WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS

REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES A TIMELY SERMON.

Coldness in the Majority of Church Members—Little Zeal and Enthusiasm for Christ—Need for a Great Awakening—What God Has Done for Dr. Talmage's Church.

A despatch from Washington says: —Dr. Talmage preached from the following text:—"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts." —Malachi iii. 1.

Sometimes, a minister's subject is suggested by his artistic tastes; sometimes, by the occurrences of the previous week; sometimes, by a hearer who desires some particular religious subject discussed. My subject comes in no such way. It drops straight from God into my heart. Give me your prayerful and intense listening.

I want to show this morning, so far as God may help me, that the dying need of the Church universal is a mighty awakening. The ox in the pasture field looks around, and perhaps comes to the conclusion that all the world is a clover field. So we, standing in the midst of luxuriant religious advantages, might think perhaps that the earth is covered with the knowledge of God; but so far from that, if this platform were the world, so much of it as I now cover with my right foot would represent all that is conquered for Emanuel. Or, if this whole Tabernacle were the world, then one pew would represent so much of it as the grace of God has already conquered. O there is need of a radical change. Something must be done, and I shall show this morning that the great—aye, as I have already said, the dying—need of the Church is a great awakening.

I learn this need, in the first place, from the coldness in the majority of Church members. If a religious society have a thousand members, eight hundred of them are sound asleep. If it have five hundred members, four hundred are lethargic. If the Christians can rally—that is, the professed Christians—for communion day, and succeed in not dropping the wine cup, how many of them are satisfied? If it be a choice between Christ and the world, the world has it. You know it as well as I do. If a religious meeting be on a certain night, and on that same night there be an extraordinary operatic entertainment, or a social gathering, or a literary club, or a political meeting, or a Free Mason Society, or an Odd Fellow's Association, you know which they go to. God there fairly demonstrating that while such professed Christians pretend to be on His side, they are really on the other side; for there is a point-blank issue between Christ and the world, and the world has it. You know very well whether you are a professed Christian or not; you know very well that the dividing line between the Church and the world to-day is—like the equator, or the arctic or antarctic circle—an imaginary line, and that there are men and women sworn of God who sit discussing infinitessimal questions: "Shall we dance? Shall we play cards? Shall we go to the theatre? Shall we attend the opera?" while there are five hundred millions of the race going down to darkness unwarned. These sham Christians will go on, occasionally taking a little religion with the tip end of their fingers, sauntering on lazily towards the bar of Christ, until they come in front of God's swift revolving mill, and find themselves to be "the chaff which the wind driveth away." O how much dead wood we have in all our Churches. The Day of Judgment will make a fearful thinning out among professed Christians. I suppose it will be found on that day that there are hundreds of thousands of men who have their names on the Church books who really made religion a second-rate or third-rate thing; living for themselves, unmindful of God and the salvation of the race, and then tumbling over the embankment where Judas went, and Achan went, and where all those shall go who do not make religion the primordial thing—the first and last matter of the soul. O worldly professor of religion, vacillating professor, idle professor, tremble before God to-day. Do you not know that if you die as you are, all the communion-tables at which you have ever sat will lift up hands of blood, crying for your condemnation? And your neglected Bible, and your prayerless pillow, will cry: "Go down! go down!" You pretended to have religion, but you had none. Out of the seven days of the week, you gave not five hours to Christ. You broke your sacramental oath. Go down! go down! And the friest and mightiest thunderbolt of God's indignation that is ever forged will smite you into darkness. O I would rather be a man, in the last day, who has never seen a church, than you who professed to be so much, and to do so much, and yet did nothing. You shall perish in the day when God's wrath is kindled but a little. O worldly professor of religion—and there are hundreds of them here to-day, I am aiming at the mark—if you could to-day realize your true condition, and your true position before God, you would bite your lip until the blood came; you would wring your hands until the bones cracked; you would utter a cry that would send this whole audience to their feet with a horror. May God wake you up, worldly professor of religion, before you wake up in the barred and flaming dungeons of a destroyed eternity. When you look abroad and see lethargy among the professors of religion almost the world over, do you not see that there is a need that the bugles, and the cymbals, and the drums, and the trumpets of all earth and heaven call upon the Church to wake up all those dormant professors of religion? "Awake, thou that sleepest; awake, and Christ shall give thee life."

