What She Said to Melba.

A young girl, an ardent admirer of Madame Melba, at a reception given for the latter was so completely overcome when it came her turn to have a word with the prima donna, that, blushing crimson and looking up with a sweet smile, she murmured: "You sing, I believe?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The Heat of the Earth.

Lord Kelvin contends that the earth might be white hot 2,000 feet below the surface or as cold as ice fifty feet below without changing our present climate. He attributes the intensely hot climate of an earlier age to greater heat of the sun.

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WEEKLY SERMONS.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's Weekly Discourse.

"Giants" is the Subject of the Twelfth of the New York Herald's Competitive Sermons—Dr. Talmage Preaches on the Style of the Christian Character.

TEXT: "There were giants in those days."—Genesis, vi., 4.

This text represents the wail of the morbid man who refuses to enter into the activities of life and finds no fit leadership among the men of to-day. He views the men of yesterday, and, by comparing them with his own nothingness, calls them giants. Unwilling to follow his rightful leaders, he pines for the mighty men of the past.

If the wail were only the expression of dissatisfied donothings in the world it would be of little account; but the cry regarding the ancient giants has connected with it an inference that no giants exist today, because there is no opportunity for giant life. This pseudo reverence for the great men of the past carries with it the poisonous pessimism that says, "There can be no giants now." It is discouragement boiled down and sugar-coated with a pious worship of ancient worthies.

"Cæsar, Napoleon and Wellington were great generals, but there never will be any more;" "There will never be another poet like Homer;" "No more orators like Burke, Pitt and Webster;" "No more preachers like Wesley, Whitefield and Edwards;" "No such statesmen as Madison and Jefferson." "There is no chance for such men to-day, and no demand for them."

This is a fair specimen of the idle talk of men who pretend to appreciate the greatness of the fathers, and with this pious plaint unnerve the ambition of youth. Were this simply the silly talk of imbecility no protest from the pulpit would be in place, but in behalf of discouraged youth I purpose to enter an unqualified denial of the spirit of all this word. Did it not seem like impious rejection of sacred writ, I would affirm that there were no giants in those days. The men of yesterday were not so great as the men of to-day.

Physically men are better than ever before. The average men of to-day is too large to wear the English armor discarded by giant warriors of a few centuries back. The collegian of to-day surpasses the ancient Olympian. Cicero and Demosthenes were giants in oratory by comparison. Orators were few and poor at that time, so these were easily noted. There are better preachers to-day than Wesley. Edwards is far surpassed in truthful presentation of the word by modern sermon makers. Bismarck, Blaine and Gladstone overshadow ancient men in Statecraft. Macauley tells us that men usually put the golden age of England at a time "when noblemen were destitute of comforts which would cause riot in a modern workhouse."

So men are constantly placing the age of mental and spiritual greatness in times when men were conspicuous not so much for their own individual merit as because of the lack of ordinary merit among their fellows. In a very true sense we may say that in the light of the nineteenth century men there were no giants in those days. There is a proper egotism which boasts of to-day, and imperiously declares that no such men lived in the past as our generation has produced.

Turning from this, we may bow with deference to the coming man. The youth of to-day may rise above the best of their fathers. There was never a greater call for giants than now; not a giant here and there, but a race of giants. Every profession is crowded with little men and is seeking for giants. Professions, like skyscrapers, have vacant rooms on the top floor.

Railroads are anxious for first class men; editorial offices will give handsome salaries to skilful writers; pulpits seek commanding preachers; corporations seek in vain for properly qualified counsel; the nation calls for better statesmen, the colleges for better teachers, the merchants for better salesmen, the manufacturers for better artisans. "Top floors for rent" is hung out at every corner, inviting boys who are willing and able to climb the old-fashioned stairs. There is no elevator for carrying idle seekers to the top of business and professional life. Men who work at the head of a profession or business must have strength, and that strength best comes by toiling up to the high places.

Giants are not born, they are made. Inherited adaptability will have some bearing, but earned qualities will have more. Common strength, common sense, common honesty are the first requisites. The genius of hard work, frugality of time and power, controlled by an indomitable "I will," must enter into the makeup of a great man. Time, money and nerve power dissipated by young men, not in true recreation and relaxation, but in idle loitering, would, if truly directed, make many great.

Nor will we forget that "Godliness is profitable." The giants spoken of in Genesis were grandsons of God; the giants of to-day are real sons of God. The strongest men are they that are strong in the Lord. Jesus is the giant of the age, and the nearer related to Jesus the more gigantic is man. Christian qualities are realizable assets, for Christ rules to-day more than all earthly potentates. Men who scoff at religion desire Christlike qualities in their employes.

Faith, hope and charity are fit emblems for the market, for commerce and the profession. There are Calvarys along the road to greatness; men must bear crosses if they would rise. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." It is more than good—it is essential; and the Christ yoke is the typical emblem by which men may work themselves, by the grace of God to be present day giants.

