SUNDAY SERMON.

ONE OF DR TALMAGES STEE LING DISCOURSES.

Sphicer "The Wall of Heaven."

Text: "The foundations of the wall of the city more granished with all manner of precious stones,"—Revelation xx., 19.
Shall I be frank and tell you what are my designs on you bo-day? They are to make you homesick for heaven; to console you concerning your departed Christian friends by giving you some idea of the brilliancy of the seenes in which they now commingle; to give all who love the lord a more elevated diea as 20 where they are going to pass the most of the years of their existence, and to set all the indifferent and neglected to quick

idea as to where they are your, or the arms of the years of their existance, and to set all the indifferent and neglected to quick and immediate preparation, that they may have it likewise.

Yea, it is to induce many of our young people to study a volume of God that few ever open, but without some acquaintance with which it is impossible to understand the Bible—I mean the precious stones, their orystalization, their powers of refraction, their cleavage, their fracture, their juster, their phosphoresence, their transparency, their phosphoresence, their transparency their funditio of with the welfare and doom of families and the destiny of nations—xye, and the processing of the processing

Av text stands us in the presence of the most stupendous splendor of the universe, and that is the wall of heaven, and says of its foundations that they are garnushed with all manner of precious stones. All the ancient cities had walls for safety, and heaven has a wall for overlasting safety. You may say that a wall made up of all manner of precious stones. All the ancient cities had walls for overlasting safety. You may say that a wall made up of all manner of precious stones in figurative, but you cannot understand the force and significance of the figure unless you know something about the real structure and color and value of the figure unless you know something about the real structure and color and value of the precious stones mentioned.

Now, I propose this morning, so far as the Lord may help me, to attempt to climb not the wall of heaven, but the foundations of the wall, and I ask you to join me in the attempt to seale some of the heights. We shall only geale some of the heights. We shall only geale some of the way up, but hetter that than to stay down on the stupid level where the most of us have all our lives been standing. We begin clear down at the bottom and where the wall begins.

The first layer of the foundation, reaching all around the city and for 1500 miles, is a layer of jasper. Indeed there is more of jasper in the wall of heaven than of any other brilliant, because it not only composes a part of the superstructure. The jasper is a congregation of many colors. It is brown, it is yellow, it is green, it is vermilion, it is red, it is purple, it is black, and is so striped with solors that much of it is called ribot jasper.

It is found in Siberia and Egypt, but it is traven in most lands and of great value, for it is on hard the ordinary processes cannot break it off from the places where it has been deposited. The workman bore holes into the rock of Jasper, then drivin to these holes sticks of dry birch wood, and then saturate the sticks and keep them saturates the sticks and keep them sat

ors of taste.

But we must pass up in this inspection of the foundations of the great well of heaven, and after leaving the jasper the next precious stone reached is sapphire, and it sweeps around the city 1500 miles. All lapidaries agree in saying that the sapphire of the Bible is what we, now call lapis lazuli. Job speaks with emotion of "The place of sapphires," and God thought so much of this precious stone that He put it in the breast-plate of the high priest commanding, "The second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire and a diamond."

The sapphire is a blue, but varies from faintest hue to deepest ultramarine. It is found a pebble in the rivers of Ceylon. It is sleswhere in compact masses. Fersia and Thibet and Burmab and New South Wales and North Carolina yield exquisits specimens. Its blue sye is seen in the valley of years it has been brought to sight in Egyptian monuments and Assyrian cyiniders.

At Moscow and St. Petersburg and Constantinope I have seen great masses of this sapphire, commonly called lapis lazuli. The closer you study its veins the more enchanting, and I do not wonder that the sapphire is called into the foundation, for it is the hardest of all minerals except the diamond.

