

REV. DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE COMFORTS OF RELIGION.

The Sermon as Delivered by the Brooklyn Divines.

Text: "A goodly cedar, and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing."—Ezekiel xlvii, 23.

The cedar of Lebanon is a royal tree. It stands six thousand feet above the level of the sea. A missionary counted the concentric circles and found one tree thirty-five hundred years old.

Oh, what a fine place for birds to nest in! In hot days they come thither—the eagle, the dove, the swallow, the sparrow and the raven.

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aid to them about their souls. Consider me as putting my hand on your shoulder and looking in your eye.

Oh, it has been a story of goodness and mercy that the year through you have been one of God's pre-children.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON FOR SUNDAY MARCH 13.

"Promise of A New Heart," Ezekiel xxxvii, 25-38. Golden Text: Ezekiel xxxvii, 26.

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and ye shall be a new heart."

"And I will give you a new spirit, and ye shall have your hearts enlarged, and ye shall love one another."

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RELIGIOUS READING.

SAFELY HOME.

I am home in Heaven, dead ones, Oh so happy, and so bright!

All the pain and grief are over; Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever.

Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade? Ah! but Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.

And he came himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.

Then must not grieve so sorely For I love you dearly still; Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is a work still waiting for you, So you must not lay down; Do it now while the morning— Oh, you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, Ob, the rapture of that meeting! Oh, the joy to see you come! —[Charlotte Murray.]

TEMPERANCE.

WE'RE FOR TEMPERANCE.

We hope that you do not suppose, dearest friends, That our very long silence on temperance, portends

A lax or wearisome shirking. In this great, busy world we're a great deal to do. But we stand as a band, for our pledge, brave and true.

We love our cold water in springtime's soft showers. We love, when brightening the summer's sweet flowers; In autumn its pleasures are chosen,

When winter comes on with its days cold and froz. It is water supplies with unbounded delight. Oh! I tell you it is glorious when frozen.

So if we are silent you must never suppose That our juvenile army is lost, drowned, or froz. In this land where these dangers abound; For when swimming, or boating, or coasting we'll rest.

So far from the dram-shops you need have no fear. We're for temperance all the year 'round.—Mrs. S. Irwin, in Temperance Banner.

THE MOVEMENT IN SCOTLAND. In a review of the progress of the temperance movement in Scotland the Glasgow Reformer finds cause for gratification to every true-hearted friend of the reform.



JOHN SUTTON, living near Haydentown, Fayette county, fatally shot his 5-year-old brother by carelessly handling a revolver.

WHILE Charles Lewis, of near Mt. Pleasant, was handling a loaded revolver, he placed under the chin of a boy named Robert Keyser and pulled the trigger.

Ed. S. FUNKHOUSER, the boy who had both eyes, an arm and a leg torn off by an explosion of dynamite last week, died Thursday after terrible suffering.

WM. F. KEEK, convicted of murdering Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nipch at Ironton on November 18 last, was sentenced at Allentown to be hanged.

EDWARD NOSTROM, employed in the National Rolling Mill at McKeesport, was caught in a set of rolls and drawn clear through. He was instantly crushed to death.

CHARLES KEPPEL, a 11-year-old Freeport boy, hanged himself because his father had threatened to whip him.

EDWARD WEST, of New Brighton, while drunk Tuesday night tied his wife, heated a poker and was about to cram it down her throat when neighbors saved her.

H. H. LANE, a foundry man of Huntingdon, assigned, with \$10,000 liability, to GIBBENS JONES, 17-years-old, died at Wilkesbarre, from the effects of dancing.

RENEWED SALTER, while attending a social Rev. George's residence at Beaver Falls, Tuesday night, dropped dead.

ROLAND GASKELL had both legs broken and was injured internally in an elevator at Carnegie's mill in Beaver Falls.

Mrs. WILLIAM REED, of North Beaver township, Lawrence county, gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy. All doing well.

DIPTHERIA is again raging at Locust Gap, near Ashland. One family has lost three children in a week and two others are dying. The State Board of Health has prohibited public funerals.

A FIRE in the shoe manufactory of Monaghan Bay Company, of Harrisburg, Pa., on Monday night, destroyed property valued at \$75,000, fully covered by insurance.

GEORGE WILSON, aged 14 years, of McAlleys' Fort, was kicked on the head by a colt and almost instantly killed.

Mrs. KATE CUNNINGHAM, of Blairsville, while a passenger on the Pacific express on the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a stone thrown through a car window near Jeannette and dangerously injured.

At Mt. Lookout colliery top rock and coal fell in two parts of the mine. One of the falls caught a Polish laborer, John Misca, and instantly killed him. A miner named Thomas John, who was at work near the fall, was fatally injured. The second fall occurred while the victims of the accident were being carried to County Commission headquarters in another Polish laborer.

The State treasury statement shows the general fund to contain \$6,503,285.80 as against \$5,096,524.234 a month ago. The sinking fund is \$325,682.53, with a balance on February 1. The total amount of the February (1892) loan outstanding is \$140,000.

JAMES BROOKS, of Tarpot, was found dead in the snow a few feet distant from his residence in that village. The coroner is making an inquiry. It is supposed Brooks was intoxicated, and fell down in the snow and froze to death.

HACKNEY STATION and the general store of J. C. Adelman, on the Waynesburg and Washington railroad, were destroyed by fire. Total loss, \$1,000 partially insured.

The Beaver Valley Traction Company increased the wages of its conductors and motormen from 14 to 16 cents an hour.

The Secretary of State at Harrisburg furnished to the County Commissioner of each county of the State copies of forms of blank made necessary by the new election laws in operation at the next election. They are certificate of nomination, nomination paper, official ballot, specimen official ballot, letter to County Commissioners, letters of transmittal to County Commissioners, letters of transmittal to Sheriffs and watchmen's certificate.

Mrs. TRUXALL, the wife of a Brownsville man, is lying at the point of death with a terrible ailment. Her husband, who was a miner, was killed in a mine near Blairsville. She was found by her husband and the physician learned the woman had been shot a second time by her husband and that she will die.

THE BUK CURSE IN AFRICA.

The United States Consul at Sierra Leone, Hon. B. Bower, in a recent letter to a citizen of Hartford, Conn., referring to the ravages of the liquor traffic in Africa,

"I am not a missionary, nor the son of one, but I judge the present from the past. The Christian nations, I think, are doing better than in the past, but I judge the present from the past."

GREATNESS AND SUCCESS.

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TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

The Lord's side is never the whisky side. Beer consumption is on the increase in Paris.

The Whisky Trust? Directors at Chicago decided to reduce the price of whisky. Saturday night, tradition has it, the sober man in quiet, old Malrose, Scotland, is the exception.

THE SABBATH A FRIEND.

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