JAMES A. CHAMBERLIN, Ph. D.,
Pastor of First Congregational Church of Newark, N. J.

KIND OF PEOPLE NEEDED.

Dr. Talmage Describes the Style of Christian Character Required To-day.

TEXT: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther iv., 14.

Esther the beautiful was the wife of Ahasuerus the abominable. The time had come for her to present a petition to her infamous husband in behalf of the Jewish nation, to which she had once belonged. She was afraid to undertake the work, lest she should lose her own life; but her cousin, Mordecai, who had brought her up, encouraged her with the suggestion that probably she had been raised up of God for that peculiar mission. "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther had her God-appointed work. You and I have ours. It is my business to tell you what style of men and women you ought to be in order that you meet the demand of the age in which God has cast your lot. So this discourse will not deal with the technicalities, but only with the practicabilities. What we want is practical, earnest, concentrated, enthusiastic and triumphant help.

In the first place, in order to meet the special demand of this age, you need to be an unmistakable, aggressive Christian. Of half-and-half Christians we do not want any more. The Church of Jesus Christ will be better without them. They are the chief obstacle to the church's advancement. I am speaking of another kind of Christian. All the appliances for your becoming an earnest Christian are at your hand, and there is a straight path for you into the broad daylight of God's forgiveness. You may this moment be the bondsmen of the world, and the next moment you may be princes of the Lord God Almighty.

But you need to be aggressive Christians, and not like those persons who spend their lives in hugging their Christian graces and wondering why they do not make progress. How much robustness of health would a man have if he hid himself in a dark closet? A great deal of the piety of to-day is too exclusive. It hides itself. It needs more fresh air, more outdoor exercise. There are many Christians who are giving their entire life to self-examination.

This style of self-examination is a damage instead of an advantage to their Christian character. I remember when I was a boy I used to have a small piece in the garden that I called my own, and I planted corn there, and every few days I would pull it up to see how fast it was growing. Now, there are a great many Christian people in this day whose self-examination merely amounts to the pulling up of that which they only yesterday or the day before planted. Oh, my friends, if you want to have a stalwart Christian character, plant it right out of doors in the great field of Christian usefulness, and though storms may come upon it, and though the hot sun of trial may try to consume it, it will thrive until it becomes a great tree, in which the fowls of heaven may have their habitation. I have no patience with these flower-pot Christians. They keep themselves under shelter, and all their Christian experience in a small, exclusive circle, when they ought to plant it in the great garden of the Lord, so that the whole atmosphere could be aromatic with their Christian usefulness. What we want in the church of God is more strength of piety.

Again, if you want to be qualified to meet the duties which this age demands of you, you must, on the one hand, avoid reckless iconoclasm and, on the other hand, not stick too much to things because they are old. The air is full of new plans, new projects, new theories of government, new theologies, and I am amazed to see how so many Christians want only novelty in order to recommend a thing to their confidence; and so they vacillate and swing to and fro, and they are useless and they are unhappy. New plans—secular, ethical, philosophical, religious, cis-Atlantic, trans-Atlantic—long enough to make a line reaching from the German universities to Great Salt Lake City. Ah, my brother, do not take hold of a thing merely because it is new! Try it by the realities of the Judgment Day. But on the other hand, do not adhere to anything merely because it is old. There is not a single enterprise of the church of the world but has sometime been scoffed at. There was a time when men derided even Bible societies, and when a few young men met in Massachusetts and organized the first missionary society ever organized in this country there went laughter and ridicule all around the Christian Church.

All the great enterprises in and out of the Church have at times been scoffed at, and there have been a great multitude who have thought that the chariot of God's truth would fall to pieces if it once got out of the old rut. And so there are those who have no patience with anything like improvement in church architecture, or with anything like good, hearty, earnest church singing, and they deride any form of religious discussion which goes down walking among everyday men, rather than that which makes an excursion on rhetorical stilts. Oh, that the Church of God would wake up to an adaptibility of work! We must admit the simple fact that the churches of Jesus Christ in this day do not reach the great masses. There are fifty thousand people in Edinburgh who never hear the gospel. There are one million people in London who never hear the gospel.

Ah, my friends, there is work for you to do and for me to do in order to this grand accomplishment. I have a pulpit. I preach in it. Your pulpit is the bank. Your pulpit is the store. Your pulpit is the editorial chair. Your pulpit is the anvil. Your pulpit is the house scaffolding. Your pulpit is the mechanics' shop. I may stand in my place and, through cowardice or through self-seeking, may keep back the word I ought to utter while you, with sleeve rolled up and brow besweated with toil, may utter the word that will jar the foundations of heaven with the shout of a great victory. Oh, that we might all feel that the Lord Almighty is putting upon us the hands of ordination! I tell you, every one, go forth and preach this Gospel. You have as much right to preach as I have or any man living.

