

UNSELFISH WAR.

Rev. Dr. Talmage So Calls the Spanish-American Conflict.

The Might is on the Side of the Right, Being Inspired by Mercy, Can Have but One Outcome—Waged to Assuage Suffering.

Rev. Dr. Talmage in his latest sermon gives cheer to the people who are saddened by the horrors of war. Text: Psalms 27: 3: "Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident."

The ring of battleaxes and the clash of shields and the tramp of armies are heard all up and down the Old Testament; and you find godly soldiers like Moses and Joshua and Caleb and Gideon and Shalmaneser and Nebuchadnezzar. The highest priest would stand at the head of the army and say: "Hear, O ye Israel, ye approach this day to battle against your enemies, let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them!" And then the officers would give command to the troops, saying: "What man is there that hath built a new house and hath not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard and hath not eaten of it? Let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife and hath not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her." Great armies marched and fought. In time of Moses and Joshua all the men were soldiers. When Israel came out of Egypt they were 600,000 fighting men. Abijah commanded 400,000. Jeroboam commanded 800,000 men, of whom 500,000 were slain in one battle. Some of these wars God approved, for they were for the rescue of oppressed nations, and some of them He denounced, but in all cases it was a judgment upon both victors and vanquished. David knew just what war was when he wrote in the text: "Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident."

David is encouraging himself in stormy times, and before approaching battles administers to himself the consolatory. So to-day my theme is the "Alleviations of War." War is organized atrocity. It is the science of assassination. It is the convocation of all horrors. It is butchery wholesale. It is murdered glorified. It is death on a throne of human skeletons. It is the coffin in ascendancy. It is diabolism at a game of skulls. But war is here, and it is now time to preach on its alleviations.

First, I find an alleviation in the fact that it has consolidated the north and the south after long-continued strained relations. It is thirty-three years since our civil war closed and the violence are all gone and the severities have been hushed. But ever and anon, in oration, in sermon, in newspaper editorial, in magazine article, on political stump, and in congressional hall, the old sectional difference has lifted its head, and for the first time within my memory, or the memory of any one who hears or reads these words, the north and the south are one. By a marvelous providence the family that led in opposition to our government 30 years ago is represented at the front in this present war. Nothing else could have done so completely as this conflict. At Tampa, at Chattanooga, at Richmond, and in many other places the regiments are forming, and it will be side by side, Massachusetts and Alabama, New York and Georgia, Illinois and Louisiana, Maine and South Carolina. Northern and southern men will together unlimber the guns and rush upon the fortification and charge upon the enemy and shout the triumph. The voices of military officers who were under Sidney Johnson and Joseph Hooker will give the command on the same side. The old sectional grudges forever dead. The name of Grant on the northern side and of Lee on the southern side will be exchanged for the names of Grant and Lee on the same side. The veterans in northern and southern homes and asylums are stretching their rheumatic limbs to see whether they can again keep step in a march, and are testing their eyesight to find whether they can again look along the gun barrel to successfully take aim and fire. The old wry cry of "On to Richmond!" and "On to Washington!" has become the wry cry of "On to Havana!" "On to Porto Rico!" "On to the Philippine Islands!" The two old rusty swords that in other days clashed at Murfreesboro and South Mountain and Atlanta are now lifted to strike down Hispanic abominations.

Another alleviation of the war is the fact that it is the most unselfish war of the ages. While the commercial rights of our wronged citizens will be vindicated, that is not the chief idea of the war. It is the rescue of hundreds of thousands of people from starvation and multifarious maltreatment. A friend who went out under the flag of the Red Cross two years ago to assuage suffering in Armenia, and who has been on the same mission, under the same flag, in Cuba, says that the sufferings in Armenia were a comedy and a farce compared with the greater sufferings of Cuba. At least 200,000 graves are calling to us to come on and remember by what process their occupants died. It is the twentieth century crying out to the nineteenth: "Do you mean to pass down to us the curse with which you have been blasted? Or will you let me begin under new auspices and turn the island of desolation into an island Edenic?"