Sapphire based on jasper, a blue sky over a flery sunset. St. John points to it in Revelation and easy, "The second, sapphire, and this suggests to me that though our earth and all its furniture of mountains and seas and atmospheres are to collaps and vanish we will throught at 11 certs.

and this suggests to me that though our earth and all its furniture of mountains and sense and all the furniture of mountains and vanish we will throughout all elernity have in some way kept the most beautiful of earthly appearances, whether you take this sapphire of the second sense whether you take this sapphire of the second sense and not seller and the deep blue of our seas must not, will not, be forgotten. If a thoused you are after the world has gone to aske you or I want to recall how the earthly skies slowed in a summer noon or the midocean in a calm, we will have only to look at the sound row of the foundation of the wall of seven cold in about it "the second, supphire!" While we are living in sight of that wall shiftly we have come from other world as who never saw our earth will visit us, and who will visit them, and some time we will be a will them, and some time we will be a the will them about the will be a great oping it them about how it looked at certain times, and then it will be a great oping it is an about to a second supphire."

A step higher and you come to chalcedony, mother layer in the foundation next to the lowest." John, twenty-first chapter and instead the verse, "the second saphire."

A step higher and you come to chalcedony, mother layer in the foundation of the wall and the running 1800 miles around the heavenly city. Chalcedony! Translucent. A divine mixture of agates and opals and cornelians. Striped with white and gray. Dashed of palin blashing net first and of chalcedony.

the Hebrides hold forth beautiful specimens of chalcedony.

But now we must make a swift ascent to

the top of the foundation wall, for we cannot minutely examine all the layers, and so, putting one foot on the chalcedony of which we have been speaking, we spring to the emerald, and we are one-third of the way to theop of the foundation, for the feather ow is emerald. That, I would judge, is food's favorite among gens, because it holds what seems syldent is His favorite color one arth, the green, since that I take color most widely diffused across all the earth's continuite—the greas, the foliage, the everyday dress of nature. The emeralit! Kings use it as a seal to stamp pronunciamentes. The rainbow around the throne of God is by St. John compared to:

Conquerors have considered it the greatest prize to capture. What ruthlessness when the soldiers of Pizarro pounded it with their hammers! Emeralds have had much

when the soldiers of Pizziro pounded it with their hammers! Emeralds have had much to do with the destiny of Mexico. Fire of them were presented by Certer to his british one of them cut into the shape of a rose, an other into the shape of a trumpet, another life the shape of a trumpet, another

other into the shape of a trumpet, another more than the shape of a trumpet, another more than the shape of a trumpet, and the jorgen peerl, and this presentation aroused the joal-ously of the throne and causad the consequent fall of Cortex. But the depths of the sea were decorated with those emeralds, for in a shipwreck they went down off the coasi of Barbary. Napoleon wore an emerald at Austerlitz.

In the Kremin museum at Moscow there are crowns and scepters and outspread miracles of omerald. Ireland is called the Emerald lish not because of its vardure, but because it was presented to Henry II of England with an emerald ring. Nero had a magnifying glass of emerald through which he looked at the gladiatorial contests at Rome. But here are 1500 miles of emerals

he looked at the gladiatorial contests at Rome. But here are 1500 miles of omerald sweeping around the heavenly city In one layer.

But upward still and you put your foot on a stratum of sardonyx, white and red, a seeming commingling of snow and fire, the snow cooling the fire, the fire melting the snow Another climb and you reach the sardius, named after the city of Sardius. Another climb and you reach the chrysolite. A

specimen of this belonging to Epiphanus, in the Fourth Century, was said to be so brilliant that whatever was put, over to conceal it was shone through, and the emperor of China has a specimen that is described as having such penetrating radiance that it makes the night as the fight as the day.

A higher climb and you reach the beryl. Two thousand years ago the Greeks used this precious stone for engraving purposes. It was accounted amone the rowel

seed this precious stone for ungraving purposes. It was accounted among the royal treasures of Tyre. The hilt of Murat's sword was adorned with it. It glows in the imperial crown of ferast Britain. Luther thought the beryls of the heavenly wall was turquoise. Kalisch thought it was chrysolite. Josephus thought it a golden colored jewel. The wheels of Eakiel's vision flamed with beryl and were a revolving fire. The beryl appears in six sided prisms, and is set in seals and intaglios, it necklaces and soronets. It was the joy of ancient jewely. It comamented the affluent with eardrops. Charlemagne presented it to his favorite Beautiful beryl: Erquisitely shaped beryl! Divinely colored beryl: It seems like contact the state of the seal of the contact of the seal of the colored the colored beryl of the colored beauty and named after an island of the R-d Saa.

asus, of greenish golden hus and half as lint.

