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AN ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE SER-MON FOR NEW YEAR'S.

DR. TALMAGE HAS A NEW WAY.

The Old Method, "Row Old Art Thou?" to Give Place to the Better Plan. "How Useful Art Thou ?"-Incorrect Means

Washington, Jan. 1.—Rev. Dr. Tal-aye, in 10,000 was mage this morning preached from the harass and annoy. text, Genesis xlvii, 8, "How old art

The Egyptian capital was the focus of the world's wealth. In ships and barges there had been brought to it from India frankincense and cinnamon and ivory and diamonds; from the north, marble and iron; from Syria, purple and silk; from Greece, some of the finest horses of the world, and some of the most brillithe world, and some of the most brilli-ant chariots, and from all the earth that which could best please the eve and charm the ear and gratify the taste. There were temples afiame with red sandstone, entered by the gateways that were guarded by pillars bewildering with hieroglyphics and wound with brazen serpents and advrned with winged crea-tures—their eves and heaks and pinions. tures—their eyes and beaks and pinions glittering with precious stones. There were marble columns blooming into white flower beds. There were stone billars, at the top bursting into the

shape of the lotus when in full bloom.

Along the avenues, lined with sphinx and fane and obelisk, there were princes who came in gorgeously upholstered palanquins, carried by servants in scarlet palangums, carried by servants in scarlet or elsewhere drawn by vehicles, the snow white horses, golden bitted and six abreast, dashing at full run. On the floors of mesaic the glories of Pharoah were spelled out in letters of porphyry and beryl and flame. There were ornaments trijeted from ments twisted from the wood of tam-arisk, embossed with silver breaking into foam. There were footstools made out of a single precious stone. There were beds fashioned out of a crouched lion in bronze. There were chairs spotted with the sleek hides of leopards. There were sofas footed with the claws of wild beasts and armed with the beaks of birds. As and armed with the beach of the sea on a summer day and look either way, and there are miles of breakers, white with the ocean foam, dashing shoreward, so it seemed as if the sea of the world's pomp and wealth in the Egyptian capital for miles and miles flung itself up into leum and obelisk.

It was to this capital and the palaces of Pharoah that Jacob, the plain shep-berd, came to meet his son Joseph, who had become prime minister in the royal apartment. Pharoah and Jacob met, dignity and rusticity, the gracefulness of the court and the plain manners of the field. The king wanting to make the eld countryman at ease and seeing how white his beard is and how feeble his step, looks familiarly into his face and says to the aged man, "How old art thou?"

Last night the gate of eternity opened to let in, amid the great throng of de-parted centuries, the soul of the dying year. Under the twelfth stroke of the brazen hammer of the city clock the patriarch fell dead, and the stars of the aight were the funeral torches. It is most fortunate that on this road of life there tead just how fast we are going toward the journey's end. I feel that it is not an inappropriate question that I ask to-day when I look into your faces and say, as Pharoah did to Jacob, the patri-arch. "How old art thou?"

People who are truthful on every other subject lie about their ages, so that I do not solicit from you any literal response to the question I have asked. I would put no one under temptation; but I simply want this morning to see by what rod it is we are measuring our earthly existence. There is a right war and a wrong way of measuring our earthly existence. There is a right way and a wron way of measuring a door, or a wall, or an arch, or a tower, and so there is a right way and a wrong way of measuring our earthly existence. It is with reference to this higher meaning that I confront you this morning with the stupendous question of the text, and ask,

"How old art thou?"

There are many who estimate their life by mere worldly gratification. When Lord Dundas was wished a happy new year, he said, "It will have to be a happier year than the past, for I hadn't one happy moment in all the 13 months that have gone." But that has not been the experience of most of us. We have found that though the world is blasted with sin it is a very bright and beautiful place to reside in. We have had joyg innumerable. There is no hostility between the gospel and the merriments and the festivities of life. I do not think that we fully enough appreciate the worldly pleasures God gives us. When you recount your enjoyments, you do not go far enough back. Why do you not go back to the time when you were an infant in your mother's arms, looking up into the heaven of her smile; to those days when you filled the house with the uproar of boisterous merriment; when you shouted as you pitched the ball on the play-ground; when, on the cold, sharp winter night, muffied up, on skates you shot ever the resounding ice of the pond?