It is a war inspired by mercy, which is an attribute in man imitative of the same attribute of God. In no other age of the world could such a war have

been waged. The gospel of kindness needed to be recognized throughout Christendom in order to make such a war possible. The chief reason why most of the European nations are not now banded together against us is because they dare not take the part of that behemoth of cruelty, the Spanish government, against the crusade of mercy which our nation has started. Had it been on our part a war of conquest, a war of annexation, a war of aggrandizement, there would have been by this time enough flying squadrons coming to this country across the Atlantic to throw into panic every city on our American seaboard.

The wars of the Crusaders were only to regain an empty sepulcher; the Napoleonic wars, with their 6,000,000 slaughtered men, were projected and carried out to appease the ambition of one man; of the 25,000,000 slain in Jewish wars; and of the 60,000,000 slain in wars under Julius Caesar; of the 180,000,000 slain in wars with Turks and Saracens; of the 50,000,000 slain in wars of Xerxes; of the 20,000,000 slain in the wars of Justinian; and the 32,000,000 slain in the wars of Genghis Khan, not one man was sacrificed by mercy; but in this Hispanic-American war every drummer boy, or piket, or gunner, or standard bearer, or skirmisher, or sharpshooter, or cavalryman, or artilleryman, or engineer who falls, falls in the cause of mercy, and becomes a martyr for God and his country.

Another alleviation of this war is that it is for the advancement of the sublime principle of liberty, which will yet enircle the earth. Not only will this war free Cuba, but finally will free Spain. By what right does a dynasty like that stand, and a corrupt court dominate a people for centuries, taxing them to death, riding in gilded chariot over the necks of a beggared population? There are 10,000 boys in Spain growing up with more capacity to govern that nation than will the weak boy now in the Madrid palace ever possess. Before this conflict is over, the Spanish nation will be well on toward the time when a constitutional convention will assemble to establish a free government instead of the worn-out dynasty that now afflicts the people. The liberty of all nations, trans-Atlantic as well as cis-Atlantic, if not already established, is on the way and it cannot be stopped.

Another alleviation is the fact that in this war the might is on the side of the right. Again and again have liberty and justice and suffering humanity had the odds against them. It was so when Benhadads' Syrian hosts, who were in the wrong, at Aphek came upon the small regiments of Israel, who were in the right, the Bible putting it in one of those graphic sentences for which the book is remarkable—"The children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids, but the Syrians filled the whole country." It was so in the awful defeat of the Lord's people at Gilboa and Megiddo. It was so recently when Gallatand glorious Greece was in conflict with Gigantic Mohammedanism, and the navies of Europe hovering about the Bosphorus were in practical protection of the Turkish government, fresh from the slaughter of 100,000 Armenians. It was so when, in 1776, the 13 colonies, with no war shipping and a few undrilled and poorly clad soldiers, were brought into a contest with the mightiest navy of all the earth and an army that commanded the admiration of nations. It was so when Poland was crushed. It was so when Hungary went under. It has been so during all the struggles heretofore for Cuban independence. But now it is our powerful navy against a feeble group of incompetent ships, crawling across the Atlantic to meet our flotillas, which have enough guns to send them as completely under as when the Red sea submerged Pharaoh's army. It is so in these times, when only a few thousand Spaniards at most can reach our hemisphere, and we go out to meet them with 125,000 armed men, to be backed up speedily with 500,000 more if needed. We do not have to ask for any miracle, we only a fair shot at the ships headed this way, and time enough to demolish them. This is one of the cases in the world's history where might and right are shoulder to shoulder.

Another alleviation is in the fact that such an atrocity as the destruction of 256 lives in Havana harbor in time of peace cannot with impunity be wrought in this age of the world's civilization. The question as to who did that infernalism is too well settled to need any further discussion. But what a small crime it was, compared with the systematic putting into their graves of hundreds of thousands of Cubans, or leaving them unburied for the buzzards to take care of! If Spain could destroy 200,000 men, women and children, the slaughter of 256 people was not a very great undertaking. But this one last deed will result in the liberation of Cuba, and the driving of Spain from this hemisphere and the overthrow of that government, which will soon drop to pieces if it does not go down under bombardment of insulted nations.

