GATHERING THE GRAIN

A Sermon of Congratulation to the C. E. Association.

THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANITY

The Christian Religion Is Mightier To-day Than It Ever Was Before-Infidelity Is Not Half So Blatant in the Present Day as It Was in the Days of Our Fathers.

Washington, July 7 .- Although Dr. Talmage was hindered from attending the great annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society at Cincinnati, his sermon shows him to be in sympathy with the great movement: text. Amos ix, 13, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper.'

Unable because of other important duties to accept the invitation to take part in the great convention of Christian Endeavorers at Cincinnati begun last week, I preach a sermon of congratulation for all the members of that magnificent association, whether now gathered in vast assemblage or busy in their places of usefulness, transatlantic and cisatlantic, and as it is now harvest time in the fields and sickles are flashing in the gathering of a great crop, I find mighty suggestiveness in my

It is a picture of a tropical clime, with a season so prosperous that the harvest reaches clear over to the planting time, and the swarthy husbandman, busy cutting the grain, almost feels the breath of the horses on his shoulders, the horses hitched e plow, preparing for a new "Behold the days come; saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper." When is that? That is now. That is this day, when hardly have you done reaping one harvest of religious result than the plowman is getting ready for anoth-

In phraseology charged with all and abuse and caricature I know that infidels and agnostics have declared that Christianity has collapsed; that the Bible is an obsolete book; that the Christian Church is on I shall answer that the retreat. I shall an wholesale charge to-day.

Between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 Endeavorers sworn before high heaven that they will do all they can to take America for God, Europe for God, Asia and Africa for God-are not the signs most cheering? Or, to turn to the agricultural figure of my text, more than a million reapers are overtaken by more than a million plowmen. Besides this, there are more people who believe in the Bible than at any time in the world's existence. An Arab guide was leading a French infidel across the description of the sign of the ert, and ever and anon the Arab guide would get down in the sand and pray to the Lord. It disgusted the French infidel, and after awhile, as the Arab got up from one of his prayers, the infidel said, "How do you know there is any God?" And the Arab guide said: "How do I know that a man and a camel pass-ed by our tent last night? I know it by the footprint in the sand. And you want to know how I know whether there is any God? Look at the Is that the footstep of a man?" And by the same process you and I have come to understand that this book is the footstep of

now let us see whether the book is a last year's almanac. Let us see whether the Church of God is a Bull Run retreat, muskets, canteens and haversacks strewing all the way. The great English historian Sharon Turner, a man of vast learning and great accuracy, not a clergyman, but an attorney as well as a historian, gives this overwhelming in regard to Christianity and in regard to the number of Christians in the different centuries: In the first century 500,000 Christians in the second century 2,000,000 in the third century 5,-000,000 Christians, in the fourth century 10,000,000 Christians, in the fifth century 15,000,000 Christians, in the six century 20,000,000 Christians, in the seventh century 24,-000,000 Christians, in the eighth century 30,000,000 Christians, in the ninth century 40,000,000 Christians, in the tenth century 50,000,000 Christians, in the eleventh century 70,000,000 Christians, in the twelfth century 80,000,000 Christians, in the thirteenth century 75,000,000 Chris-tians, in the fourteenth century 80,-000,000 Christians, in the fifteenth century 100,000,000 Christians, in the sixteenth century 125,000,000 Christians, in the seventeenth century 155,000,000 Christians, in the eighteenth century 200,000,000 Christians—a decadence, as you observe, in only one century, and more than made up in the following centuries, while it is the usual computation that there were at the close of the

that there were at the close of the nineteenth century 470,000,000 Christians, making us to believe that before this century is closed the millennium will have started its boom and lifted its hosanna.

Poor Christianity! What a pity it has no friends! How lonesome it must be! Who will take it out of the poorhouse? Poor Christianity! the poorhouse? Poor Christianity! Four hundred millions in one century. In a few weeks of this year 2,500,000 copies of the New Testament distributed. Why, the earth is like an old castle with 20 gates and a park of artillery ready to thunder down every gate. See how heathendom is being surrounded and honeycombed and attacked by this all conquering gospel. At the beginning of the nineteenth century 150 missionaries; at the close of that century 84,000 missionaries and native helpers and evangelists. At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were only 50,000 converts. Now poorhouse? Poor Christianity!

work of an army is to plant the batteries. It may take many days to plant the batteries, and they may do all the work in ten minutes. These gospel batteries are being planted all along the seacoasts and in all nations. It may take a good while to plant them, and they may do all their work in one day. They will. Nations are to be born in a day. But just come back to Christendom and recognize the fact that during the last ten years as many people have connected themselves with evangelical churches as connected themselves

cal churches as connected themselves with the churches in the first fifty years of last century. So Christianity is falling back, and the Bible, they say, is becoming an obsolete book. I go into a court, and wherever I find a judge's bench or a clerk's desk I find a Bible. Upon what book could there be uttered the solemnity of an oath? What book is apt to be put in the trunk of the young man as he leaves for city life? The Bible, What shall I find in nine out of every ten homes in this tity? The Hible, In nine out of every Bible. Voltaire wrote the prophecy that the Bible in the nineteenth century would become extinct. The century is gone, and I have to tell you that the room in which Voltaire wrote that prophecy not long ago was crowded from floor to ceiling

with Bibles from Switzerland.

