

SOWING THE SEED.

Dr. Talmage Draws Some Lessons From the Farm.

The Seed Must be Well Selected and the Plowing Must be Deep If We Would Reap a Plentiful Harvest of Good Grain.

In his latest effort the popular Washington divine tells his hearers why it is necessary that God should harrow their souls to prevent the precious seed from being stolen out of their hearts.

This last summer, having gone in different directions over between 5,000 and 6,000 miles of harvest fields, I can hardly open my Bible without smelling the breath of new-mown hay and seeing the golden light of the wheat field.

We were nearly all of us born in the country. We dropped corn in the hill, and went on Saturday to the mill, tying the grain in the center of the sack so that the contents on either side the horse balanced each other; and drove the cattle, our bare feet wet with the dew; and rode the horses with the halter to the brook until we fell off, and hunted the mow for nests until the feathered occupants went cackling away.

We were nearly all of us born in the country, and all would have stayed there had not some adventurous lad on his vacation come back with better clothes and softer hands, and set the whole village on fire with ambition for city life.

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All classes of people were expected to cultivate ground except ministers of religion. It was supposed that they would have their time entirely occupied with their own profession, although I am told that sometimes ministers do plunge so deeply into worldliness that they remind one of what Thomas Frazer said in regard to a man in his day who preached very well, but lived very ill.

They were not small crops raised in those times, for though the arts were rude, the plow turned up very rich soil, and barley, and cotton, and flax, and all kinds of grain came up at the call of the harvesters.

In all ages there has been great honor paid to agriculture. Seventy-eights of the people in every country are disciples of the plow. A government is strong in proportion as it is supported by an active and industrious yeomanry.

Again, I remark, in grace as in the farm there must be a harrowing. I refer now not to a harrow that goes over the field in order to prepare the ground for the seed, but a harrow which goes over after the seed is sown, lest the birds pick up the seed, sinking it down into the earth so that it can take root.

When I was a boy I plowed a field with a team of spirited horses. I plowed it very quickly. Once in a while I passed over some of the sod without turning it, but I did not jerk back the plow with its rattling devices.

I thought it made no difference. After a while my father came along and said, "Why, this will never do; that isn't plowed deep enough; there you have missed this and you have missed that." And he plowed it over again.

My word is to all Sabbath school teachers, to all parents, to all Christian workers—Plow deep! Plow deep! And if in your own personal experience you are apt to take a lenient view of the sinful side of your nature, put plow into your soul the ten commandments which reveal the holiness of God, and that sharp and glittering coultter will turn up your soul to the deepest depths.

Deep plowing for a crop. Deep plowing for a soul. Broken heart or no religion. Broken soil or no harvest.

Why was it that David and the jailer, and the publican and Paul made such ado about their sins? Had they lost their senses? No. The plowshare struck them. Conviction turned up a great many things that were forgotten.

Again, I remark, in grace as in the field there must be a sowing. In the autumnal weather you find the farmer going across the field at a stride of about 23 inches, and at every stride he puts his hand into the sack of grain and he sprinkles the seed corn over the field.

The largest denomination in this country is the denomination of Nothingarians. Their religion is a system of negations. You say to one of them, "What do you believe?" "Well, I don't believe in infant baptism."

What do you believe? Well, I don't believe in the perseverance of the saints. "Well, now tell me what you do believe?" "Well, I don't believe in the eternal punishment of the wicked."

So their religion is a row of ciphers. Believe something and teach it, scatter abroad the right kind of seed.

A minister the other day preached a sermon calculated to set the denominations of Christians quarreling. He was sowing nettles. A minister the other day advertised that he would preach a sermon on the superiority of transcendental and organized forces to untranscendental and unorganized forces.

What was he sowing? Weeds. The Lord Jesus Christ nineteen centuries ago planted the divine seed of doctrine. It sprang up. On one side of the stock are all the free governments of the earth and on top there shall be a flowering millennium after awhile.

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THE RIVAL CHAIRMEN.

They Settle the Result of the Election to Their Own Satisfaction.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Chairman D. J. Campau, of the Democratic national campaign committee, yesterday received telegraphic reports from each state chairman in the Union giving estimates based on the latest information as to how the different states will record their votes next Tuesday.

The Democratic national committee awaits the result of next week's election with serene confidence. William J. Bryan will be elected by the largest popular majority given any president in a quarter of a century. He will have more than 300 votes in the electoral college.

Republican Chairman Mark A. Hanna has received the final reports of the chairmen of the state committees of Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Michigan and Tennessee. All the state chairmen claimed that their states were safely for McKinley.

According to the reports in Mr. Hanna's keeping the five states named will go for McKinley by the following pluralities: Iowa, 50,000; Kentucky, 15,000 to 20,000; Minnesota, 20,000 to 30,000; Michigan, 15,000; Tennessee, 15,000.

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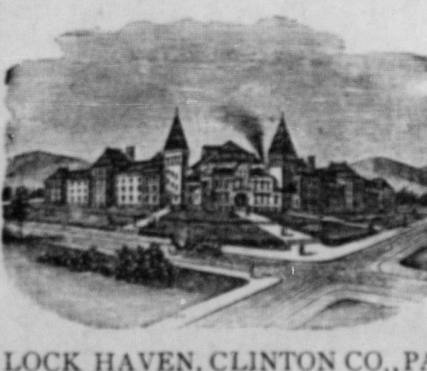
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