REV. DR. TALMAGE. EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY

DISCOURSE.

Subject: The Mission of Cities-Morally They Are No Worse Than the Country -Vice is More Apparent, But Not More Prevalent-A Plea For Honest Living.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.-From St. Peters-burg, the Russian capital, where he was cordially received by the Emperor and Empress and the Empress Dowager, Dr. Talmage sends this discourse, in which he shows the mighty good that may be done by the cities and also the vast evil they may do by their allurements to the unsus-pecting and the unguarded. The text is Zechariah i, 17: "My cities through pros-perity shall yet be spread abroad." The city is no worse than the country. The vices of the metropolis are more evi-dent then the vices of the spread distributes

lent than the vices of the rural districts, because there are more people to be bad, if they wish to be. The merchant is as good as the farmer. There is no more cheating in town than out of town-no worse cheating; it is only on a larger scale. The countryman sometimes preva-ricates about the age of the horse that he sells, about the size of the bushe! with which he measures the grain, about the peaches at the bottom of the basket as being as large as those at the top, about the quarter of beef as being tender when it is tough, and to as bad an extent as the citizen, the merchant, prevaricates about calicoes or silks or hardware. And as to villages, I think that in some

is the grand depot for masculine title tat-tile, and there are always in the village a half dozen women who have their sun-bonnets hanging near, so that at the first item of derogatory news they can fly out and cackle it all over the town. Country-men must not be too hard in their criti-

cism of the citizen, nor must the plow run too sharply against the yardstick. Cain was the founder of the first city, and I suppose it took after him in morals. It takes a city a long while to escape from the character of the founder. Where the founders of a city are criminal exiles, the filth, the vice, the prisons, are the shadow of those founders. It will take centuries for New York to get over the good influ-ence of the pious founders of that citythe founders whon prayers went up in the streets when now banks discount, brokers bargain, and companies declare dividends, and smugglers swear cusclare dividends, and smugglers swear cus-tom house lies, and above the roar of the wheels and the crack of the auctioneer's mallet ascends the ascription, "We wor-ship thee, O thou almighty dollar!" Cities are not evil necessarily, as some have argued. They have been the birth-place of civilization. In them popular lib-erty has lifted its voice. Witness Genoa and Warnice After the death of

erty has lifted its voice. Witness Genoa and Pisa and Venice. After the death of and Pisa and Venice. After the death of Alexander the Great among his papers were found extensive plans of cities, some to be built in Europe, some to be built in Asia. The cities in Europe were to be occupied by Asiatics; the cities in Asia were to be occupied, according to his plans, by Europeans, and so there should be a comminging and a fraternity and a be a commingling and a fraternity and a kindness and a good will between the conkindness and a good will between the cor-tinents and between the cities. So there always ought to be. The strangest thing in my comprehension is that there should be bickerings and rivalries among our of the fact that he has so long been kept American cities. New York must stop caricaturing rhiladelphia, and Philadel-phia must stop picking at New York, and certainly the continent is large enough for St. Paul and Minneapolis. What is unhurt. That was Theodore Frelinghuygood for one city is good for all the cities. Here is the great highway of our national prosperity. On that highway of national prosperity walk the cities. prosperity walk the cities. A city with large forehead and great brain—that is Boston; a city with delib-erate step and calm manner—that is Phil-adelphia; a city with its pocket full of change—that is New York; two cities going with a rush that astound a the con-tinent—they are St. Louis and Chicago; a city that takes its wife and chicago; a tinent-they are St. Louis and Chicago; a city that takes its wife and children along with it-that is Brooklyn. Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburg, all the cities of the north, and all the cities of the south, some distinguished for one thing, some for another, one for professional ability, another for affluence, another for fashion, but not one to be spared. What advan-tages one advantages all. What damages Boston Common damages Washington square. Laurel Hill, Mount Auburn, Greenwood, weep over the same grief. square. Laurel Hill, Mount Auburn, Greenwood, weep over the same grief. The statue of Benjamin Franklin in New York greeting the bronze statue of Ed-ward Everett in Boston. All the cities a confraternity. I cannot understand how there should go on bickerings and rival-ries. I plead for a higher style of brother-hood or sisterhood among the cities. Again, in all cities I am impressed with the fact that all classes and conditions of society must commingle. We sometimes cultivate a wicked exclusiveness. Intel-lect despises ignorance. Refinement will lect despises ignorance. Refinement will have nothing to do with boorishness. Gloves hate the sunburned hand, and the Gloves hate the sunburned hand, and the high forehead despises the flat head, and the trim hedgerow will have nothing to do with the wild copsewood, and Athens hates Nazareth. This ought not so to be. I like this democratic principle of the gos-pel of Jesus Christ which recognizes the fact that we stand before God on one and the same platform. Do not take on any airs. Whatever position you have gained in society, you are nothing but a man, born of the same Parent, regener-ated by the same Spirit, cleansed in the same blood, to lie down in the same dust, to get up in the same resurrection. It is high time that we all acknowledged not only the Fatherhood of God, but the brotherhood of man. brotherhood of man. Again, in all cities I am impressed with the fact that it is a very hard thing for a man to keep his heart right and to get to the fact that it is a very hard thing for a man to keep his heart right and to get to heaven. Infinite temptations spring updates of public concourse. Amid so much affluence, how much temptation to covetousness and to be discontented with our humble lot! Amid so many op-portunities for overreaching, what temp-tation to vanity! Amid so many saloons of strong drink, what allurements to dis-sipation! In the maeistroms and hell gates of the street, how many make quick and eternal shipwreck! If a man-of-war comes back from a battle, and is towed at the splintered spars and count the bul-let holes, and look with patriotic admira-tion on the flag that floated in victor thirty years of the street. Oh! how many have gone down under the pressure, leav-ing not so much as a patch of canvasto tell where they perished. Their dishones-ties kept tolling in their ears. Again, in all these cities I am impressed with the fact that life is full of pretension the flag that if dispression the flag that if dispression there so many have been dashed down, God's beautiful admonitions hover, a warning arching each peril-six of them. Beness life, and yet sails on, victor over the temptations of the street. Oh! how many have some down under the pressure, leaving not so much as a patch of canvas to tell where they perished. Their dishones, the key tolling in their ears. The street tolling in their ears. The street tolling in the streets of the streets of the streets of the streets is full of pretension of the world know half as much as a mote as a mote to see you who ask you to call? Doe all the world know half as much as a tort many avertched stock of goods with a brilling the streets to your business and your work are you not impressed with the fact that there are substreated stock of goods with a brilling the store and footsteps of the city dying from your ear, and it gets so silent that pretensions? Oh, how many there are who swagger and strut and walk to fore simper and fools micker and