Still further: I see a need for a great awakening in the fact that those of us who preach the Gospel have so little enthusiasm and zeal compared with what we ought to have. Now you see the gun kicks, I say, we who preach the Gospel have so little zeal and enthusiasm for Christ compared with what we ought to have. O, it is a tremendous thing to stand before an audience on Sabbath days, realizing the fact that the majority of them will believe what you say about God, and the soul, and the great future. Suppose a man asked of you the road to a certain place, and you carelessly and falsely told him, and afterwards you heard that through lack of right direction that man was lost on the mountains, fell over the rocks, and lost his life. You could not forgive yourself. You would say; "I wish I had given him such specific directions that he would not have been lost. How sorry I feel about it." But O, to misdirect the eternal interest of a large congregation! How cold and stolid we stand in our pulpits, actually sometimes priding ourselves on our deliberation, when we have no right to be cold, and ought to be almost frantic with the perils that threaten our hearers. So much so, that some of us give no warning at all, and we stand Sabbath after Sabbath, talking about "human development," and we pat men on the back, and we please them, and we hide eternal retribution, and we sing them all down through the rapids to the last plunge. Or, as the poet has it:—

"Smooth down the stubborn text to ears polite,
And snugly keep damnation out of sight!"

O, my brethren in the ministry—for I see them always in the audience—my brethren in the ministry, we cannot afford to do that way. If you prophesy good things, smooth things, to your people, without regard to their character, what chance will there be for you in the day when you meet them at the bar of God? You had better stand clear of them then. They will tear you to pieces. They will say: "I heard you preach five hundred times, and I admired your philosophic disquisition, and your graceful gestures, and your nicely moulded sentences, curvilinear and stelliform, and I thought you were the prince of proprieties; but you didn't help me prepare for this day. Cursed be your rhetoric, cursed be your art. I am going down, and I'll take you with me. It is your fault; witness all the hosts of heaven and all the hosts of darkness, it is your fault, sir;" and the chorus will come up from all worlds: "His fault! his fault!" All of us who preach this Gospel need to speak as though the pulpit quaked with the tramp of eternal realities, as though beneath us were the bursting graves of the resurrection morn, as though rising above us, tier above tier, were the myriads of heaven looking down, ready to applaud our fidelity, or hiss at our stolidity, while coming through the Sabbath air were the long, deep, harrowing groan of the dying nations that are never dead. May God with a torch from heaven set all the pulpits of England and Scotland, and Ireland, and the United States on fire. As for myself standing here in this presence this morning, I feel as if I had never begun to preach. If God will forgive me for the past, I will do better for the future.

"'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
It filled a Saviour's hands.

"They watch for souls for which the Lord
Did heavenly bliss forego;
For souls that must forever live
In raptures, or in woe."

Still further, I see a need for a great awakening in the fact that the kingdom of God is making such slow progress. I simply state a fact when I say that in many places the Church is surrendering and the world is conquering. Where there is one man brought into the kingdom of God through Christian instrumentality, there are ten men dragged down by dissipations. Fifty grog shops built to one Church established. Literary journals in different parts of the country filled with scum, and dandruff, and slang, controlled by the very scullions of society, depraving everything they put their hands on. Look abroad and see the surrender, even on the part of those that pretend to be Christian Churches, to Spiritualism, and Humanitarianism, and all the forms of devilism. If a man stand in his pulpit and say that unless you be born again you will be lost, do not the tight kid gloves of the Christian, diamonds bursting through, go up to their forehead in humiliation and shame? It is not elegant. A mighty host in the Christian Church positively professing Christianity, do not believe in the Bible, out and out, in and in, from the first word of the first verse of the first chapter of the book of Genesis, down to the last word of the last verse of the last chapter of the book of Revelation. And when, a few Sabbaths ago, I stood in this pulpit and said: "I fear that some of this audience will be lost for the rejection of Christ," why there were four or five of the daily papers that threw up their hands in surprise at it. O, we have magnificent Church machinery in this country; we have sixty thousand American ministers, we have costly music, we have great Sunday-schools; and yet I give you the appalling statistics that in the last twenty-five years, laying aside last year, the statistics of which I have not yet seen—within the last twenty-five years the Churches of God in this country have averaged less than two conversions a year each. There has been an average of four or five deaths in the Churches. How soon, at that rate, will this world be brought to God? We gain two; we lose four. Eternal God, what will this come to? I tell you plainly that while here and there a regiment of the Christian soldiery is advancing, the Church is falling back for the most part, and falling back, and falling back, and if you do not come to complete rout, it will be because some individual Churches hurl themselves to the front, and ministers of Christ, trampling on the favour of this world and sacrificing everything, shall snatch up the torn and shattered banner of Emanuel, and rush ahead; crying: "On! on! This is no time to run; this is the time to advance."