Climb higher and you reach the jointh, lamed after the flower hye inth and of ed lish blue.

Take one more step and you reach the op, not of the well, but the top of the coundation of the wall, and St. John cries out, "The twelfth an amethyst!" This preduces stone when found in Australia or Inlie or Europe stands in columns and pyramids. For color it is a violet blooming in done. For its play of light, for its deep mysteries of color, for its unseen Egyptians, a Etruscan, in Roman art it has been hongred. The Greeks thought the stone a preventive of drukenness. The Hebrews hought it a source of pleasant dreams.

For all lovers of goms it is a subject of admiration and suggestiveness. Yes, the word amethyst means a prevention of truckenness. Long before the New Testanent made reference to the amethyst in the

uent made reference to the amethyst in the wall of heaven the Persians thought that rups made out of amethyst would hinder tay kind of liquor contained therein from secoming intoxicating. But of all the ame-chystine cups from which the ancients Irank not one had any such result of pre-vention.

hystine cups from which are the continuous continuous and any such result of prevention.

For thousands of years the world has been coking an vain for such a praventive american state of the continuous could not did. Convivial Ahasuerus diriving Vashti from the gates could not find it. Nabal breaking the heart of beautiful Abigail yould not find it. Belshazzar, the kingly reveler, on the night that the Chaldeans took Babylon could not find it. Not one of the millions of inebriates whose skulls pave the continents and pave the depths of the sea could find it. There is no such cup. Strong drink from boilowed amothyst imprutes the same as strong drink from pewier mug. It is not the style of cup we drink jutof, out that which the cup contains, which decides the helpful or damning result of the beverage.

All around the world last night and to-

ier mug. It is not the style of cup we drink utt of, out that which the cup contains, which decides the helpful or damning result of the beverage.

All around the world last night and to-lay, out of cupe costilier than amethyst, men und women have been drinking their own hoom and the doom of their children for this ife and the next. Ah, it is the amethystine cup limit do the wildest and worst slaughters, which is the samethystine coup limit of the wildest and worst slaughters, smash of the flithy goblets of the nummeries would long algo have taken place oy law, but the amethystine chalices prevent—the chalices or of which legislatures, congresses drink before and after they make the laws. Amethystine chalices have been to be a small chalices in the first lips of the amethy stine chalices to the first lips of the amethy stine chalices are the first lips of the amethy stine obtained in the total content of the lips of the amethy stine of the standard.

Drunkenness is combinated of the plexy and demeditia. The 490,000,000 vietims of alcohol, and the two agends when the post in the contract for tumbling the human reaching the same thystine tup, she amethystine wine demijohns, the amethystine ale pitchers, the amethystine flagons, the amethystine wine cellars. Oh, Persians: Oh, Assyrians: Oh, Greeks! Oh, Egyptians! you were wrong in thinking that a cup of amethyst would revent interiation.

in thinking that a cup of amethyst would prevent inebriation.

But standing on the top of this amethystine layer of the foundation of the wall oneaven I bethink myself of the mistake that many of the ancient Hebrews made when they thought that the amethyst was a producer of pleasant dreams. Just wear a piece of unethyst over your heart or put it under your gliew, and you would have your dreams illed with everything beautiful and entrancar. No, no. The style of pillow will not lecide the character of the dream. The only ecipe for pleasant dreams is to do right and thus right when you are wide awake. Con an injatuary right when you are wide awake. Con an injatuary but a man physically well, the behave himself aright, will not be roubled with bed dream. Rebuchadnessar, with eagle's down under is head and Tyrian purple over it, struggled with a ded free what is not be soothed with bed dream and the struggles. The soothed with the soothed with the same that is him strict out for the soothed was askinders, a come and interpret it. Plantach, amid the snarbs

salaces of Memphis, was confounded by a fream in which lean cows ate up the fast lows and the small cars of corn devoured the seven large ears, and awful framine was prefigured. Pilate's wife, amid clouds of felicity injunitary, had a starting dream, tecause of which she sent a message in hot caste to a courtroops to keep her husband from enacting a judicial outrage. But Secoh, at Sebeth, with piloty of membraic cock, had a blissful dream of the ladder angel blossoming.