simpletons giggle, how few people are nat-ural and laugh! I say these things not to create in you incredulity or misanthropy, nor do I forget there are thousands of people a great deal better than they seem, but I do not think any man is pre-pared for the conflict of this life until he knows this particular peril. Again, in all cities I am impressed with the fact that there is a great field for Christian charity. There are hunger and suffering and want and wretchedness in the country, but these evils chiefly con-

the country, but these evils chiefly con-gregate in our great cities. On every street crime prowls and drunkenness staggers. crime prowls and drunkenness staggers. and shame winks, and pauperism thrusts out its hand asking for alms. Here want is most squalid, and hunger is most lean. A Christian man going along a street in New York saw a poor lad, and he stopped and said: "My boy, do you know how to read and write?" The boy made no an-swer. The man asked the question twice and thrice. "Can you read and write?" and then the boy answered, with a tear plashing on the back of his hand. He plashing on the boy answered, with a tear plashing on the back of his hand. He said in defiance: "No, sir; I can't read nor write neither. God, sir, don't want me to read and write. Didn't He take me to read and write. Data the take away my father so long ago I never re-member to have seen him? And haven't I had to go along the streets to get some-thing to fetch home to eat for the folks? And didn't I, as soon as I could carry a basket, have to go out and pick up cin-ders, and never have no schooling, sir? God don't want me to read, sir. I can't read nor write neither."

In all cities, east, west, north, south, I notice great temptations to commercial fraud. Here is a man who starts in busi-ness. He says, "I'm going to be honest," but on the same street, on the same block, in the same business are Shylocks. because they copy the vices of the cities, in the meanest shape, and as to gossip, its beaven is a country village! Everybody knows everybody's business better than he knows it himself. The grocery store or the blacksmith shop by day and night ficit in something else. H an honest prin-ciple could creep into that man's soul it would die of sheer loneliness! The man would die of sheer loneliness! The man twists about, trying to escape the penalty of the law, and despises God, while he is just a little anxious about the sheriff. The honest man looks about him and the structure of the start of the sheriff. "Well, this rivalry is awful. haps I am more scrupulous than I need be This little bargain I am about to enter is a little doubtful, but then I shall only do as the rest." And so I had a friend who started in commercial life, and as a book started in commercial life, and as a book merchant, with a high resolve. He said, "In my store there shall be no books that I would not have my family read." Time passed on, and one day I went into his store and found'some iniquitous books on the shelf, and I said to him, "How is it possible that you can consent to sell such books as these?" "Oh," he replied, "I have got over those Puritanical notions! A man cannot do business in this day A man cannot do business in this day unless he does it in the way other people To make a long story sho do it.' lost his hope of heaven, and in a little while he lost his morality, and then he went into a madhouse. In other words, went into a madhouse. In other words, when a man casts off God, God casts him

Hundreds of men going down in our cities every year through the pressure of politics.

