

FAVORS EXPANSION.

Dr. Talmage Discusses an Absorbing Theme.

Points Out the Way for the American People to Perform a Mighty Work—A Splendid Opportunity.

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In this discourse Dr. Talmage steers clear of the political entanglements of our time and recommends that which will meet the approval of all who hope for the perpetuity of our republic and the welfare of other lands; text, Genesis 28:14: "Thou shalt spread abroad to the west and to the east."

Since the American-Hispanic war is concluded and the United States ambassador is on the way to Madrid and the Spanish ambassador is on the way to Washington the people of our country are divided into expansionists and anti-expansionists. From a different standpoint from that usually taken I discuss this all-absorbing theme. I leave the political aspect of this subject to statesmen and warriors and pray Almighty God that they may be enabled to rightly settle the question whether the islands in controversy shall be finally annexed or held under protectorate, or resigned to themselves, while I call attention to the fact that a campaign of moral and religious expansion ought to be immediately opened on widest and grandest scale.

At the close of this war God has put into the hands of this country the key to the world's redemption. Heretofore the religious movement in pagan lands had to precede the educational. After in China and India and the islands of the sea the missionaries have labored over 50 or 75 years the printing press and the secular school came in. Now to better advantage than ever before religious and secular enlightenment may go side by side, and so the work be accomplished in short time and more thoroughly. Starting with the fact that in Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippine islands at least three-fourths of the people can neither read nor write, what an opportunity for school and printing press! Within five years every man in those islands may be taught to read not only the Bible, but the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States and the biography of George Washington and of Abraham Lincoln.

It seems to me that the government of the United States ought by vote of congress afford common schools and printing presses to these benighted regions. Our national legislature by one vote appropriated \$50,000,000 to give bread and medicine to Cuba. Why not by a similar generosity give \$50,000,000 for feeding and healing the minds and souls of those ignorant and benighted archipelagoes. In the name of God, I nominate a school for every neighborhood of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. As soon as the gavel falls at 12 o'clock of next December 4 on the table of senate and house of representatives and the roll has been called and the preliminaries observed let some member of our national legislature, with mind and soul and voice strong enough to be heard not only through those halls, but through Christendom, propose a measure for the mental and moral disenfranchisement of the islands in controversy.

What has made American civilization the highest civilization the world has ever seen? Next to the Bible and the church, schools, common schools, schools reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from British America to the Gulf of Mexico. Five years under such educational advantages and the whole subject that keeps our public men agitated, some of them frothing at the mouth, will settle itself. Give those islands readers, spellers, arithmetics, histories, blackboards, maps, geographies, globes. Let the state legislatures at their next meeting, some of them assembling in early autumn, take parts of those islands under their special educational patronage. What is needed is state and national action in this matter of schools.

Still further, here is a wide open door for Christianity. First of all, we have the attention of those people. The heathen nations are for the most part soporific. The American missionaries heretofore had great difficulty in getting heathendom to listen. They excited some comment by their attire, so different was the parting of the hair, and the shape of the hat, and the cut of the coat, and the formation of the shoe of the evangelizers, but the questions constantly arose in regard to the missionary: "Who is he?" "What is he here for?" And then the interrogator would relax into the previous stupid indifference. But that condition of things has passed. The guns of our American navy have awakened those populations. They do not ask who we are. They have found out. They are now listening to what American civilization and our Christian religion have to say on any subject. Now is the time, while their ears and eyes are wide open, to tell them of the rescuing and salvaging and inspiring power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. The steam printing press which secular education plants there may be used and will be used to print religious newspapers and tracts and sermons and mighty discussions of questions temporal and eternal.

