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REV. DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

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Text: "At evening time it shall be light."

—Zechariah xiv., 7.

While "night" in all languages is the symbol for gloom and suffering, it is often really cheerful, bright and impressive. I speak not of such nights as come down with no star gouring light from above or silvered wave tossing up light from beneath—murky, hurtling, portentous—but such as you often see when the pomp and magnifeence of seems turn out on right parade, and it seems turn out on right parade, and it seems turn out on song which the morning stars began the solid property of God were shouting for joys and the sonatorie, and the trapper on the vast prairie, and the belated traveler by the road-side, and the trapper on the vast prairie, and the belated traveler by the road-side, and the soldier from the tent, earthly hosts gazing upon heavenly, and shepherds guarding their flocks afield, while angel hands above them set the silver bells a-ringing, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace; good will toward men."

What a selemn and glorious thing is night in the wilderness! Night among the mountains! Night on the ocean! Fragrant night amid arctic severities! Calm night on Roman campagna! Awful night amang the cordilleras! Glorious night 'mid sea after a tempest! Thank God for the night! The moon and the stars which rule it are lighthouses on the coast toward which, I hope, we are all salling, and blind mariners are we fi with so many beaming, burning, flaming glories to guide us we cannot find our way into the harbor. My text may well suggest that as the natural evening if often luminous so it shall be light in the evening of our sorrows—of old age—of the world's history—of the Christian life. "At eventime it shall be light in the revening of our sorrows—of old age—of the world's history—of the Christian life. "At eventim

This prophecy will be fulfilled in the evening of Christian sorrow. For a long time it broad daylight. The sun rides high. In numerable activities go ahead with a thousand sets and work with a thousand sets and sets and the pickax struck a mine, and the battery made a discovery, and the Investment yielded its 20 per cent and the book came to its twentieth edition, and the farm quadrupled in value, and the sudden fortune hoisted to high position, and children were praised, and friends without number swarmed into the family hive, and prosperity sang in the music and stepped in the dance and glowed in the wine and ate at the banquet, and all the gods of music and ease and gratification gathered around this Jupiter holding in his hands so many thunderboits of power.

But every sun must set, and the brightest day must have its twilight. Suddenly the sky was overoast. The fountain dried up. The song hushed. The wolf broke into the family fold and carried off the best lamb. A deep howl of wee came crashing down through the joyous symphonies. At one rought twang of the hand of disaster the harp strings all broke. Down went the strong business firm! Away went long established credit! Up flew a flock of calumnies! The new book would not sell. A patent could not be secured for the invention. Stocks sank like lead. The insurance company exploded. "How much," says the shortiff, "will you bid for this piano?" "How much for this library?" "How much for the dead of dod's children who have been pounded of the flail and crushed under the wheel and trampled under the hoof? Did they like down in the dust weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth? When the rod of latherly chastisequent struck them, did they strile back? Because they found on

8 o'clock! 6 o'clock! The shadows fall longer and thicker and faster. Seven o'clock! 8 o'clock! The sun has dipped below the horizon. The warmth has gone out of the air. Nine o'clock! 10 o'clock! The heavy duce are falling. The activities of life's day are all hushed. It is time to go to bed. Eleven o'clock! 12 o'clock! The patriarch sleeps the blessed sleep, the cool sleep, the long sleep. Heaven's messengers of light have kindled bonfires of victory all over the heavens. At eventide it is light—light!

My text shall also find fulfillment in the latter days of the church. Only a few missionaries, a few churches, a few good men, compared with the institutions leprous and putrefied.

It is early yet in the history of everything good. Civilization and Christianity are just getting out of the cradle. The light of marter stakes fashing all up and down the sky is but the flaming of the world shall come, glory to God's conquering truth, it shall be light. War's sword clanging back in the scabbord; intemperance buried under 10,000 broken decanters; the world's impurity turning its the state of the condition of the cradle. The light of the patriotic state of the cradle of the headletion, "Elessadare that for the benediction, "Elessadare that flatter," and the scabbord; intemperance buried under 10,000 broken decanters; the world's impurity turning its the state of the condition of the patriotic state of the state of the patriotic state of the state of the patriotic state of the state of the patriotic state of the state of

The password.\* They answer, "We were wanderers from God and deserved to die, but we heard the voice of Jesus." "Aye, aye, said the gatekeeper, "that is the password! Lift up your heads, ve everlasting gates, and let these people come in." They go in and surround the throne, jubilant forever.

Ah! do you wonder that the last hours of the Christian on earth are illuminated by thoughts of the coming glory? Light in the evening. The medicines may be bitter. The pair may be sharp. The parting may be heartranding. Yet light in the evening. As all the stars of night sink their anchors of pearl in lake and river and sea, so the waves of Jordan shall be illuminated with the down flashing of the glory to come. The dying soul looks up at the constellations. "The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall it lear?" "The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall lead them to living fountains of water, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Closs the eyes of the departed one : earth would seem tame to its enchanted vision. Fold the hands; life's work is ended. Veil the face: it has been transfigured. Mr. Toplady in his dying hour said, "Light." Coming nearer the expiring moment, he exclaimed, with illum'nated countenance, "Light." In the last instance of his breathing he lifted up his hands and cried: "Light!" Thank God for light in ma evening.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

JULES VERNE has written seventy-four

Novels.

On an average, the letters received by the Emperor of Germany number 600 a day.

SAMUEL MINTURN PECK, the Alabama poet, is running a turkey farm at Tuskaloosa.

GOVERNOR FLOWER, of New York, is one of the best amateur trap-shooters in America.