There was danger that the long-continued oppression of our neighbors in Cuba might be continued from generation to generation without sufficient protest on our part and the pronounced execration of people on both sides of the Atlantic, but that bursting volcano of destruction in the harbor of Havana fired the nation and shocked the whole civilized world. All nations will learn that such an act cannot be repeated without the anathemas of all Christendom. As individual criminals must be punished for the public good, and we have for them courts of oyer and terminer, and penitentiaries, and electric chairs, and hangman's galleys, so governments committing high crimes against God and humanity must be scourged and hung up for the world's indignation. When in Spanish waters our battleship, looking after our commercial interests and intending nothing but quietude, was buried into demolition and the men on board, without time to utter one word of prayer, were dashed into the eternal world, the doom of the reigning house

of Spain was pronounced in tones louder than the thunder which that night rolled out over the sea.

Another alleviation is the fact that we have a God to go in behalf of all those of our countrymen who may be in especial exposure at the front, for we must admit the perils. It is not a trifling thing for 100,000 young men to be put outside of home restraints and sometimes into evil companionship. Many of the brave of the earth are not the good of the earth. To be in the same tent with those who have no regard for God or home; to hear their holy religion sometimes slurred at; to be placed under influences calculated to make one reckless; to have no Sabbath, except such Sabbath as in most encampments amounts to no Sabbath at all; to go out from homes where all sanitary laws are observed into surroundings where questions of health are never discussed; to invade climates where pestilence holds possession; to make long marches under blistering skies; to stand on dead and in the fields under fire, at the mercy of shot and shell—we must admit that those thus exposed need especial care, and to the Omnipresent God we have a right to commend them, and will commend them. Postal communication may be interrupted, and letters started from camps or homes may not arrive at the right destination, but however far away our loved ones may be from us, and however wide and deep the seas that separate us, we may hold communication with them via the throne of God.

It is a mystery that just as this country was recovering from a long season of hard times, so many of our industries should now be halted; that business men who thought they could see their way to pay their debts and build up more prosperous enterprises and endow their homes with more advantages should have to halt and wait until the perfidious oppressor of Cuba shall be turned back. But individual and national life is always clothed with mysteries, and we may make ourselves miserable by stabbing ourselves with sharp interrogation points, and plying the everlasting questions of "Why?" and "How?" and "What?" and "When?" While we must, of course, try to be intelligent on all public affairs, it is a glorious thing to do our duty, and then fully and confidently trust all in the hands of God, who has proved Himself the friend of our country from the time when the Spanish government fitted out an expedition to discover it, to this time, when Spaniards would like to destroy it.

Now that we have started on the work let us make that Spanish government get out of this hemisphere. We do not want her any more with her injustices and barbarism, and stilletos of cruelty hanging around the shores of this free land. She must not breathe her foul breath on our winds; she must not again redden our seas with her butcheries. There bids fair to be a scene on the deep as disastrous to the Spanish as that which whelmed their "Armada" in 1588. Philip the Second, king of Spain, resolved on the conquest of Europe, and already in the compass of his dominions, besides Spain, were Naples and Sicily, and the Netherlands, and the East Indies, and the Canary and Molucca and Sunda and Philippine islands, and Mexico and Cuba and some of the most splendid parts of America. All the nations of the earth, except England, were to her "underlings," and the Spanish king roared that even England must bow the knee. Although the destructive strength of modern battleships was then unknown, the Spanish Armada started for the subjection of England with about 140 great ships, with 2,600 guns, 4,000 cavalry horses and 32,000 men. The battleships were provisioned with 147,000 casks of wine and six months of provisions. The commanders and officers of these war vessels were dukes and marquises and noblemen. At Plymouth, England, on the 19th of July the prominent officers of the navy were in a bowling alley, bowling with great glee—Lord Howard, the high admiral, Sir Martin Frobisher, the daring explorer, and Sir Francis Drake, the first circumnavigator of the world—when word came to them that the Spanish Armada was advancing. The officers continued at the game of the bowling alley until the game was finished, and then went out to investigate the tidings, and sure enough that mighty fleet which was considered invincible, and which was to bombard and overthrow England, was approaching, but the invading navy was destroyed, for the Lord Almighty appeared in the fight.

