is going to be a surprise to the most intelligent Caristian.

Like the Queen of Sheba, the report has come to us roan the far country, and many of us have started. It is a desert march, but we urge on the cames, What though our feet be blistered with the way? We are hastening to the palace. We take all our loves and hopes and Caristian amoltions, as frankincenses and myrra and cassia to the great King. We must not rast. We must not hait. The night is cosmag on, and it is not sale out here in the desert. Urge on the cameis, I see the domes against the sky, and the houses of Lobason, and the tempies and the gardens. See the fountains dance in the sun, and the gates stash as they open to let in the poor pilgrims.

Send the word up to the palace; boths in these waters, reclins on these banks. Take this cinnama and francing and swing it before the altar." And yet, my friends, when heaven bursts upon us it will be a greater surprise than that—Jesus on the During a recent severe rain and sleet storm in the vicinity of Millport, Colum-

Why the Dog Is There.

An express wagon passed by. On

the end of the seat where the driver was there was painted the picture of a dog guarding a safe. One man on the corner asked his friend why a dog's picture was nearly always on or near the picture of a safe. Then he told him. A long time ago the safe was nothing more than an iron box. It had none of the scientific attachments which one sees in banks and business houses to-day. The key of the great box was generally as heavy as the box. That is in proportion. It was sometimes used as a weapon. As the iron boxes had no security but the ordinary locks, bankers took to leaving dogs tied to the boxes at night. Then it was found necessary to have the dogs trained. This the bankers did not always have time to do, even if they had known how. The result was that the manufacturers took to dog farming. These dogs were trained in the business of guarding the iron boxes, and at one time it was the custom for the manufacturer to furnish a dog with each safe. And the two became inseparable. That is why you see the picture of a dog so often wherever you see the picture of a safe. And that is also why you see a dog so often perched on the seat with the driver of an express wagon which delivers money packages. - Chicago Tribune.

Mirrors of the Isrealites.

The earliest mirrors of which mention is made in history were in use among the Israelites in the time of Moses. That gentleman, as recorded in the Bible, commanded in a certain emergency that these articles should be transformed into wash basins for the priests. They are made of brass. Doubtless similar utensils of this and other materials were in use long before that. At that period black glass was employed for the purpose, as well as transparent glass with black foil on the back. It is related that the Spaniards found mirrors of polished black stone, both convex and concave, among the natives of South America.

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