That man in the fear and love of God goes into politics with that idea and with the resolution that he will come out unthe resolution that he will come out un-contaminated and as good as when he went in, but generally the case is, when a man steps into politics, many of the news-papers try to blacken his character and to distort all his past history, and after a little while has gone by, instead of con-sidering himself an honorable citizen, he is lost in contemplation and in admiration of the fact that he has no long here kent

CHASED BY FORTUNE.

Luck of a Cranky Geologist Who Was After Specimens Only.

"One of the most valuable mineral leposits in the Black Hills district was originally discovered by a cranky geologist who had to be forced into profiting by his find," said an old mining man, spinning yarns the other night. "He was a weazened-up little chap named Fullenwood, and, if I remember rightly, he came from Buffalo, N. Y. Anyhow, he was professor of geology in some small college up the State and came out west on a vacation. Being an enthusiast, he couldn't rest and enjoy the air and scenery like an ordinary tourist, but trotted off to the Black Hills district to study the geological formation. He prowled around with a long-handled hammer for several months and finally turned up in Denver with an enormous box, full of pieces of rock. One day, a practical mining man, with whom he had become acquainted, was looking over the collection and ran across a specimen that showed free gold to the naked eye. 'Great Scott!' he exclaimed, 'what mine does this come from?' 'No mine at all,' replied the professor;' 'I found it in such and such a stratum.' And he launched into a learned dissertation on the geological characterists of the locality. 'Well, did you stake out a claim?" inquired the other. 'Certainly not,' said the professor; 'I am not a prospector, sir, I'm a scientist!"

"The mining man was astonished and insisted on having the sample assayed at once, but the professor would not hear to it. He declared indignantly that he could not spare the specimen from his collection. To make a long story short, his visitor slipped up to the room next day, when he happened to be out, secured the chunk of rock, had it tested and then rushed off, poste-haste, to the Hills. He found the spot from the professor's description, located a claim, dld a little development work, and later on sold out for \$30,000 cash. He gave the professor \$10,000 and had the hardest kind of a job in getting the little man to take it. Fullenwood was red hot, too, about the loss of his specimen. Alto gether it was the queerest case of for tune chasing a man down and grabbing him by the coat-tails that I ever heard of in my life. The property was afterward known as the 'Empire No. 1' mine and belongs to a group that is still being worked with much profit.'-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Bolivian Natives.

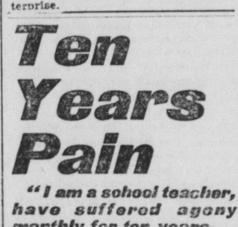
The Indian women are ingenious and industrious, and have remarkable taste in colors and designs. They love gay tints and embroideries, and wear quan tities of adornments. They have a distinctive costume of home manufacture, which the dealers in imported goods fortunately have not been able to dis-That was Theodore Frelinghuy- turb. They usually wear a little Pana ma hat, braided of soft white fibre, with a black band, perched jauntily upon their abundant black hair, which hangs in two long braids down their backs. Their dresses resemble those worn by the peasants in the Tyrol. The short skirts of gay colors hang above the shoe tops, and reveal gay hosiery and native shoes of brightcolored leather, with long laces and high French heels, Sometimes the shoes are white, sometimes yellow, red, or purple-the brighter the better-and any color except black. Under the skirt are an indefinite number of white petticoats, claborately embroidered and edged with lace. The waists are made of bright-colored calico, velveteen, and other fabrics, and around their shoulders they wear light shawls or scarfs, called rebozos. The men go barefooted and barelegged and wear short, wide trousers of dark woolen cloth that are slit up the back as far as the knee, so as to give their legs free action in climbing the mountain trails. Under these trousers they have white cotton drawers, which always seem to be clean and well laundered. Upon their heads they wear close fitting caps or hoods of knitted work or some dark woolen cloth that fits closely down over the ears and the neck like the boods children wear in cold weather in New England. Upon this they wear nats of straw or felt, while their bodies are protected by the inevitable poncho, which is their coat by day and their blanket by night, a comprehensive as well as comfortable garment.-The National Geographic Magazine.

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The report that the Southern Pacific Railway company is offering to place lands in Western Louisiana and Eastern Texas at the disposal of Boer colonists is repeated with many circumstantial details. There is probably stantial details. There is probably some truth in the report so far as fi relates to the wishes of the railroad company. It is doubtful, however, ii the Boers are quite ready as yet to enthe Boers are quite ready as yet to entertain an immigration or colonization proposition on a large scale.