A storm such as had never swept the coast of England or aroused the ocean, swooped upon the Spanish Armada. Most of the ships soon went down under the sea, while others were driven helplessly along to be splintered on the coasts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Norway. Another Spanish Armada is crossing the Atlantic, and we are ready to meet them. The same God who destroyed the Armada in 1588 reigns in 1898. May He in His might, either through human arm or dumb element, defeat this squadron, and give victory to the old flag of Admiral Farragut and David Porter!

Yet what the world most wants is Christ, who is coming to take possession of all hearts, all homes, all nations; but the world blocks the wheels of His chariot. I would like to see this century, which is now almost wound up, find its peroration in some mighty overthrow of tyrannies and a mighty building up of liberty and justice. Almost all the centuries have ended with some stupendous event that transformed nations and changed the map of the world. It was so at the close of the fourteenth century; it was so at the close of the sixteenth century; it was so at the close of the seventeenth century; it was so at the close of the eighteenth century. May it be more gloriously so at the close of the nineteenth century! "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory." Amen, and amen.

HOME DYEING
A Pleasure at Last.

NEW STYLE OLD STYLE
MAYPOLE SOAP
WASHES & DYES

No Mess. No Trouble.

MAYPOLE SOAP.

WASHES AND DYES AT ONE OPERATION... ANY COLOR.

The Cleanest, Fastest Dye for Colored or Faded Shirt Waists, Blouses, Ribbons, Curtains, Under-linen, etc., whether Silk, Satin, Cotton or Wool.

Sold in All Colors by Grocers and Druggists, or mailed free for 15 cents.

Address, THE MAYPOLE SOAP DEPOT, 127 Duane Street, New York.

MANY THINK!

when the Creator said to woman, "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced against the human race, but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary. Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be realized, in full vigor and strength.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

so relaxes the system and assists Nature, that the necessary change takes place without Nausea, Headache, Nervous or Bloomy Foreboding of danger, and the trying hour is robbed of its pain and suffering, as so many happy mothers have experienced. Nothing but "Mother's Friend" does this. Don't be deceived or persuaded to use anything else.

"Mother's Friend" is the greatest remedy ever put on the market, and all our customers praise it highly."—W. H. KING & CO., Whitehall, Tex.

Of druggists at \$1.00, or sent by express on receipt of price. Write for book containing valuable information for all Mothers, mailed free.

The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

From FACTORY TO CONSUMER.

\$1.39

buys this (exact) Hattan Hooker, the largest size ever made; per dozen, \$16.50.

Our 200 page 112 containing Furniture, Draperies, Crockery, Baby Carriages, Refrigerators, Stoves, Lamp Pictures, Mirrors, Bedding, etc., is yours for the asking. Special supplements just issued are also free. Write to-day.

CARPET CATALOGUE in 1000-grained colors is also mailed free. Write for it. If you wish samples, send 5c. stamp. Mailing samples also mailed for 5c. All Carpets so-wed free this month and freight paid on \$9 purchases and over.

\$7.45

buys a made-to-your-measure All-Wool Carpet Suit, expressage prepaid to your station. Write for free catalogue and samples. Address (exactly as below).

JULIUS HINES & SON,
Dept. 909. BALTIMORE, MD.

\$5.00 Buys of us a strictly all wool Men's Suit of such quality and make as you will not find shown elsewhere for less than from two to five dollars more money. We are showing more good clothing than you will find in any other two stores in Centre county. It will be to your advantage to examine this immense stock at once.

\$7.50

or \$10

FAUBLES.

ANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets
CURE CONSTIPATION
REGULATE THE LIVER
ALL DRUGGISTS

10¢ 25¢ 50¢

ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the Ideal Laxative, never grip or cramp, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. Ad. STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York. 817-8.

WE HAVE NO AGENTS

but have sold direct to the consumer for 25 years at wholesale prices, saving him the dealer's profit. Ship anywhere for examination. Every carriage warranted. 118 styles of Valdes, 55 styles of Harrows. The Burgess Bros. Co. Burreys, \$50 to \$125. Carriages, Phaetons, Traps, Wagons, etc. Write for Book and Mink Catalogue of all our styles. No. 77, Burrey Harrows, Price, \$15.00. Wagon, Road for large, free. No. 66 Burrey. Price, with harness, lamp, etc. \$20.00. Catalogue of all our styles. E. I. KHART CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MFG. CO. W. B. PHATT, Sec'y, ELKHART, IND.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

the Anderson School of Business, Altoona, Pa., a graduating course in Book-keeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Penmanship and English Branches for the price of one Book. Send for free catalogue. Dec. 1, '98.