Bunyan, with his head on a hard plauk of Bedford's jail, saw the gates of the Celestial city. St. John, on the barrenest island of the Ægean See, in his dream head trumpets and saw cavalry men on white horses and a new heaven and a new earth. No amount of rough pillow can disturb the night vision of a saint, and no amount of a miscreank.

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But, some one will say, why have you brought us to this amethyst, the top row of the foundation of the heavanty wall if you are not able to accept the theory of the theory of the theory of the theory is a producer of pleasant dreams! My answer is, I have brought you to the the theory of the theory of the theory of the theory of the accept the theory of the accept the theory of the theory

foot of the wall for my text says, the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. Oh, get down your harp if you can play one! Get down a palm branch if you can reach one! Why, it makes us all find liberating out with Jemas Montgomary.

When shall these eyes thy hence both water and pearly gates behold?

when shall these eyes thy hears have and period by the outside, what must the invide her While tiding last summer through the emperor's park nearly gates behold?

Oh, my soul! If my text shows to only the outside, what must the invide her While tiding last summer through the emperor's park near its. February is want and the flower hand and the flower hand should be and the flower hand the fountains bounding in such that the sunlight as nowhere else is seen, I said: "This is beautiful. I never saw anything like this bafore."

But when I entered the palace and saw the pictured walls, and the long line of statuary, and aquariums afloat with all bright scales, and aviaries a-chant with bird voices, and the inner doors of the palaces were swung back by the chamberlain, and I saw the emperor and empress and princesses, and they greeted me with a cordulative of old acquaintanceehip. I forget all the groves and floral bewitchment I had seen outside before entrance. And now I ask, if the outside of heaven attracts our souls to-day, how much more will be the uplifting when we get inside and see the King in His beauty and all the princes and princesses of the palaces of amethyst?

Ar you not glad that we did not stop in our ascent this morning until we got to the top round of the foundation wail of heaven, the twelfth row, the amethyst? Perhaps the ancient Hebrews were not, after all, so far out of the way when they thought that the touch of it this hour gives me a very pleasant dream. I closs my eyes and I seat all. We are there. This is haven! Not the outside, but the inside of heaven. Not the outside, but the inside of heaven into the place of our Lord the King. Not kept a moment outside we are ushered into the place of the shid, There they are on the playgrounds of heaven—whe children. Onlideren Children doyou wanta throne, A throne gould not fit a child. There they are on the playgrounds of

trumpet, and four and twenty olders with voices.

Ann an angel of God says: "Where shall I take you? On what street of heaven would you like to live? What colestial habitation would you like to occupy?" And I answer: "Now that I have got inside the wall made up of all manner of precious stones I do not care where you put me. Just show me where my departed loyed ones are. I have seen the Lord, and next I want to see them.
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I have seen this Lord, and next I want to see them.

"But here are those with whom I toiled in the kingdom of God on earth. They are from my old parishes at Belleville and Syracuse and Philadelphia at Brooklyn, and trom many places on both sides the sea where I have been permitted to work with them and for them. Give them the best places you can find the will help steady them as they mount the turones. I will help you burnish their corousts, "Take these, my old friends, to as good rooms as you can get for them in the house of many mansions and with windows looking out upon the palace of the great King. As for myself, sulveners in brown is good enough for my. Halleluish to the Lamb that sees as and the windows look arough to my for a line of the work. In the ecstamy of the common my foot slipped from the lamb that we want that so cannot produce to dreams, and in the effort to caten myself the vision vanished. And, lo, it was but a manner.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

HOME FIRST. We had a scrawny cat.
Afraid of mouse or rat;
So mother said one day
"Boys, take that cat away."
We lost her in fine style Away from home a mile.

