

RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS

Their Mission is Discussed by Rev. Dr. Talmage.

There is Plenty of Room for Undenominational Newspapers—They Should Carry Messages, Human and Divine, to the Ends of the Earth.

The subject of Dr. Talmage's latest sermon was the mission of the religious newspaper, and his text Zechariah 5: 1: "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll."

In a dream the prophet saw something rolled up advancing through the heavens. It contained a divine message. It moved swiftly, as on wings. It had much to do with the destiny of nations. But if you will look up you will see many flying rolls.

There are in the United States about 20,000 newspapers. The religious newspaper of which I am the editor was born 19 years ago, but born again seven years ago.

Again, I say there is room for a religious paper charge with old-fashioned evangelism. Other styles of religious newspapers may do for advertising purposes, or for the presentation of able essays on elaborate themes.

For the most part, in a religious journal, let the editorials be cheerful and the pictures cheerful. If in one column there be a ghastly woodcut of the famine-stricken in India.

Now, it is the business of Young Men's Christian associations, and tract societies, and Sunday-school unions, and pronounced undenominational journals to show the falsity of the charge that we are fighting amongst ourselves.

But we have in all our denominations got tired of trying to make other people think as we do on all points. The heresy hunters in all denominations are nearly all dead, thank God.

set on fire to burn up the corn shocks, but, on the vitals of religion, we all agree.

If we could call into one great convention the 645,595 Episcopalians, the 1,430,905 Lutherans, the 1,450,546 Presbyterians, the 4,183,857 Baptists, the 5,653,289 Methodists, putting unto them the following questions, we would get unanimous answer in the affirmative: Do you believe in a God, good, holy, just, omnipotent?

Again, I notice there is room for a religious paper thoroughly humanitarian. The simple fact is the majority of the human race have not enough to eat or wear—the majority of the human race are in trouble.

On that great day of judgment all the power we have had on earth will be insignificant compared with the power that will pronounce our rapture or our doom, and that which might have been considered a joke in the "composing room," because it humiliated an enemy, will be no joke at all amid the wreck of mountains and seas.

Pray for the religious newspapers of America, because of the fact that, if they have the right spirit, each one loses as much good as five, or 50, or 500 churches.

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to which the Expectant Mother is exposed and the foreboding and dread with which she looks forward to the hour of woman's severest trial is appreciated by but few. All effort should be made to smooth these rugged places in life's pathway for her, ere she presses to her bosom her babe.

Pray also for the religious newspapers of America, that they may resist the temptation to become acerb, harsh and damnatory of those who think differently from themselves.

And now, let all of us who are connected with either secular or religious journalism remember that we will be called into final account for every word we write in editorial, or reportorial, or contributors' columns—for every type we set, for every press we move, and for the style of secular or religious newspaper we patronize or encourage.

Piled up in all the world's printing offices, secular and religious, are the publications of past years, bound up year by year; and in those offices they can tell just what they printed any day for the last 20 years; and in the great day of judgment all that we have written or printed will be revealed from the mighty volumes of eternity.

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Better in that day will it be to have set up the type for one line of Christian encouragement, or written one paragraph of useful sentiment, or published one page of helpful truth, than to have written books as big as Gibbons' five large volumes concerning "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," if these volumes put Christianity at a disadvantage; or as brilliant as Voltaire's "Discourses Upon Man," if they incited injurious theories; or as rhythmic as Byron's "Don Juan," if it sacrificed the deities.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

STATE COLLEGE NOTES.

The Hon. Robert M. Foster, member of the Soldiers Orphan Commission, will inspect the Orphan school at Scotland this week.

Rev. J. O. Dennison will occupy the house on Beaver avenue, which will be vacated in a day or so by Prof. H. H. Stock.

Mrs. Emily G. Fleming has resigned her position as stenographer to the President of the College, and has gone to visit relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Ruth M. Streeter, of Ionia, Mich., has been appointed as stenographer to the President, and has entered upon her duties.

The illustrated lecture by Dr. Henry T. Fernald, in the college chapel, on last Thursday evening, was upon the subject of the "Eye" and was listened to with marked attention by a large audience.

Mr. R. J. Weld, of Sugar Grove, Pa., will take the place of Mr. Enos H. Hess, during the latter's trip through the western part of the state on Farmers' Institute work.

Mr. A. A. Miller, chairman of the street commission of council, has called a meeting of property holders living on College avenue, Osage avenue, and McAllister street to be held at the council room in the Botanical building, where all interested may be heard.

We are pleased to learn that the State College steam laundry is doing well, and is picking up a good trade. We congratulate Mr. Everts upon the success of his venture.

PENN HALL. We are having continued cold weather.

W. C. Meyer takes the laurels in having the largest porkers in our town.

Mr. Lester Moyer, who spent last summer in North Dakota, returned home last week.

The United Evangelicals are at present holding a series of meetings, which are largely attended.

E. C. Confer is a very frequent visitor at F. F. Zerby's. Wonder what's the intention?

E. C. Housman's stove factory is running on full time. Mr. Housman has a few carloads of stoves ready for market.

H. F. Weaver is going to erect a new dwelling house in the near future, on a lot which he recently purchased of Harry Weaver.

Jno. H. Gramley, who for the last few weeks, had been baling hay in Nitany valley with his new steam baler, is at present engaged in baling at Potters Mills.

SOAP FACTORY.—We are informed that Jacob W. Hazel, of Spring Mills, formerly known as a member of the firm of Hazel & Gramley, of Madissonburg, and Kline Miller, of Mansfield, Pa., have leased J. Smith's coach shop and will start a soap factory.

A. P. Burrell is thoroughly renovating his house and will take upon himself his better half, in the near future.

Last week one night our neighborhood was aroused out of their peaceful slumbers by the caliphsonian band which gave C. W. Barthes and his better half a favorite serenade.

Miss Kate Thomas, of State College, spent several days with her friend Miss Ina Krebs, last week.

Mr. Fletcher Sauserman, of Altoona, is saying "how do" to his many friends here, while a guest of his brother-in-law, H. M. Krebs, the carriage maker.

Mr. C. Milton Fry has been in Ohio during the summer months, has returned home for the winter. He advises farm hands to go "west" as wages are better, but not to wait until too late in the Spring as all good positions are then taken.

Supervisor Archey, with a gang of men, are busy making roads when the weather permits. At present they are cutting into the top of the hill near Mr. Frank's barn where there was quite a steep grade, and which when completed will be a vast improvement to that section of road.

Mr. Isaac Maritz, returned home on Saturday from the "Buck Eye" state where he has been for some time past. We believe that if he had been here this Autumn there would be fewer deer roaming the mountains now, than there are.

Measles and scarlet fever are playing havoc with the school children in town and community. In quite a number of families three and four are afflicted at once.

Our teachers are beginning to make preparations to attend Institute, which convenes at Bellefonte, next week and which promises to be a successful meeting.

P. F. Bottorf, of the firm of J. B. Ard & Co., coal dealers and millers, is lying seriously ill at his home with trouble of the liver. He is in the care of Dr. G. H. Woods, assisted by Elmer Reed as nurse.

And still they come. The last to arrive was James Ward who has been working for Mr. Morgan, at State College, who brought his kit of tools home on Saturday evening.

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