Now, church of God, now all Christian philanthropists, is your opportunity. Nothing like it has occurred since Christ came. Perhaps there may be nothing like it until His second coming. Here is a definiteness of aim that is most helpful and inspiring. The millions of dollars given for the redemption of the world and the thousands of glorious missionaries who have as volunteers gone forth among barbaric nations, were given and enlisted under

a great and immeasurable idea. But when they come to add to the great and immeasurable idea the idea of definiteness we will infinitely augment the work. More than 300,000,000 of heathen in India, more than 300,000,000 of people in China, and more than millions of heathen than can be guessed outside of those countries, sometimes stagger and confound and defeat our faith. But here in these islands of present controversy we can farm out the work among the churches, and in five years, under the blessing of God, not only fit the people for the right of suffrage, but prepare them for usefulness and Heaven. The difference between the general idea of the world's evangelization and some particularized field of evangelization is the difference between the improvement of agriculture among all nations and the improvement of 75 acres put under one's special care and industry. By all means let the general work go on. But here is the specific field for religious concentration and development. This is not chimerical or impractical. I read this morning that the American Missionary association of the Congregational church has already begun the work at San Juan, Utuado and Albonito, and all denominations of Christians, in six months, will be in those island fields, and we will need with our prayers and contributions to cheer them on to take for God and righteousness those regions which our American navy has captured from Spanish perfidy.

It has been estimated that this American-Spanish war cost us \$300,000,000. It would not cost half of that to proclaim and carry on and consummate a holy war that will rescue those archipelagoes from satanic domination. Who will volunteer? I beat the drum of a recruiting station. Who will enlist under the one starred, blood striped banner of Immanuel? Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippines are stepping stones for our American Christianity to cross over and take the round world for God. We need a new evangelical alliance organized for this one purpose. In all denominations there are those with large enough hearts and who have been thoroughly enough converted to join in such an advanced movement; men who, putting aside all minor differences of opinion, "believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son," and who would march shoulder to shoulder in such a Gospel campaign. The result would be that those islands, after a scene of gospelization, would assert themselves into denominations to suit themselves, and some would be sprinkled in holy baptism, and others would be immersed in those warm rivers, and some would worship in religious assemblage silent as the Quaker meeting house, and others would have as many jubilant ejaculations as a backwoods camp meeting, and some of those who preached would be gowned and surpliced for the work, and others would stand in citizens' apparel or in their shirt sleeves preaching that Gospel which is to save the world.

Mark you well that statesmanship, however grand it is, and wise men of the world, however noble, cannot do this work. Mere secular education does not moralize. Some of the most thoroughly educated men in all the world have been the worst men. Quicken a man's intellect, while at the same time you do not make his morals good, and you only augment his power for evil. Geography and mathematics and metaphysics and philosophy will never qualify a people to govern themselves. A corrupt printing press is worse than no printing press at all, but let loose an open Bible upon those islands and let the apocalyptic angel once fly over them and you will prepare them to become either colonies of the United States government, or, as I hope will be the case, independent republics.

God did not exhaust himself when he built this nation. Those islands will yet have their Thomas Jeffersons, qualified to write for them declarations of independence; and George Washingtons, capable of achieving their liberties; and Abraham Lincolns, strong enough to emancipate their serfdoms; and Longfellow and Bryants, capable of putting their hills and their rivers and their landscapes into poems; and their Bancrofts and Prescotts to make their histories; and their Irvings to write their sketch books; and their Charles O'Connors and Rufus Choates to plead in their courtrooms; and their Daniel Websters and John G. Crittendens to move their senates.

The day cometh—hear it all ye who have no hope for those islands of bedwarfed and diseased illiterates—the day cometh when those regions will have a Christian civilization equal to that which this country now enjoys, while I hope by that time this country will be as superior to what it now is as to-day Washington and New York are better than Manila and Santiago. Christ has started for the conquest of the nations, and nothing on earth or in hell can stop it. The continents are rapidly rolling into His dominion, and why not those islands, which for the most part are only fragments broken off from continents, the interval lands having been sunk by earthquakes, allowing the ocean to take mastery over them? Each mother continent has around it a whole family of little continents. If the continents are being so rapidly evangelized, why not the islands? If America, why not Cuba and the Bahamas? If Asia, why not the Philippines and the Moluccas? If Europe, why not the Azores and the Orkneys? If Africa, why not Madagascar and St. Helena? The same power that broke them off the mainland can lift them into evangelization.