We dropped the sack and run As fast as youngsters can.
How glad we were to tell
We had done our task so we'll

We opened wide the door --Our cat slept on the floor! --| New York World,

HEN CHINESE CHILDREN CELEBRATE

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When do you suppose the Chinese children fire off torpodoes, sky-rockets and powder-crackers! If you do not know, you would never guess in all the world; so you may as well be told right away. They fire them off on New Year's Day! And when you are told why they celebrate New Year's Day as if it were Fourth of July, you will be still more surprised. surprised.
You know the Chinese have a different

You know the Chinese have a different religion from ours, and because of that they believe many things which we do not believe at all. New Year's Day the firecrackers are set off to keep evil spirits at a distance. The night before the New Year there are special services to the Chinese deity, and at bedtime a pot of rice is left upon the table, covered with cypress leaves. cypress leaves.

New Year's Day there are social visits,

New Year's Day there are social visus, dimets and family games. And all day long the Chinese coungsters are expected to keep up a firing of fireworks of all kinds to keep off evil spirits. —The

WISTER NEAT FIN.

A "peanut hunt" is lots of fun for an evening party. The hosters hides peanuts in all sorts of queer places about the room, sometimes putting two or three nuts in the same place. Then she provides each of her guests with a little basket tied with gay ribbons, and the "hunt" begins. After a certain time the "finds" are compared. The one who has the largest number wins the first prize, while the "booby prize" is fittingly awarded to the one having fewest.

Some other trials that are great sport are often introduced; one is to see who can carry the most peanuts in one hand

are often unfraqueer; one is to see who can carry the most peannts in one hand from one table to another. A men ought to win this. Forty two is said to be a good number by those who have tried it. Of course, the winger is to be rewarded while the backy, too, must be consisted.

soled. Another trial consists in carrying puta to from me table to another in a table or a tea spoon. The petatees, which should be round and big, are better put on a table with a polished top. The one who can earry most potatees from one table to the other in a given time wins. The tables must be far apart. It is not easy to scoop up the potato, and once secured it is still difficult to retain.—
[New York Advertiser.

The order had been issued to Paris in 1871 by the new republican authorities, that communist insurgents who were taken with arms in their hands, should be put to death inneeliately. So writes a French correspondent. The order was being relentlessly executed, when in the garden of the Elysee Palace, a detachment of republican troops came upon a small band of insurgents. Among them was a boy of lifteen years, still in short trousers.

trousers.

The band was conducted to a large The band was conducted to a large party of communists destined for execution. On the way the fifteen-year-old broke out from among his companions and placed himself in front of the colonel who commanded the escort. Making the military salute with a good deal of grace, he said.

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"Mister, you're going to shoot me, I suppose?"

"Certainly, my lad," said the colonel. Taken with arms in your l: ls, it's all up with you. That is the order."

"All right," said the boy. "But see here—I live in Miromesnil street, where my mother is concierge in a house. She'll wait for me if I don't come home, and she'll worry a great deal. I just want to go home and quiet her a bit, you know; and then again, I've got my watch here; I'd like to give it to my mother, so she'll have as much as that, anyway. Come Colonel, let me run home a little while. I give you my word of honor I'll copie back to be shot!"

The Coledel was struck with astonishment at the boy's demand. It also began to amuse him a good deal.

"You give me your word of honor, eh, that you'll return in time to be executed?"

"Well, well," said the colonel, "this young scamp has wit as well as assurance. A rather young rebel to shoot, too! Well, his assurance has saved him. Go home, love."

The youth bowed and scampered off.
"The last we shall see of him," said

The youth bowed and scampered off.

"The last we shall see of him," said
the colonel.

Half an hour passed by; the colonel,
who was now indoors in his headquarters, had forgotten, in the press of his
terribic business, all about the boy, whom
he regarded as having been definitely set
free. But all at once the door opened,
and the boy communist popped in.

