

SUNDAY'S SERMON.

ONE OF REV. DR. TALMAGE'S STERLING DISCOURSES.

Subject: "America for God."

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a dragon." Revelation XIII, 11.

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I start with the cheering thought that the most popular book on earth to-day is the Bible, the most popular institution to-day is the church, and the most popular name on earth to-day is Jesus.

Am I too confident in saying, "America for God?" If the Lord will help me, I will show the strength and extent of the long line of fortresses to be taken and given...

This land is not a desert, as the "Columbian" says, but a garden. The statistics show 14,219,377 square miles, a width and a length that none but the Omnipotent can appreciate.

Europe put together and capable of holding and feeding, it will hold and feed, according to Atkinson, the "Columbian" says, continues in existence and does not run off of some other world or get consumed by the fire already burning in the cellars of the planet.

You must remember it is only about 7 o'clock in the morning of our Nation's life. Great cities are to flash and roar among what are called the "Bad Lands" of the Dakotas and the great "Columbian plains" of Washington State.

Have you laid our home missionary scheme on such an infinitude of seas? If the work of bringing one soul to God is so great, can 1,000,000 be captured?

With such a leader, do you think we can do it? Say, do you think we can? We have many ramparts have already been taken.

Plenty of statistics to tell how much money is spent in this country for rum, and how many drunkards die. But who will give you the statistics of the desolator of the century?

Then there is what America we call "Prohibition." In France, Germany, and in the same thing, and having but two doctors in the crowd. Here there is no God, and there shall be no rights of property.

One of the chief journals printed this sentiment: "Dynamite can be made out of the head books of existing American communists." It is inscribed on his prison wall, where he had been lately incarcerated, these words: "When once you are dead, there is an end of everything. Therefore, ye communists, grasp whatever you can—only don't let yourselves be grabbed. Amen. There are in this country hundreds of thousands of these lazy scoundrels. Honest men deplore it when they cannot get work, but those of whom I speak will not do work when they can get it. I need to employ one who will save for me money. Take down in my cellar I have some wood to saw, and I will pay you for it." For a little while I heard the saw going, and then I heard it no more. I went down stairs and found the wood, but the workman had disappeared, taking for company both back and saw.

There are the fastnesses of infidelity and atheism and fraud and political corruption and multimillion, hydra-headed, million armed abominations all over the land. While the mightiest agencies for righteousness on earth are good and beautiful newspapers, and good and beautiful books, not our Christ dependence for intelligence and Christian achievement is upon them, what word among the more than 100,000 words in our vocabulary can describe the work of that archangel of mischief, a corrupt literature?

Another thing quoted for discouragement, but which I quote for encouragement, is foreign immigration. Now that our coast is being overrun by the foreigner, we are getting people, the vast majority of whom come to make an honest living, among them some of the bravest and the best. If you should turn back from this land to Europe the foreign masters of the world, the foreign bankers, and the foreign philanthropists, what a robbery of our pulpits, our courtrooms, our stores, and our benevolent institutions, and what a putting back of every monetary, moral, and social advance that we have made!

Our leader, like most great leaders, was born in an obscure place, and it was an obscure place that mothered him. He came of, and from twelve to thirty years of age was off in India. If traditions there are accurate, and then returned to His native land, and for three years had His pathway surrounded by the eyes that He illumined, and epileptic patients to whom He gave rubicund health, and tongues that He loosed from silence into song, and those whose funerals He stopped that He might give back to bereaved mothers their only joy.

With such a leader, do you think we can do it? Say, do you think we can? We have many ramparts have already been taken. Where is American slavery? Gone, and the South, as heartily as the North, prays for its abolition. Where is the polygamy? Gone by the fiat of the United States Government, urged on by Christian sentiment, and Mormonism, having retreated in 1890 from Fayette, N. Y., to Kirland, O., in 1893 retreated to Missouri, and in 1894 retreated to Lake City, now divorced from its superstitious and lawless retreat into the Pacific, and no longer smaller than an ocean could wash out its pollution.

Work of the Red Cross. Relief Supplies and Money Sent to the Interior of Armenia. Westerly, R. L., March 9.—Stephen E. Barton of this city has received a cable dispatch from Miss Clara Barton, dated at Constantinople, stating that the Red Cross has shipped large quantities of relief supplies to the interior of Armenia.

Ministerial Call Accepted. New Haven, Conn., March 9.—The Rev. William F. Dickerson resigned the pastorate of the First Universalist church last night to accept a call to Long Bluff, Conn.

FEW BUFFALOES LEFT.

ONCE THEY ROAMED THE WESTERN PLAINS IN COUNTLESS NUMBERS.

Riding for Fifty Miles Through a Herd of 4,000,000 Animals—How They Were Ruthlessly Slaughtered.

Few people are now aware of the former wonderful extent of the buffalo, writes Frank G. Carpenter in the Washington "Star." No animal has ever existed in such large numbers nor covered so much territory.

At one point he was able to get upon a hill, and he says he could see this vast herd of buffaloes stretching out from six to ten miles in every direction. The herd was moving, and it took five days to pass a given point.

There were a number of other furriers who made money out of the buffalo. He tells of herds of millions, and says that their roaring sounded like thunder, and tells how the Indians killed them by the hundreds of thousands for the skins, for which they received only a pint of whisky apiece.

Several Strange Customs. Among other customs enforced in Persia, the rule that a superior dines with an inferior, latter brings in the first dish himself. It must be held at arm's length, and perfectly horizontal and deposited precisely in the right place at once.

The City Council of the Japanese city of Yokohama has passed an ordinance that all children be labeled with their parents' names and addresses.

The Highest Price for a Book. M. Quaritch, the London dealer, \$26,000 for a printed edition of the "Benedictine" by St. James at Mentz. It is said to be the highest price ever asked for a book.

It takes two tons of paper to print a book of 100 pages. The volume is printed on vellum, and is the third book ever printed on that material.

STIP FOR THE FUTURE.

OF INTEREST ON THE FASHIONS.

Fate of a Flirt—Newest Mourning Bonnets—Church Women to Cut Wood—Few Women Breathe Properly.

THE FATE OF A FLIRT. An exchange tells of a young man it names to name who has long held the village as "heart smasher."

NEWEST MOURNING BONNETS. The widow's bonnet in mourning continues to be either the Mary Stuart or the capote shape, simply covered with English crepe, having the white lining in front and with dull black a. The veil, of course, hides all the extreme edge of the bonnet.

CHURCH WOMEN TO CUT WOOD. The ladies of Equinunk, Wayne county, Penn., have adopted a novel way to raise money to build a new Methodist church in that place, by entering into contract with the Equinunk Chemical company by which they agree to cut and pile 250 cords of acid wood, which goes to the company and is located near that village.

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