I remark again that in order to be qualified to meet your duty in this particular age you want unbounded faith in the triumph of the truth and the overthrow of wickedness. How dare the Christian Church ever get discouraged? Have we not the Lord Almighty on our side? How long did it take God to slay the hosts of Sennacherib or burn Sodom or shake down Jericho? How long will it take God, when he once arises in his strength, to overthrow all the forces of iniquity? Between this time and that there may be long seasons of darkness, and the chariot wheels of God's Gospel may seem to drag heavily; but here is the promise and yonder is the throne, and when omniscience has lost its eyesight and omnipotence falls back impotent and Jehovah is driven from his throne, then the Church of Jesus Christ can afford to be despondent, but never until then. Despots may plan and armies may march and the Congresses of the nations may seem to think they are adjusting all the affairs of the world, but the mighty men of the earth are only the dust of the chariot wheels of God's providence. And I think before the sun of the next century shall set the last tyranny will fall, and with a splendor of demonstration that shall be the astonishment of the universe God will set forth the brightness and pomp and glory and perpetuity of His eternal government. Out of the starry flags and the emblazoned insignia of this world God will make a path for His own triumph, and returning from universal conquest He will sit down, the grandest, highest throne of earth His footstool.

I prepare this sermon because I want to encourage all Christian workers in every possible department. Hosts of the living God, march on! march on! His Spirit will bless you. His shield will defend you. His sword will strike for you. March on! march on! The despotisms will fail and paganism will burn its idols, and Mahometanism will give up its false prophet, and the great walls of superstition will come down in thunder and wreck at the long, loud blast of the Gospel trumpet. March on! march on! The besiegement will soon be ended. Only a few more steps on the long way; only a few more sturdy blows; only a few more battle cries, then God will put the laurels upon your brow, and from the living fountains of heaven will bathe off the sweat and the heat and the dust of the conflict. March on! march on! For you the time for work will soon be passed, and amid the outflashings of the judgment throne and the trumpeting of resurrection angels and the upheaving of a world of graves, and the hosanna and the groaning of the saved and the lost, we shall be rewarded for our faithfulness or punished for our stupidity. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and amen.

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On the Bosphorus their caiques are a great resource to the Turkish ladies, but in Pera those of the upper classes can only go out, in closed carriages, to the Sweet Waters, occasionally accompanied by their husbands on horseback.

But they may speak to no one while driving; their own husbands and sons cannot even bow to them as they pass, and no one would venture to say a word to his own wife or mother when the carriage pulls up—the police would at once interfere. The highest mark of respect is to turn your back to a lady, and this is obligatory when any member of the Imperial harem passes.

Hard Plant to Kill.

There is a plant in Jamaica called the life plant, because it is almost impossible to kill it. When a leaf is cut off and hung up by a string it sends out white, threadlike roots, gathers moisture from the air, and begins to grow new leaves. Even when pressed and packed away by a botanist it has been known to outgrow the leaves of the book in which it was placed. The only way to kill it is by the heat of a hot iron or of boiling water.

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BONES OF GIANT INDIANS.

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There has been received at the Maryland Academy of Sciences the skeleton of an Indian seven feet tall. It was discovered near Antietam ten days ago. There are now skeletons of three powerful Indians at the academy, who at one time in their wildness roamed over the State of Maryland armed with such instruments as nature gave them, or their limited skill taught them to make. Two of these skeletons belonged to individuals evidently of gigantic size. The vertebrae and bones of the legs are nearly as thick as those of a horse, and the length of the long bones exceptional. The skulls are of fine proportions, ample, and with walls of moderate thickness, but of great strength, and stiffened behind by a powerful occipital ridge. The curves of the forehead are moderate and not retreating, suggesting intelligence, and connected with jaws of moderate development.

The locality from which these skeletons came is in Frederick County, near Antietam Creek. It was formerly supposed to have been the battleground of two tribes of Indians, the Catawbas and the Delawares. Tradition has handed down the statement that between the years 1730 and 1736 the Catawbas overtook a band of Delawares at the mouth of the Antietam, and in the battle that ensued the Delawares were completely annihilated. So the tradition goes, but according to Dr. Philip R. Uhler, president of the Maryland Academy of Sciences and provost of the Peabody Institute, a careful examination of this locality has failed to establish evidences of a battle at that point, although numerous spear and arrow heads have been taken from the soil there.

It is of great interest, however, to notice that the locality was, at an earlier date—before the coming of the white man—occupied as a village site by Indians of great stature, some of them six and a half to seven feet in height. The bones of these were buried like those of prehistoric tribes in other parts of the State. The manner of burial was like this: The flesh was cleaned from the bones, some of which were then charred. The small bones of the face and neck were packed with clay. In the grave was also placed pottery, a tomahawk and the other weapons belonging to the Indians. No stone marked the grave, and no beads or wampum were buried with the skeleton. But over all the earth was heaped up into a small oblong mound, along which other similar mounds extended for many feet. The overflow of a neighboring river at this point had almost destroyed the burial area, so that only three of these small elevations were recognizable at the time of excavation.—Baltimore American.

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