I see, still further, the need of a great awakening in the multitudinous going down of unforgiven souls. Since many of you came on the stage of action, a whole generation has gone into the gates of eternity. Your opportunity to act upon them is gone. They have disappeared from the churches, from the stores, the shops, the streets, from the homes. Many of them are now—what is the use of my hiding the fact and being the coward in regard to it—no, I will tell you just as it is—many of them going out of this world without one item of preparation. Their souls dropped flat into the lost world. That is, if the Bible is true, and I am supposing it is. You, O Christian man, had an opportunity of meeting them. You did meet them. You talked with them on other subjects. You had an opportunity of saying the saving word, and you did not say that saving word. Just think of that! O, where is the fountain where, with sleeve rolled up, we may wash our hands from the blood of souls? There is no need, perhaps, of mourning over that just now. We cannot change it. They are dead and they are destroyed—those who believed not in Christ—they are destroyed. The only question is, whether, as Christian men and women, we can now interrupt the other procession that is marching down, and will, after awhile, if unarrested by God's grace, fall off. There are going out from our stores hundreds of thousands of clerks; going out from our factories hundreds of thousands of operatives; there are going out of our fields hundreds of thousands of husbandmen, to join the ranks of death. They are fighting their way down. They storm and take every impediment put in their way, and who will throw himself in the way of this stampede of dying men and women—who, crying: "Halt, halt!" If there be eight hundred millions of the race unblessed, and the Churches average two souls saved in a year, will you let this generation go down, and the next, and the next?