W. A. DEHARITY, the Mayor of Elwood, Ind., is only twenty-two years old, and is probably the youngest mayor in the country.

The Princesses of Siam have such names as Walat-ulongkorn and Straponsophon—which will make Eulaila sound sweeter than ever.

The Army of the Potomac, encamped at

The Army of the Potomac, encamped at Boston, elected Major-General Nelson A. Miles. United States Army, President of its organization.

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REV. W. H. FURNERS, pastor emeritus of the First Unitarian Church in Philadelphia, was ninety-one years old a few days ago. He is the oldest living graduate of Harvard University and is the only survivor of the class 41 E23.

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\*\*SEMATOR SHERMAN has moved into his new residence, which is one of the finest in Washington. It is said to have cost \$150,000. Senator Sherman has made a great deal of money in Washington real estate and still has large holdings there.

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IT-is reported that the King of Greece intends to abdicate in favor of the Duke of Sparta and retire to his modest summer home on the Island of Corfu. His Majesty finds it impossible to cope with the present financial difficulties of Greece.

Miss EMMA SICKRUS, the Indian philanthropist, has three proteges, who are wonders in the musical world. They are the Misses Bluejacket, and they sing like nightingales. Of real Cherokee origin, they have the richest of copper-colored skin, brightest of black eyes and reddest of lips.

The new United States District Attorney for Eastern Wisconsin is a knight and may properly be called Sit J. H. M. Wigam. Or June 14, 1835, he received the official notice that he had been made a knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, receiving the breve sealed with the Pope's seal, the fisherman's ring, and signed by Cardinal Ledochowski.

The Archibishop of Canterbury is one of the most regular attendants at the sitting of the British House of Lords. There is an unwritten rule of that body that information on any matter relating to the church should be asked direct of the Archbishop. His Grace therefore considers it his duty to be on hand, and he makes it a rule to be in his place punctually at 4 o'clock.

Shortening Distance East and West.

The only surprising thing about reduction of the time between New York and Chicago is that it has come so late. Twenty hours are ample for a little less than a thousand miles. The waste of time that has deferred until so late a day the arrangement of this new table between the lakes and the seaboard has been at stations where the switching of rolling stock, the transfer of baggage and mails and the appointing of coaches have been done without that dispatch that has characterized the running of the fast expresses. An average of fifty miles an hour is fairly good, but it is not phenomenal. In fact, the American railway system has scarcely kept pace with the development of the ocean steamship service. Passengers arrived in Chicago Saturday who took ship at Queenstown the previous Sunday. All the difficulties of ocean travel taken into account, this is more impressive than making 1,000 miles in twenty hours without a mountain range to cross and with no engineering problems of any perplexing nature. The railroads throughout the country are likely to be stimulated to improvement of their schedules by the new express trains between the lakes and the Atlantic. The Southern service, so far as it is controlled in Southern centers, is in urgent need of speeding. The Southern plantem business men have everything to galt by bringing South and North more leasely together. There has been closed. 不是在我有不是不是不是不是不是不是不是不是

send to Northern markets. Southern business men have everything to gair by bringing South and North more closely together. There has been considerable improvement during the past year in means of communication between Chicago and the Gulf; but the manipulation of neither passenger nor fast freight trains is yet what intelligence, energy and a little more outlay of money would easily make it. The next step for Northern and Eastern, as well as Western and Southern railway management, ought to be popularize the improved service by lowering the rates. Travel is like postal service—the cheaper the stampthe greater the number of letters. The lower the railroad ticket the more the thousands that will use it—Chicago Harald

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The laws and social customs of China make a woman's life a most restricted one in every way; and yet, in spite of all disadvantages, in no country is female influence more powerful. The women of China are the very backbone of the Nation, seeming to be born with a natural sense of honesty which is conspicuously absent among the men. While the mendacity of Chinamen is proverbial, the women are, as a rule, iruthful, and have great strength of character. They make good wives, struggling bravely to restrain their husbands from ramshu drinking, opium smoking and immoderate gambling, vices for some of which most of them have a propensity. They are dutiful daughters and devoted mothers. It is only surprising that there are not more good men to be found among their sons. A Chinaman's most redeeming quality, however, is the warm affection and respect he generally feels for his mother. Their fillal obedience is indeed remarkable. A mandarin some forty years of age will calmly remark that he must go here, or that he cannot go there, because his mother has bidden or forbidden him to do so! And woman's influence is not alone confined to the domestic circle. It is well known that Li-Hung-Chang, the great man of China, consults "Lady Li" on matters of importance, and to her credit let it be said that he is always foremost in favor of progress and a more enlightened way of governing the country. The Empress Dowager is also a woman of great intelligence; indeed, when the disadvantages of her education and mode of life are taken into consideration, it must be admitted that she is one of the most remarkable women of the age. That she is not, however, quite exempt from feminine vanity is shown by the fact that she was not long since admonished by the Board of Censors for dressing too vouthfully.—New York Post.



The Vegetarian Theory.

Vegetarians say it is a popular fal-lacy that mest is needed for strength. One prominent exponent of the faith says it is a fact that the strongest anisays it is a fact that the strongest animals in the world are vegetarian and not carnivorous. It is the ferocity of the lion rather than his strength that makes him formidable. An elephant is a match for several lions, and is a vegetarian. The animals with most speed and endurance—the horse, the reindeer, the antelope and others—are also vegetarians. Dog trainers, says the authority, always feed their trick animals on a strict vegetarian diet, and many hunters do the same thing.—Chicago Herald.

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