The project of perpetuating in granite and marble the plaster of paris Dewey arch in New York is said to have fallen flat. The subscriptions have come in so slowly that the New Yorkers appear to have lost interest in the project. This was a New York en-



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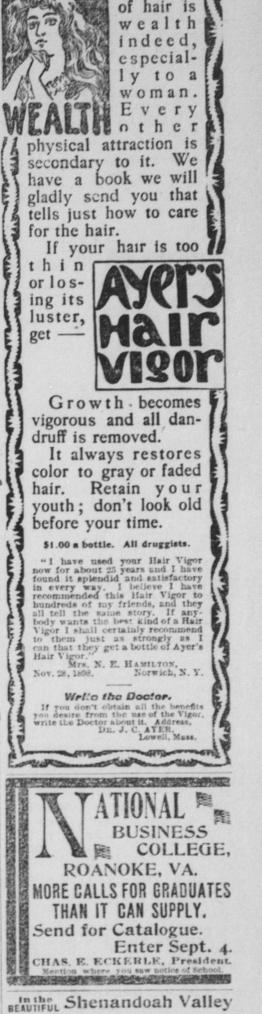
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sen, of New Jersey. That was George Briggs, of Massachusetts. That was Judge McLean, of Ohio.

Then look around and see the allure-ments to dissipated life. Bad books, unknown to father and mother, vile as the reptiles of Egypt, crawling into some of the best of families of the community, who may read them while the teacher is looking the other way or at recess or on the corner of the street when the groups are gathered. These books are read late at night. Satan finds them a smooth plank on which he can slide down into peridition some of your sons and daughtera.

Reading bad books, one never gets over t. The books may be burned, but there is not enough power in all the apothe-cary's preparations to wash out the stain from the soul. Fathers' hands, mothers' hands, sisters' hands will not wash it out. None but the hand of the Lord can wash it out.

And what is more perilous in regard to some of these temptations we may not mention them. While God in His Bible from chapter to chapter thundered His denunciations against these erimes, people expect the pulpit and the printing press to be silent on the subject, and just in momention as meanle are immure are they proportion as people are impure are they fastidious on this theme. They are so full of decay and death they do not want their sepulchers opened. God will turn full of decay and death they do not want their sepulchers opened. God will turn into destruction all the unclean, and no splendors of surrounding can make de-cent that which He has smitten. God will not excuse sin merely because it has costly array and beautiful tapestry and palatial résidence any more than He will excuse that which crawls, a blotch of sorces, through the lowest cellar. Ever and aron, through some lawsuit, thera flashes upon the people of our great cities and aron, through some lawsuit, there flashes upon the people of our great cities what is transpiring in seemingly respecta-ble circles. You call it "high life," you call it "fast living," you call it "people's eccentricity," and while we kick off the sidewalk the poor wretch who has not the means to garnish his iniquity, these lords and belies wranned in purple and in and ladies, wrapped in purple and in linen, go unwhipped of public justice. Ah, the most dreadful part of the whole thing is, that there are persons abroad whose whole business it is to despoil the young. What an eternity such a man will have!

Britain's Former Chinese Wars.

It is a somewhat curious coincidence that our first Chinese war-just sixty years ago-had an almost exactly similar origin as had the present upset, for the then Emperor issued a mandate to his subjects ordering the extermination of the British, offering rewards for the heads, not only of the commanders, but even for those of the private soldiers. That was, however, a comparatively small affair, for, be sides the Royal Navy and Royal Artil lery, only some half dozen British regiments were needed to bring the Emperor to accede to our conditions of peace. Two of these regiments-the old Forty-ninth (now the First Royal Berkshire) and the Fifty-fifth (now the Second Border)-wear the Chinese Dragon as badges in commemoration of their gallantry. The second Chinese war commenced in 1856, and lasted some four years, and in this the French joined us. On this occasion more regiments were engaged, the King's Dragoon Guards being the only cavalry corps, and several native lu dian regiments played a gallant part. -The London Sketch.

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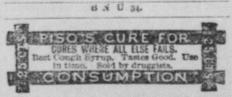
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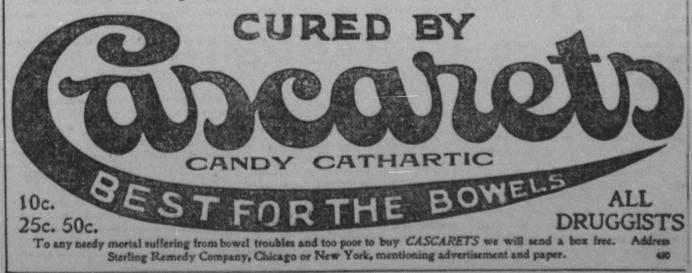
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