Have you forgotten all those good days that the Lord gave you? Were you never that the Lord gave you? Were you never direction concentrating all their wit and direction concentrating all their wit and a boy? Were you never a girl? Between those times and this how many mercies the Lord has bestowed upon you! How many joys have breathed up to you from the flowers and shone down to you with the voice of soaring birds and tumbling easoade and booming sea and thunders that with bayonets of fire charged down the mountain side! Joy! Joy! Joy! If there is any one who has a right to the enjoyments of the world it is the Christian, for God has given him a lease of everything in the promise, "All are

Bishop Cooper was surrounded by the favor of learned men, his wife took his lexicon manuscript, the result of a long life of anxiety and toil, and threw it into the fire. Misfortune, trial, vexation for almost everyone. Pope, applauded of all the world, has a stoop in the shoulder that annoys him so much that he has a tunnel dug so that he may go unobserved from garden to grotto and from grotto to garden. Cano, the famous Spanish artist, is disgusted with the crucifix that the priest holds before him because it is such my hearer, a field to culture. A harvest

And yet it is unfair to measure a man's life by his misfortunes, because where there is one stalk of nightshade there are 50 marigolds and harebells; where there is one cloud thunder charged there are hundreds that stray across the heavens, the glory of land and sky asleep in their bosom. Because death came and took your child away, did you immediately forget all the five years, or the ten years, or the 15 years, in which she came every night for a kiss, all the tones of your heart pealing forth at the sound of her voice or the soft touch of her hand? Because in some financial Euroclydon your fortune went into the breakers, did you forget all those years in which the luxuries and extravagances of life showered on your pathway? Alas, that is an unwise man, an ungrateful man, an unfair man, an unphilosophic man, and, most of all, an un-Christian man, who measures his life on earth by groans and tears and dyspeptic fit and abuse and scorn and terror and neuralgic thrust.

Again, I remark that there are many Again, I remark that there are many people who estimate their life on earth by the amount of money they have accumulated. They say, "The year 1866, or 1870, or 1898, was wasted." Why? "Made no money." Now, it is all cant and insincerity to talk against money, as though it had no value. It may represent refinement and education and refinement and education and 10,000 blessed surrundings. It is the spreading of the table that feeds the children's hunger. It is the lighting of the furnace

money or thinks of money as anything but a means to an end will find out his mistake when the glittering treasures slip out of his nerveless grasp and he goes out of this world without a shilling might better have been a Christian por ter that opened his gate or the begrimed workman who last night heaved the coal into his cellar. Bonds and mortgages and leases have their use, but they make a poor vardstick with which to measure life. "They that boast themselves in thei wealth and trust in the nultitude of their riches, none of them can, by any means, redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him that he should not

see corruption." But I remark, there are many-I wish there were more—who estimate their life by their moral and spiritual development. It is not sinful egotism for a Christian It is not sinful egotism for a Christian man to say, "I am purer than I used to be. I am more consecrated to Christ than I used to be. I have got over a great many of the bad habits in which I used to indulge. I am a great deal better man than I used to be." There is no sinful egotism in that. It is not base egotism for a soldier to say, "I know more about military teatics than I used to before I military tactics than I used to before I took a musket in my hand and learned to 'present arms,' and when I was a pest to the drill officer." It is not base egotism for a sailor to say, "I know better how to clew down the mizzen topsail than I used to before I had ever seen a ship." And there is no sinful egotism when a Christian man, fighting the battles of the Lord, or, if you will have it, voyaging toward a haven of eternal rest, says, "I know more about spiritual says, "I know more about spiritual tactics and about voyaging toward heaven than I used to."

Why, there are those in this presence fee and unhorsed it! There are Christian men here who have become swarthy by hammering at the forge of calamity. They stand en an entirely different plane of character from that which they cace occupied. They are measuring their life on earth by golden gated Sabbaths, by pentecostal prayer meeting, by communion tables, by baptismal fonts, by halleluiahs in the temple. They have stood on Sinal and heard it thunder. They have luiahs in the temple. They have stood on Sinai and heard it thunder. They have stood on Pisgah and looked over into the promised land. They have stood on Calvary and seen the cross bleed. They can, like Paul the apostle, write on their heaviest troubles "light," and "but for a moment." The darkest night their soul is irradicated, as was the night over Bethlehem, by the faces of those who came to proclaim glory and good cheer. They are only waiting for the gate to open and the chains to fall off and the glory to begin.

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losing his eyesight he heard that lives 10,000 times 10,000 years and you Salmasius was glad of it. While Sherihave not expressed it—what they have dan's comedy was being enacted in Drury lived or will live. Oh, what a standard dan's comedy was being enacted in Drury
Lane Theatre, London, his enemy sat
growling at it in the stage box. While
Bishop Cooper was surrounded by the

priest holds before him because it is such a poor specimen of soulpture. And so, sometimes through learned menace and sometimes through physical distress—aye, in 10,000 ways—troubles come to eloquence, use it on the side that Paul harass and appears. If you have and Wilherforce used theirs. If you have and Wilherforce used theirs. If you have and Wilberforce used theirs. If you have learning, put it all into the poor box of the world's suffering. But if you have none of these—neither wealth, nor eloquence, nor learning—you, at any rate, have a smile with which you can encourage the disheartened; a frown with which you may blast injustice; a voice with which you may call the wanderer back to God. "Oh," you say, "that is a very sanctimonious view of life!" It is not It is the only bright view of life. not. It is the only bright view of life, and it is the only bright view of death. Contrast the death scene of a man who has measured life by the worldly stand-ard with the death scene of a man who has measured life by the Christian stand-ard. Quin, the actor, in his last moments, said, "I hope this tragic scene will soon be over, and I hope to keep my dignity to the last." Malesherbes said in his last moments to the confessor: "Hold your tongue! Your miserable style puts me tongue! Your miserable style puts me out of conceit with heaven." Lord Chesterfield in his last moments, when he ought to have been praying for his soul, bothered himself about the proprie-ties of the sickroom and said, "Give Dayboles a chair." Godfrey Kneller spent his last hours on earth in drawing a dia-

bis last hours on earth in drawing a diagram of his own monument.

Compare the silly and horrible departure of suoh men with the seraphic glow on the face of Edward Payton, as he said in his last moment: "The breezes of heaven fan me, I float in a sea of glory." Or with Paul the apostle, who said in his last hour, "I am now ready to be offered up. and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteous ness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me." Or compare it with the Christian deathbed that you witnessed in your own household. Oh, my friends, this world is a false god. It will consume you with the blaze in which it accepts your sacrifice, while the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance, and when the thrones have fallen and the monuments have crumbled and the world has perished they shall banquet with the conquerors.

Edward is not a new country. It is not a Klondike where gold can be picked up, or an Oklahoma where land can be had for the asking. Honolulu was an established city before San Francisco was on the map. In the latter 40's and early 50's the people of California sent their children to Honolulu to be educated. People coming to Hawaii, therefore, must not expect to find the opportunities incidental to a new and undeveloped country, but must expect to meet the conditions, so far as business is concerned, found in the oldest states.

With the exception of the supplies turnished to transpacific shipping, the business and resources of Hawaii are purely agricultural, with such other subordinate businesses as are necessarily incidental to an agricultural community. Under these circumstances the field for engineers, mechanics, book keepers, clerks and such employments, is necessarily limited. hunger. It is the lighting of the furnace that keeps you warm. It is the making of the bed on which you rest from care and auxiety. It is the carrying of you out at last to decent sepulcher and the putting up of the slab on which is chissled the story of your Christian hope. It is simply hypoerisy, this tirade in pulpit and lecture hall against money.