"Here I am, mister!" he exclaimed.

"I saw mamma, told her, gave her the
watch, and kissed her. Now I'm neady!"
Then the colonel did what perhaps
none but a rough soldier would have
done. He rose, came over to the boy,
seized him by both cars, led him thus to
the door and kicked him out of if-exclaiming:

claiming:
"Get out, you young brigand! Get as individual butter-plates.

With a red face the officer returns his chair, muttering to his compa-his chair, muttering to his compa-has he waved his hand toward a par-the condemned insurgents: e condemned insurgents:

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The Great Wall of China

The scenery from the Great Wavery fine. The wall is here a drivine between the high, rugged hills china, which tower above us on the hand, and the great sandy plains it golia on the other, with dim mouth golia on the other side, seconding to their versus and zigzags, its service the context and a disparent side of the radies, descending into the side of the radies, descending into the guillies to appear again rising on the state of the context and the side of the radies in the guillies to appear again rising on to significant to significant the context and on usually to significant the form of the radies on it goes for miles and mile, the ward to the Pechili Guif, and westwal to significant to great, rambling list along the border of the Goli Desert was to the Pechili Guif, and westwal to the Pechili Guif, and westwal for the Nan Shaurange. However west regard it, whether as a grand conception for the defense of an empire, as a easy neering feat, or merely as a result of the present time compares with it is a stupendous work. No achievement of the prevent time compares with it is a stupendous work. No achievement of the prevent time compares with it is a stupendous work. No achievement of the prevent time compares with it is a stupendous work. The flines that the superior of the Chinese civilization has endured, while the own conquering Mongois, the people who is their brightest days established as expire from the Black Sea to the Chinese civilization has endured, while the own conquering Mongois, the people who is their brightest days established as expire from the Black Sea to the Chinese civilization has endured, while the own conquering Mongois, the people who is their brightest days established as expire from the Black Sea to the C

meteorological records of the The meteorological records of the world chronicle several incontestable instances of black rainfalls, to say nothing of the most startling—phenomena of whowers of blood, thue snows," etc. Professor Barker, in April, 1845, laidbefore the Royal Society of Dublin some observations on a shower of black rain which fell around Carlow and Kilkson, extending over an extending over the property of the startline of the s

observatious on a shower of black rais which fell around Carlow and Kilksay, extending over an area of about 480 square miles.

During the course of his lecture Professor Barker exhibited to the society a specimen of this uncanny shower which had been sent to him by a friend. The specimen shown in the vial was of a uniform black color, much resembling common black writing fluid Doctor Barker found, however, that after allowing it to stand for a short period the black coloring matter separated from the water with which it had mixed, readeing the color of the rain water much lighter, but still dark enough to be called 'black rain.' The shower, which was in broad davlight, was preceded by a durkness so dense as to make it inpossible for one to read without the aid of a candie. After this darkness had continued for some time a hall storm set in, attended with vivid lightning, but without the least semblance of tunder. When this hail storm was over the black rain began to fall.

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On examination of the rain immediate On examination of the rain immediately after the storm was over it was found to have an extremely fetid smell, as well as a very disagreeable taste. All lightcolored animals and all articles of clobing exposed bore dark spots and stina, and cattle refused to drink the water at the grass until after a shower of "real rain" had washed off the black, poisonous matter.—[Philadelphia Press.

Elephant and Locomotive.

The remark of George Stephenson that the result of a collision between a cow and an engine would be seamment the result of a collision between a cow and an engine would be seamment to see the worse for the coo' is historical. This vern a greater apinal so that is historical. This comotive, except under favorable conditions, is amply shown in a report from Siam. It seems that a full-grown elephant broke a fencing of the railwayner the Oktwin Station, and then cooling walked down the line between the rails. The mail train from Mandalay shortly walked down the noise and the spatis frightened by the noise and the spatis from the stack, the elephant thread addroma that the stack of the rails kept on the track, but the rash attacker was nowhere. It was swept away with such force that the carear appearance, and the such as a such as a such a such as a suc

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