In the old book, which has become a new book by reason of modern discoveries, especial attention is called to the islands. "Declare the Lord's praise in the islands," commands Isaiah. "Let the multitudes of the islands be glad thereof," says the Psalmist. "All the islands of the heathen shall worship

Him," writes Zephaniah. "He shall turn His face to the islands," prophesies Daniel. "The inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee," foretells Ezekiel. "Hear it and declare it to the islands afar off," exclaims Jeremiah. You see from this the islands are not to be neglected. Perhaps they are the Lord's favorites, as in households if there is any favoritism at all it is for the weakest. The islands too small to take care of themselves have the eternal God to take care of them. Let nations look out how they tread on the islands, however small and weak, for they are omnipotently defended. They may not be able to marshal large armies or to send out navies to sweep the sea, but better than that, they have the chariots of Heaven on their side and the drawn swords of the Almighty. I have as much faith in the salvation of the smallest island of the Falklands, of the Canaries, of the Ladrões, of the Carolines, of the Fijis, of the Barbadoes, of the Cape Verdes, of the Society Islands as I have in the salvation of America.

The continents themselves are only larger islands, and the world in which we live is only a still larger island, and the solar system is a group of islands, and the universe is an archipelago studded with islands of worlds surrounded by the great ocean of infinitude and immensity. So you see when God planned the universe He diagrammed it into islands, and He will look after the interest of each of those islands, however small, and England and France and Germany and America must not treat the smallest and weakest island that comes under their sway any different from the way they treat the strongest nation of all the earth. God may chiefly deal with individuals in the next world, but He deals with nations only in this world, and when persistently a nation practices injustice against other people it is only a question of time when the offender will find his doom. The path of time is strewn with the carcasses of nations that because of their maltreatment of other nations perished. The higher such offending empires rise the harder will be their fall.

I believe the United States government will last as long as the world lasts. I believe the fires of the judgment day will leap on the domes of our state and national capitol while yet they are in their full power. I believe the last earthquake will put in its explosion under our national foundations while yet they stand firm. I believe the republican and democratic form of government will be the universal form of government for all nations when they have been evangelized, for then the nations will be capable of self-government and will have demanded and secured that right. It will be either that or a theocracy, which will be the direct government of Christ in His personal reign on earth, as many Bible students believe. Yet that jubilant expectation is founded not on the skill of human statesmanship or human legislation, but upon the belief that this nation will submit to Divine guidance, and obey the Divine law, and carry out its divinely imposed mission. But if we defy the God of nations our doom is fixed.

We concluded a few days ago the annual decoration of northern and southern graves. Three years ago, at this season, in memorial sermon I proposed the twisting of two garlands, one to be put upon the grave of the northern soldier and the other to be put on the grave of the southern soldier, but this year we need three garlands, the third to be put upon the graves of those who fell in this American-Hispanic conflict. The third garland needs to be quite as fragrant and as radiant as the other two. These last heroes braved more than bayonets; they braved the pestiferous breath of the tropics, whole battalions, whole regiments, whole brigades, whole armies of deathly malaria. They confronted those oppositions of the torrid climes which no sword can pierce, no agility climb, no stratagem flank, no torpedo explode, no courage conquer. Under the awful charge of visible and invisible hosts about 6,000 men went down, some to instant death and others through lingering pangs in hospital.

If in this third wreath you twist the crimson rose, suggestive of sanguinary sacrifice, and the white calla lily, suggestive of glorious resurrection, put in also a few forgetmenots, suggestive of remembrance, and a few passion flowers, suggestive of the love that mourns the slain, and a few heliotropes, suggestive of the fragrance of their memory. Then let the night's dew put the tears into the blue eyes of the violets and all the soldiers' cemeteries be so many censers burning incense before the throne of that God who has been the friend of this nation from the time of Lexington to the time of San Juan hill, from the guns of the United States warships Constitution and Constellation, at the beginning of the century, to the guns of the United States warships Olympia, Oregon, Brooklyn and other loaded thunders, at the close of this century.

Week before last, in this capital of the nation, we set three nights on fire in celebration of naval and soldierly heroes, and there were rockets of fire, and spouting fountains of fire, and bombardments of fire, and ships of fire sunk in billows of fire, and those three nights were three garlands of fire; but now we are in softer and quieter mood, and the three garlands of to-day are woven of blossoms and corollas of all colors and all pungencies of aroma, and we bethink ourselves that this third garland was needed to chain together the northern garland of other decorative times to the southern garland of other decorative times. Floral chain of three links! For the first time in 60 years the north and south stand in complete brotherhood. Heroes of Vermont and Alabama, of Massachusetts and South Carolina, of Maine and Louisiana, shoulder to shoulder. May that alliance remain until the last oppression is extirpated from the earth and all nations stand in the liberty with which Christ would make all people free.