But while all this is so, he who uses crumbled and the world has perished they shall banquet with the conquerors of earth and the hierarchs of heaven.

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This is a good day in which to begin
a new style of measurement. How old
art thou? You see the Christian way of
measuring life and the worldly way of measuring it. I leave it to you to say which is the wisest and best way. The wheel of time has turned very swiftly, and it has hurled us on. The old year has gone. The new year has come. For what you and I have been launched upon it God only knows. Now let me ask you all, have you made any preparation for the future? You have made preparation for time, my dear brother; have you made any preparation for eternity? Do you wonder that when that man on the Hudson River, in indignation, tore up the tract which was handed to him and just one word landed on his coatsleeve the rest of the tract being pitched into the river—that one word aroused his soul? It was that one word aroused his soul? It was that one word, so long, so broad, so high, so deep—"eternity!" A dying woman in her last moments said, "Call it back." They said, "What do you want?" "Time," she said, "call it back!" Oh, it cannot be called back! We might lose our fortunes and call them had, we might lose our fortunes and call them back, we might lose our health and, per-haps, recover it, we might lose our good name and get that back, but time gone

s gone forever.

Now, when one can sooner get to the center of things, is he not to be congratu-lated? Who wants to be always in the freshman class? We study God in this world by the Biblical photograph of him; Why, there are those in this presence who have measured lances with many a fee and unhorsed it! There are Christian accurate idea of him than we can by studying him 50 years through pictures or words. The little child that died at 6 months of age knows more of God than all Andover and all Princeton and all New Brunswick.

Does not our common sense teach us

that it is better to be at the center than to be clear out on the rim of the wheel, holding nervously fast to the tire lest we be suddenly hurled into light and eternal felicity? Through all kinds of optical instruments trying to peer in through the cracks and the keyholes of heaven—

into martyrs' graves waiting for the resurrection of the just. They measured their lives by the chains they broke off, by the garments they put upon nakedness, by the miles they travelled to alleviate every kind of suffering. They felt in the thrill of every nerve, in the motion of every musele, in every throb of their heart, in every respiration of their lungs the magnificent truth, "No everything in the promise, "All are yours."

Again, I remark that there are many who estimate their life on earth by their sorrows and misfortunes. Through a great many of your lives the plowshare hath gone very deep, turning up a terrible furrow. You have been betrayed and misrepresented and set upon and slapped of impertinence and pounded of misfortune. The brightest life must have its shadows and the smoothest path its thorns. On the happiest brood the hawk pounces, No escape from trouble of some kind. While glorious John Milton was

DON'T RUSH TO HAWAII

ALTHOUGH IT IS A CHARMING LAND, WITH THE MOST EQUABLE CLIMATE IN THE WORLD.

Honolulu, Dec 10-The Masonic fraternity of the Hawaiian islands, anxious to prevent those happily situated in other lands from rushing heedlessly to these islands in the mistaken belief that they are a ready-made paradise and a bonanza to the fortune-seeker, have sent out a timely letter. Its warning note is sharp and clear. In one part it says:
"The influx of strangers has already begun, and while no doubt the experi-ence of many disappointed seekers of employment will find exposition in the newspapers of the coast and elsewhere at an early date and perhaps deter some intending emigrants from 'making a leap in the dark,' still the several fraternal societies of Honolulu deem it a duty to sound a not of warning to their brethren in the hope that much suffering and disappointment may be avoid-

The facts, to be thoroughly understood, should be stated specifically. The following information, published by the Pacific Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu, presents the situation clearly and distinctly to one seeking to know the truth about the Hawaiian islands. No one interested in Hawaii desires to disone interested in Hawaii desires to dis-courage the settlement of a good class of citizens in the country; but it is more in the interest of both the people of Hawaii and intending settlers that the truth be known before settlers come to Hawaii; thereby avoiding possible disappoint-ment and the incurring of unnecessary

expense.

Hawaii is not a new country. It is not

sarily limited.
Owing to the limited population, the

home market for Hawaiian products is extremely limited, and markets for nearly all products must be looked for abroad,

abroad.

This means that agriculture, in order to be conducted successfully, must be carried on by persons possessing capital and business knowledge enough to carry it on upon a wholesale scale and to do an export business.

There are exceptions to all rules, and any man of good address, with habits of industry and energy and some capital, and some without capital, can doubtless make a place for himself in Hawaii if he makes up his mind to do it. Such a

make a place for himself in Hawaii if he makes up his mind to do it. Such a man can do the same anywhere in the United States. But for the average citizen to come to Hawaii without a place in view, and without capital enough to support himself for a number of months without employment, the chances are that disappointment will be his postion. his portion.

Those who wish to engage in the cof-

fee or fruit business, who have capital enough to bide their opportunity and swait the maturing of the orchards, will, await the maturing of the orchards, will, it is firmly believed, find a most favorable opportunity for investment. The capital needed varies with the calibre and aspirations of the man, but no less than \$5,000 is recommended. The work, cost, and time necessary to secure returns do not differ materially from the same facts connected with fruit farming in the States.

one thing which can be unqualifiedly recommended as being the equal of anything on earth is the climate. It is the most equable of any known country, and is eminently suited to those who desire either rest from the business rath of the great earths of freedom from the interns. either rest from the businesse ash of the great centres of freedom from the intense heat of summer and freezing cold of winter. The thermometer in Honolulu never goes above 90 nor below about 52. The hospitality of Hawaii is proverbial, and all those whe do come here will find a disposition among the people of Hawaii to assist them as far as possible. If you are a lawyer and are thinking

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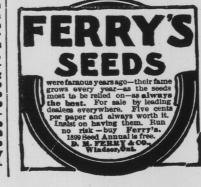
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positions, as they are all now filled, with but few vacancies, and naturally residents of the territory are given the prefiderable discussion among senators as

accompanying applications. There are already a large number of applications on file, and therefore not much liklihood of positions being obtainable for the immediate future. There are about as many physicians, dentists, etc, in private practice as in communities of a position to the treaty. many physicians, dentises, etc. in prevate practice as in communities of a similar size in the United States. Doctors and dentists are required to take out a license, which is granted only upon presenting a diploma of graduation from some reputable medical or dental college or upon passing an exami-

Ratifying the Peace 'Treaty.

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Or, are you a young doctor, and does
the prospect of building up a practice in
Hawaii seem an alluring one to you.
These are the facts about the prospects:
The public health is cared for by an unpaid board of health, of which the attorne ney general is ex-officio president. The
board of health employs some 30 physicians in the various hospitals and dispensaries who act as agents of the board
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Remembered Their Rector.

Ten of the young church people of North Head, Grand. Manan, presented their rector, the Rew W S Covert, with a Hobson—"How did you enjoy your aummer thip, Bagley—"Had a delightful 'time. Gained one hundred and thirty pounds."
Hobson—"One hundred and thirty pounds."
Hobson—"One hundred and thirty pounds! I don't believe it,."
Bagley—"Don't you? Well, here it comes down the street. Just wait a moment and I'll introduce you."—Harlem ife.

their rector, the kew W S Covert, with a handsome sleigh. The following address speaks for itself: To Mr Covert,—We have great pleasure in presenting you with this sleigh, as a slight token of our regard and appreciation, with our best wishes for a Happy Christmas. Florence Burnham, Lissie Naves, Mary Burnham, Faustenor Burnham, Percy Dwelley, Madge Pettes, John Burnham, Winthrop Burnham, Alice Naves and Willie Ellingwood.