I need not rehearse in this presence what God has done for us as an individual Church. You have heard with your own ears the cries for mercy, and you have seen the raining tears of repentance for the last eighteen months. I do not believe that there is any Church in this land that owes God more of gratitude than this Church owes Him to-day. But who can count the number of our permanent congregation who are not Christians? And what about the eighty or one hundred thousand souls of strangers that, during the last year, floated in and out of our assemblages; and what about the eternity of those who are now and will be this year in our permanent congregation; and the eighty or one hundred thousand souls that during this coming twelve months will float in and out our services; and the vaster audience to whom this Church preaches week by week on both sides of the sea through the Christian printing-press? If John Livingston in a small church in one service had five hundred souls brought to God, why may you not, in a larger church, have three thousand souls as easily as he had five hundred? It is the same Gospel. John Livingston did not save them. It is the same Holy Ghost. It is the same great Jehovah. If John Knox could put the lever of prayer under Scotland until he moved it from end to end, shall you not by the lever of importunate petition move the city of Washington from end to end. God will do it, if you mightily and relentlessly ask Him to do it. O, fling body, mind, and soul, and eternal destiny into this one thing. Swing out and enlarge in your prayerful expectations. You asked God for hundreds of souls, and He gave them to you, and I sometimes heard you ask for thousands; and I am very certain that if you had asked for thousands with the same faith that you asked for hundreds, God would have given you thousands. There is no need, in this presence, of bringing the old stereotyped illustrations of the fact that God hears prayer, nor telling you about Hezekiah's restored health and about Elijah and the great rain, and about the post mortem examination of the apostle James, which found that his knees had become callous by much praying; nor Richard Baxter, who stained the walls of his study with prayerful breath; nor of John Welch and the midnight plaid; nor of George Whitfield flat on his face before God. No need of my telling you these things. I turn in upon your own self consciousness, and I review the memory of that time when your own soul was sinking, and God heard your cry; and of that time when your child was dying, and God heard your petition; and of that time when your fortune failed, and God set in your empty pantry the cruse of oil, and the measure of meal. I want no illustration at all. I just take a ladder with three rungs, and set it down at your feet. On that you can mount up, and, if you will look off, see the salvation of ten thousand of your fellow citizens. "Ask and it shall be given you. Seek and ye shall find." Put your right foot on the lower rung of that ladder, and your left on the second rung of it, and that will bring your right foot on the top rung. Then hold fast, and look out and see the wave of the Divine blessing dashing higher than the top-gallants of your ship. O yes, God is ready to hear. I think the Lord put on us, as a Church, a great responsibility. We set our hands to the work of evangelization. We are doing nothing else here. We do not want to do anything else here, but this work of evangelization. That is, we want to bring men and women to Christ, and bring them now. I do not know how you feel, my brethren, but my heart is breaking, with a longing that I have for the redemption of this people. If God does not give me my prayer, I cannot endure it. I offer myself, I offer my life, to this work. Take it, O Lord Jesus, and slay me if that be best. Whether by my life, or by my death, may a great multitude of souls here be borne to God. If from the mound of my grave more can step into the kingdom of God than through my life, let me lie down to the last sleep. But only let the people be saved. Lord Jesus, it is sweet to live for Thee; methinks it would be sweet to die for Thee. If in the Napoleonic wars six millions fell; if in the wars of the Roman Empire one hundred and eighty millions fell, shall there not be a great many in our day who are willing to sacrifice, not only worldly ambition, but sacrifice all for Christ?

FEEDING A GREAT ARMY.

How 50,000 British Troops Are Looked After During Evolutions.

An army twice as large as any the United States has put in the field in the war with Spain is now manoeuvring in Great Britain.

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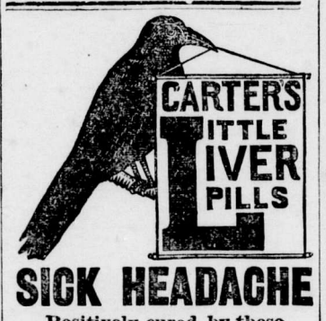
This is soldiering with some degree of comfort, is it not?

MARRIAGE AND GENIUS.

Mr. John Gilmer Speed warns girls of a marriageable age to beware of men of exceptional talent, and if they would seek safety to choose husbands from the class of industrious mediocrity. But take the two most conspicuous literary lights of our own day. Stevenson was an invalid and a nomad, a man of genius, with every apparent excuse for being an indifferent husband, instead of which he seems to have been a delightful man to live with, fairly provident, always kind and industrious beyond the limits of his strength. So report represents Mr. Kipling as a man who finds his chief pleasures at home, and as a kind, sober and diligent citizen.

Mr. Speed's impressions to the conrary, notwithstanding, there does not seem to be sufficient reason for wise maidens to discriminate against men who have nothing worse the matter with them than that they are exceppally clever. Ability won't make up for serious defects of character. Don't marry a brute, however clever he is, nor a man more selfish than is proper in a man, nor any sort of bad man whatever, but don't discriminate against intelligence, even when it exceeds the usual limits. A man of sense will make his wife happy if he can. More women suffer from a lack of intelligence in husbands than from an excess of it. Intelligence helps a man to make a living, helps him to make himself agreeable, and helps him to appreciate the importance of doing both.

Girls about to marry should guard perhaps against choosing men who are so clever that they won't care for their wives, but they must take thought also against choosing men who are so dull that living with them will be uninteresting. It is just as bad—worse perhaps—to marry a man who does not interest you as to marry one whose thoughts you cannot share.