OFFICIAL WAR BOOK.

by Congressman James Rankin Young. All about War with Spain, the Navy, all defenses, Battle Ships, etc. Portraits and biographies of Dewey and all prominent officers. Nearly 600 pages. Massive volume. Marvelously cheap. Best authority. Only authentic official book. Experience not necessary. Anybody can sell it. Ladies as successful as gentlemen. We are the largest subscription book firm in America. Write us. Fifty persons are employed in our correspondence department alone, to serve you. Get your book at once. Get agency now and be first in the field. Large 5c. War Map in colors free with book or outfit. Other valuable premiums. Tremendous seller. Biggest money maker ever known. Most liberal terms guaranteed. Agents making \$7.00 to \$25.00 per day. Twenty days credit given. Freight paid. Full book sent prepaid to agents, \$1.45. Splendid sample outfit and full instructions free for nine 2-cent stamps to pay postage. Mention this paper.

MONROE BOOK CO., Dep't M., Chicago, Ill.

THE PENNA. STATE COLLEGE.

LOCATED in one of the most beautiful and healthful spots in the Allegheny Region; Undenominational; Open to both sexes; Tuition free; Board and other expenses very low.

LEADING DEPARTMENTS OF STUDY

1. AGRICULTURE and AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY.
2. BIOLOGY.
3. CHEMISTRY.
4. BOTANY and HORTICULTURE.
5. CIVIL ENGINEERING.
6. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.
7. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.
8. MINING ENGINEERING.
9. HISTORY and POLITICAL SCIENCE.
10. INDUSTRIAL ART AND DESIGN.
11. LANGUAGE and LITERATURE: Latin, Spanish and Italian, (optional) French (German and English, required).
12. MATHEMATICS and ASTRONOMY.
13. MECHANICAL ARTS; combining shop.
14. MENTAL and MORAL SCIENCE.
15. MILITARY SCIENCE (theoretical and practical).
16. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT: two years.

Full term opens September 12, 1898. Regular courses four years. For catalogue or other information, address: GEO. W. ATHERTON, LL. D., president, State College, Centre County, Pa.

W. H. MUSSER
GENERAL AGENT
UNION CENTRAL LIFE INS. CO.
CINCINNATI, OHIO.
Office on 2nd floor Crider's Stone Block, Bellefonte, Pa.

This Company has the Following Advantages:

- Average interest rate for 20 years has been over 7 per cent. and the average Death rate less than Three-fourths of One per cent.
- The Receipts from Interest for 25 years have more than paid all death losses.
- Realizes the Highest Interest and has the lowest death rate of any company.

Assets Dec. 31st, 1897: \$18,705,130.31.

JOHN M. PATTISON, President.
E. P. MARSHALL, Secretary.

J. S. WAITE & CO., Agents.
Headquarters For

Plows, Rakes, Binders, Mowers, Separators, Harrows, Grain Drills, Engines and Corn Planters, Wire Fences.

Agents for Syracuse Chilled Plows and repairs; Original Perry Spring-tooth Harrows, Farmers' Favorite Grain Drill and Corn Planter, in one; Osborne "Roller Bearing" Binders, Mowers Rakes, Teaders, Cultivators, Corn Harvesters; Hubber Traction Engines and Separators. Frost, Wedge-lock, Spring Wire Fence, Binder Twine a specialty for 1898.

BICYCLES,
Victor, Reading, Standard and Crawford Bicycles.
HORSE SHOEING
and General Repairing done in the best of style.

J. S. WAITE & CO., Agents.
Water Street, Bellefonte, Pa. No. 22.

Doubles the Pleasure of a Drive. A fine carriage doubles the pleasure of driving. Lending buyers of carriages or harness can save dollars by sending for the large, free catalogue of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co., Elkhart, Ind.

S. WOLF,
75-78th Ninth Ave., N. Y. City.