SNAIL-HUNGRY PARIS.

Five Tons a Day Are Eaten in the French Capital—Notes of Interest.

Upward of 100,000 pounds of snails are eaten every day by the residents of the gay French capital, the snail market being the busiest industrial mart in Paris.

A Swiss society has laid out an Alpine garden at Montreux at an elevation of 6,000 feet, where the characteristic trees and flowers of the country are to be cultivated.

Experiments seem to show that a large ocean steamer, going at 19 knots an hour, will move more than two miles after the engines have been stopped and reversed.

There are now over 250,000 words in the English language acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 70,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian combined.

The British steamship Grangewood ran out of coal when 300 miles from Halifax, and in order to reach her port used her cargo of beet sugar for fuel. The sugar was worth \$60 a ton.

In Iceland men and women are in every respect political equals. The nation, which numbers about 70,000 people, is governed by representatives elected by men and women together.

The curious fact that corn, potatoes and other plants thrive better when placed in rows running north and south has now been proved. Planted thus, they obtain more uniform and regular light.

Seven miles an hour is the camel's best pace, nor can it maintain this rate over two hours. Its usual speed is about five miles an hour—a slow, lounging pace, beyond which it is dangerous to urge them.

THE INDIAN GAME OF GOLF.

Twenty Redmen Will Play Their Exciting Game at the Paris Fair Next Year.

Arrangements have just been completed with a band of 40 Creek Indians, says a Wichita (Kan.) correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean, to go to Paris in 1900 and give the visitors there an exhibition of the toll game, which is the most exciting and rude game among the Indian tribes. The Indians are now engaged in practice on their reservation, near Eufaula, and reports from there say that a number have been fatally wounded while going through the game. Only about 20 Indians are required to play the game, but the Redskins are going to take along enough extra players to complete the series of 50 games for which they have been engaged. The game is similar to golf, excepting that it is much ruder. The Indians are divided on sides, and the scramble commences when the leader throws a wooden ball into the air and the players start after it with their sticks, on the end of which there is a little basket. They are supposed to catch this ball with their sticks before it reaches the ground and carry it about 300 yards to the goal; then with one mighty throw land it over a high pole, and the game is won. This trick is not easily accomplished, when the fact is brought to mind that 20 other Indians, with heavy clubs, are pursuing him and attempting to beat him to earth, which is often done than he escapes. The swiftest runners are chosen for this game, so that when they once get the ball it can be carried to the goal and the game won.

SUICIDE OF A ROGUE CAMEL.

Falling to Kill a Cruel Master, the Treacherous Beast Takes Its Own Life.

A valuable camel working in an oil mill in Africa, was beaten by its driver. Seeing that the camel had treasured up the injury and was only waiting a favorable chance for revenge, the driver kept a strict watch upon the animal. Time passed away; the camel, knowing that it was watched, was quiet and obedient, and the driver began to think that the beating was forgotten, when one night after several months had gone by, the man was sleeping on a raised platform in the mill, whilst, as is customary, the camel was stabled in a corner, says an exchange.

Happening to awake, the driver saw by the bright moonlight that, when all was quiet, the animal looked cautiously around, rose softly, and, stealing toward a spot where a bundle of clothes and a burnous, thrown carelessly on the ground, resembled a sleeping figure, cast itself with violence upon them, rolling with all its weight, and tearing them viciously with its teeth. Satisfied that its revenge was complete, the camel was returning to its corner when the driver sat up and spoke. At the sound of his voice, and realizing the mistake it had made, the animal was so mortified at the failure and discovery of its scheme that it dashed its head against the wall and died on the spot.

Bernini's Centenary.

Rome has just celebrated the third centenary of Girolamo Bernini, who was sculptor, painter, architect and dramatist. Bernini, from early childhood until he died, at the age of 83, found constant employment in art. He lived long enough to have seen not less than ten popes. It was Urban VIII. who was Bernini's great patron.

Curious Collection.

A London man who always takes a cigar when invited out to dinner, though he does not smoke, has now a collection of half a century's accumulations, each cigar wrapped up and labeled with the date and occasion on which it was taken.

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