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Large brick house and ten lots for nothing. See how it is done: Buy 10 acres just outside the city of St. Thomas on the south side of Wellington street, which is offered for $4,000. Sub-divide it, which will make 50 lots, sell 40 lots at $100 each, which is very cheap, there is your $4 000 with 10 lots left with good buildings. Good speculation. Look after it quick. Enquire of C. O. Learn, Real Estate Broker Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

Fruit farm for sale—6 acres of land with good brick house and good outbuildings on the east side of Fairview avenue, just outside the city limits of St. Thomas. There is now in full bearing 280 plum, 50 pear and 50 cherry trees, about 3 acres of berries and a lot of other small fruit. The above property is on about the highest point in Yarmouth, overlooking the city. Reason for selling is on account of the owner's health giving out. Apply to C. O. Learn, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE—The place known as the Allworth homestead, on the west side of Margaret Street, in the City of St. Thomas, containing one acre of land, large two storey frame house, well built out of the very best material; one of the best houses in the city, and is located in the very best residential part. The above property must be sold, therefore intending purchasers had better look after this at once. Also for sale the property known as the Condensed Milk Factory, near the Town of Aylmer. There is also one acre of land in connection with the last named property. For further particulars, apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Brocker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont., or to JOHN BAIRD, ESQ., St. Thomas, Ont.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—40 acres of choice land, all cleared and clear of stumps with comfortable buildings, good orchard of choice fruit, on a good road, and within one mile of the Village of Elmer, Sanilac County, Mich., being the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of Lot No. 10. The above property is offered cheap and on easy terms; or will exchange for a small piece of land in good locality. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—That beautiful home known as the Walker House, on the corner of Talbot and Elm streets, in the Town of Aylmer; contains all modern improvements beautiful lawn, large garden—in fact, it is without doubt one of the finest private residences in the County, and can be had for a shamefully low price. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE at a great bargain, 150 acres of choice lands, with good buildings, large orchard of the very best fruits, young peach orchard of 150 trees, bore last year for the first, located about one mile east of the thriving town of Essex. Small payment down, balance on easy terms. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—100 acres of good land, with comfortable buildings, located about two miles south-west from Brownsville, one of the finest agricultural districts in the Township of Dereham, being the north-west quarter of lot 25, and north-east quarter of lot 26. Offered cheap, or will exchange for a small farm, and on reasonable terms. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE—One and one-half storey house, beautiful lot on the west side of Wellington Street, in the Town of Aylmer, immediately west of the Disciple Church, very cheap. Enquire of C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—99 acres of choice land with good fair buildings, situated in a first-class neighborhood, being the north part of lot 130, north Talbot-St, Township of Bayham School and Methodist Church on adjoining farm two miles from Railway Station. This is the very best of clay loam soil, is offered on very easy terms. A small payment required down Eighteen years will be given for balance, with interest at five per cent. Will take a small farm as part payment. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block Aylmer, Ontario.

FOR SALE—100 acres of choice land, in the Township of Yarmouth, being the north half of lot 21, in the tenth concession. The barn buildings are in good condition. The house is a brick, in not very good repair. The farm is located 1½ miles from Kingsmill Station, and one mile from Mapleton Cheese and Butter Factory. Will be sold right, and on easy terms. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont

FOR SALE—Eighty acres of good land, in the County of Sanilac, Mich., 1 1-4 miles from the thriving Town of Decksville, on the F. and P. M. R. R. 65 acres cleared, soil, clay loam, well fenced and well watered, fair buildings. Very cheap for cash. For further particulars apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE

200 acres of choice land in the Township of Southwold, about 190 acres cleared, situated five miles west of St. Thomas on Talbot street first farm west of the famous stock farm of Sables Robinson, formerly known as the John King farm. There is a great bargain offered in this farm. Easy terms of payment. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Aylmer Ont. a69

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100 acres, being north half of lot 27, in the 4th con. of Bayham, 10 acres cleared, balance well timbered, small house and stable on the premises, soil sandy and clay loam, convenient to school, church, railway station, post office, etc. Price $1200. The sum of two cash, balance on time at 4 per cent, or will take a small place as part payment. Apply to C. O. LEARN, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer.