

CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM.

We Should Do Our Very Best for Our Country.

An Appeal to the Lawmakers to Put the Name of God in the National Constitution—He is on Our Side.

Dr. Talmage's latest sermon was timely and appropriate. He traces the finger of God through our national history and claims we are happier than any other people on earth. The text he selected on which to base his remarks was: Psalm 108: 23, "And teach his senators wisdom."

Senators in this text stand for lawmakers. Joseph was the Lord Treasurer of the Egyptian government, and, among other great things which he did, according to my text, was to teach his senators wisdom; and if any men on earth ought to be endowed with wisdom it is senators, whether they stand in congresses, parliaments, or reichstags, or assemblies, or legislatures.

The gravels of our two houses of national legislature will soon fall, and adjournment of two bodies of men as talented, as upright, and as patriotic as ever graced the Capitol, will take place. The two or three unfortunate outbreaks which you have noticed only makes conspicuous the dignity, the fraternity, the eloquence, the fidelity which have characterized those two bodies during the long months of important and anxious deliberation.

for, sitting in a Presbyterian church, his admirers say he struck the pew in front of him and swore out loud, so as to disturb the meeting, and no gentleman would do that. I do not wonder that some of his descendants are ashamed of him; but, of course, they could not help it, and are not to blame. But all the decent men of the Revolution believed in God, and our American congress, now assembled, will only echo the sentiment of the fathers when they enthrone the name of God in the constitution. We have now more reason for inserting that acknowledgment of divinity than our fathers had. Since then the continent has been peopled and great cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific built, and all in peace, showing that there must have been supernatural supervision. Since the war of 1812, and ours the victory! Since then great financial prostrations, out of which we came to greater prosperity than anything that preceded. Since then the sanguinary 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, and notwithstanding the fact that all the foreign despots were planning for our demolition, we are a united people, and to-morrow you will find in both houses of congress the men who fought for the north and the south, now sitting side by side, armed with no weapon except the pen, with which they write home to their constituents who want to be appointed postmasters. The man who cannot see God in our American history is as blind of soul as he would be blind of body if he could not at 12 o'clock of an unclouded noon see the sun in the heavens. As a matter of gratitude to Almighty God, gentlemen of the American congress, be pleased to insert the four words suggested by the Methodist conference. Not only because of the kindness of God to this nation in the past should such a reverential insertion be made, but because of the fact that we are going to want divine interposition still further in our national history.

This gold and silver question will never be settled until God settles it. This question of tariff and free trade will never be settled until God settles it. This question between the east and the west, which is getting hotter and hotter, and looks towards a republic of the Pacific, will not be settled until God settles it. We needed God in the one hundred and twenty years of our past national life, and we will need him still more in the next one hundred and twenty years. Lift up your heads ye everlasting gates of our glorious Constitution, and let the King of Glory come in. Make one line of that immortal document radiant with omnipotence. Spell at least one word with thrones. At the beginning, or at the close, or in the center, recognize Him from whom as a nation we have received all the blessing of the past and upon whom we are dependent, for the future. Print that word "God," or "Lord," or "Eternal Father," or "Ruler of Nations" somewhere between the first word and the last. The great expounder of the Constitution sleeps at Marshfield, Mass., the Atlantic Ocean still humming near his pillow of dust its prolonged lullaby; but is there not some one now living who, in the white marble palace of the nation on yonder hill, not ten minutes away, will become the irradiator of the Constitution by causing to be added the most tremendous word of our English vocabulary, the name of that being before whom all nations must bow or go into defeat and annihilation—"God."

ment, there ought to be passed a law or adopted a plank of intelligent helplessness for the great foreign populations which are coming among us. It is too late now to discuss whether we had better let them come. They are here. They are coming this moment through the Narrows. They are this moment taking the first full inhalation of the free air of America. And they will continue to come as long as this country is the best place to live in. You might as well pass a law prohibiting summer bees from alighting on a field of blossoming buckwheat; you might as well prohibit the stags of the mountain from coming down to the deerlock, as to prohibit the hunger-bitten nations of Europe from coming to this land of bread—as to prohibit the people of England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Germany, working themselves to death on small wages on the other side of the sea, from coming to this land where there are the largest compensations under the sun. Why did God spread out the prairies of the Dakotas and roll the precious ore into Colorado? It was that all the earth might come and plow, and come and dig. Just as long as the centrifugal force of foreign despots throw them off, just so long will the centrifugal force of American institutions draw them here. And that is what is going to make this the mightiest nation on the earth. Inter-marriage of nationalities! Note the intermarriage circle, and nation intermarrying nation. But it is going to be Italian and Norwegian, Russian and Celtic, Scotch and French, English and American. The American of a hundred years from now is to be different from the American of to-day. Germanic brain, Irish wit, French civility, Scotch firmness, English loyalty, Italian esthetics packed into one man, and he an American! It is this intermarriage of nationalities that is going to make the American nation of the ages. But what are we doing for the moral and intellectual culture of the 500,000 foreigners who came in one year, and the 600,000 who came in another year, and the 800,000 who came in another, and the 1,000,000 who are coming into our various American ports? What are we doing for them? Well, we are doing a great deal for them. We steal their baggage as soon as they get here. We send them up to a boarding house, where the least they lose in their money. We swindle them within ten minutes after they get ashore. We are doing a great deal for them. But what are we doing to introduce them into the duties of good citizenship? Many of them never saw a ballot-box. Many of them never heard of the constitution of the United States. Many of them have no acquaintance with our laws. Now, I say, let the government of the United States, so commanded by one political party or both political parties, give to every immigrant who lands here a volume, in good type, and well bound for long usage—a volume containing the Declaration of Independence, the constitution of the United States, and a chapter of our government. Let there be such a book on the shelf of every free library in America. While the American Bible society puts into the right hand of every immigrant a copy of the Holy Scriptures, let the government of the United States, commanded by some political party, put into the left hand of every immigrant a volume instructing him in the duties of good citizenship. There are thousands of foreigners in this land who need to learn that the ballot-box is not a foot stool, but a throne—not something to put your foot on, but something to bow before.

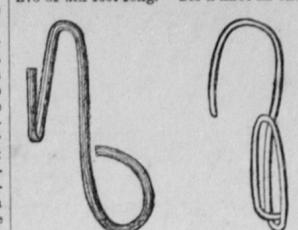
But whether members of the national legislature or delegates to one of the national conventions, or private citizens, let us cultivate Christian patriotism. Oh, how good God has been to us as a nation! Just open the map of the continent and see how it is shaped for immeasurable prosperities. Navigable rivers, more in number and greater than of any other land, rolling down on all sides into the sea, prophesying large manufactories and easy commerce. Look at the great ranges of mountains, timbered with wealth on top and sides, and meted with wealth underneath. One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of coal! One hundred and eighty thousand square miles of iron! The iron to pry out the coal. The coal to forge and smelt the iron. The land so contoured that extreme weather hardly ever lasts more than three days, extreme heat or extreme cold. Climate for the most part bracing and favorable for brawn and brain. All fruits. All minerals. All harvests. Scenery displaying autumnal pagentry that no land on earth pretends to rival. No South American earthquakes. No Scotch mists. No English fogs. No Egyptian plagues. The people of the United States are happier than any people on earth. It is the testimony of every man that has traveled abroad.

For the poor more sympathy! For the industrious more opportunity! Oh, how good God was to our fathers, and how good God has been to us and our children! To Him—blessed be His glorious name! To Him of cross and triumph be consecrated the United States of America! Go home to-day in high hopes of the future. The Eternal God is on the side of this nation. Our brightest days are yet to come. He hath sounded forth the trumpet that will never call retreat. He is sitting out the hearts of men before the judgment seat; Be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant my feet—our God is marching on.

A Genial Thing in Spiders. There is a spider in New Zealand that usually throws coils of its web about the head of its prey, until the wretched victim is first blinded and then choked. In many unfrequented dark nooks of the jungle you come across most perfect skeletons of small birds caught in these terrible snares.

TWO LITTLE ASSISTANTS.

Suggested by a Pennsylvania Correspondent in The Country Gentleman. The corn tie illustrated should have a stout cord about six feet long with a loop on one end to be hooked on the tie at time of use and taken off when put away. In using it take a stout cord five or six feet long. Tie a knot in one



end, and tie another knot about two inches from the first, but before drawing it up put the first knot through it, which will form a loop. When ready to tie a shock, put the loop over the little part of the tie, the loop occupying the middle bend. The large bend is for the finger to pull by. Put string around shock and draw it up on the inside of sharp bend, in which draw the cord tight and it will hold itself.

The strings and ties should be kept separate when not in use, to prevent tangling. It takes about 9 inches of round wire 8 inches in diameter. The fruit hook should be made of stout wire about three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter and about 8 inches long when made. They are also suitable for house painters when working on ladders. The object of having the hook made in this shape is to make it easy of attaching or detaching from a pail bail and have it so it cannot get off without help. If to be used on a basket handle, the bend in the lower part will have to be made larger accordingly. It takes about 18 inches of three-sixteenths inch wire.

Alfalfa in Vermont. A Vermont farmer writing to Country Gentleman gives his experience with alfalfa, which in 1893 he sowed with an equal quantity of timothy and sowed on about three-fourths of an acre, sowing about two bushels of barley. In the fall the meadow was pastured, and the cattle took kindly to the young alfalfa, eating it down till not a green thing could be seen. He says: In the spring of 1894, thinking the alfalfa had winter killed owing to the severe feeding, I sowed about three pounds of red clover seed. As the season advanced I found that the timothy had winter killed somewhat, but the alfalfa was all right except in one spot where the water had stood for a few days. The clover seed also seemed to have all germinated. About the 10th of July I mowed the piece. The growth was such that it would not pass under the axle of our Eureka mower. By last year the alfalfa had taken almost entire possession of the land. We cut it three times, getting fully three tons. The land is a loose gravel, in a good state of fertility. Several others in this town have sown it with success.

Northern Seed Potatoes. At the Rhode Island station northern (Maine) grown seed tubers compared with seed tubers of the same varieties home grown produced a greater per cent of merchantable potatoes in 11 out of 14 varieties. Northern (Maine) grown seed tubers gave a greater yield of merchantable potatoes in 9 out of 14 varieties, the average increase being 17.04 bushels per acre. Home grown seed tubers gave a greater yield of merchantable potatoes in 8 out of 14 varieties, the average increase being 20.94 bushels per acre.

A Rustic Fence. The illustration from Farm Journal shows an easily made rustic fence that will prove attractive in certain situations. They need to be combined with an abundance of nearby and overhanging shrubbery. The uprights in the fence illustrated are secured in their places by fitting them into snug holes bored in the lower lengthwise piece and by wire nails driven through the upper lengthwise piece into the upper end of each upright. Let only a few branches remain on each upright.



Odd Mention. American Cultivator says: For all the competition from new and improved varieties of apples the Baldwin and Greening apples form the bulk of what are sold in the eastern markets during spring. Successful advocates of chemical farming say that they must fertilize heavily if they are to make money. It is universal fertilizing that pays.

It is reported that over a wide area of western New York peaches will be very scarce this year. Northern New Jersey peach growers say the buds on the trees are hopelessly blasted, and that the crop for the year will be exceedingly scanty. A writer tells in Rural New Yorker that spring rye is not so productive as that sown in the fall.

It is estimated that Maine has 18,568,000 acres of forest land, the valuation given by the assessors being \$35,260,000.

3,000 DEATHS A DAY.

Starting Statistics in Regard to Consumption.

Some Idea Also of the Proportion of Cases—Analysis of the Dread Disease.

When we visit a factory where there are the most delicate and most dangerous machines, we are amazed to notice how indifferent the workmen are to the danger about them. Saws and knives work rapidly, and yet no one seems to think of danger. Long association with danger causes indifference to it. If the statement were made that there was a contagious disease abroad in the land which was killing people at the rate of 3,000 a day in Europe, thirty a day in New York State, and nearly 100,000 in one year in the United States, every one would be aroused to action. Yet such a condition exists to-day. Consumption is a contagious disease, and the above figures concerning it are taken from recent reports. But we have become so familiar with the disease in our midst, that we do not fully understand its terrible nature.

Yet it is surprising how many recover from this disease. Even after the germs of consumption cause serious damage to the lungs, thousands recover. As yet, no specific is known for the disease. The treatment consists in giving aid to the body in its efforts to destroy the disease germs. For two centuries, cod-liver oil has occupied the first place in the list of remedies. The next valuable remedies are the hypophosphites. Some rely on one alone, but as both are recognized as of great value, we think it best to combine them. Thus you are sure of getting every help which the best remedies known to medical science can afford. In Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites, the oil is emulsified, that is the oil is broken up into minute globules of fat. The oil is digested and thus saves the weakened body from doing this work. What will Scott's Emulsion do for those with weak lungs?

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