You may talk about the church being a collection of hypocrites, but when the diphtheria sweeps your children off whom do you send for? postmaster, the attorney-general, the hotel keeper, alderman? No You send for a minister of this Bible religion. And if you have not a room in your house for the obse quies, what building do you select?
Do you say, "Give me the finest room in the hotel?" Do you say, "Give me that theatre?" Do you say, 'Give me that public building when can lay my dead for a little while until we say a prayer over it?" No. You say, "Give us the House of God." And if there is a song to be sung at the obsequies, what do you want? What does anybody want? The "Marseillaise Hymn?" "God Save the King?" No. They want the hymn with which they sang their old Christian mother into her last sleep; or they want sung the Sabbath school hymn which their little girl sang the last Sabbath afternoon she was out before she got that awful sickness which broke your heart. I appeal to your common sense. You know the most endearing institution on earth, the most popular institution carth to-day, is the church of Lord Jesus Christ. A man is a fool

that does not recognize it.

The infidels say: "There is great liberty now for infidels; freedom of platform. Infidelity shows its power from the fact that it is everywhere onistic to the Christian religion, and what city wants him for mayor; what state wants him for governor; what state wants him for governor, what nation wants him for president or for king? Let a man openly proclaim himself the enemy of our glorious Christianity, and he cannot get a majority of votes in any state, in any city, in any country, in any ward of America.

ward of America.

The Christian religion is mightler to-day than it ever was. Do you think that such a scene could be enacted now as was enacted in the days of Robespierre, when a shameless woman was elevated to the dignity of a goddess and carried in a golden chair to a cathedral where incense was burned to her and people beyond down before her as a discontinuous contraction. ple bowed down before her as a vine being, she taking the place the Bible and God, while in the c ridor of that cathedral were enacted such scenes of drunkenness and de-bauchery as had never before been witnessed? Do you think such a thing could possibly occur in Chrisendom to-day? No. The police Washington, or of New York, or of Paris would swoop upon it I know l'aris would swoop upon it. I know infidelity makes a good deal of talk in our day. One inndel can make great excitement, but I can tell you on what principle it is. It is on the principle that if a man jumps overboard from an ocean liner, he makes more excitement than all the 500 who stay on hoard. But the 500 who stay on board. But 500 who stay on board. But the fact that he jumps overboard does not stop the ship. Does that wreck the 500 passengers? It makes great excitement when a man jumps from the lecturing platform or from the pulpit into infidelity, but does that keep the Bible or the church from carrying millions of passengers to

carrying millions of passengers to the shores of eternal safety?

These opponents say that science is overcoming religion in our day.

They look through the spectacles of the insidel scientists, and they say:
"It is impossible that this book be true. People are finding it out. The Bible has got to go overboard. Science is going to throw it overboard." Do you believe that the Bible account of the origin of life will be overthrown by infidel scientists who have 50 different theories about the origin of life? If they about the origin of life? If they should all come up in solid phalanx all agreeing on one sentiment and one theory, perhaps Christianity might be damaged, but there are not so many differences of opinion inside the church as outside the side the church as outside the church. Oh, it makes me sick to see these literary fops going along with a copy of Darwin under one arm and a case of transfixed grasshoppers and butterflies under the other telling about the "survival of the fittest" and Huxley's protoplasm and the nebular hypothesis! The fact is that some naturalists just as soon as they find out the difference between the feelers of a wasp and the horns of a beetle begin to patronize the Almighty, while Agassiz, glorious Agassiz, who never made any pretension to being a Christian, puts forth his feet on the doctrine of evolution and says: "I see that many

of the naturalists of our day are adopting facts which do not bear observation or have not passed under observation. These men warring with each other—Darwin warring against Lamarch, Wallace warring against Cope, even Herschel denouncing Ferguson. They do not agree on embryology, do not agree on the gradation of the species."

Here these infidel grientists

impaneled themselves as a jury to decide this trial between Infidelity, the plaintiff, and Christianity, the defendant, and after being out for verdict. Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed on a verdict? No, no. Then go back for another 500 years and deliberate and agree on some thing. There is not a poor misera-ble wretch in the city prison to-morrow that could be condemned by jury that did not agree on the ver-dict, and yet you expect us to give up our glorious Christianity to please these men who cannot agree on anything. Ah, my friends, the Church of Jesus Christ instead of falling back is on the advance. I am certain it is on the advance. I see the glittering of the swords; I hear the tramping of the troops; I hear the thundering parks of artillery.

the thundering parks of artillery. O God, I thank thee that I have been permitted to see this day of thy tri-umph, this day of the confusion of thine enemies! O Lord God, take thy sword from thy thigh and ride forth to the victory! forth to the victory!

And then I find another most en ouraging thought in the fact that the secular printing press and the pulpit seem harnessed in the same team for the proclamation of the gospel. Every banker in this capital tomorrow, every Wall street banker to-morrow, in New York, every State street banker to-morrow in Boston,

every Third street banker to-morrow in Philadelphia, every banker in the United States and every merchant will have in his packet a treatise on Christianity, 10, 20 or 30 passages of Scripture in the reports of sermons preached throughout the land to-day. It will be so in Chicago, so in New Orleans, so in Charleston, so in Boston, so in Philadelphia, so is Cincinnati, so everywhere. I know the tract societies are doing a grand and glorious work, but I tell there is no power on earth to-day equal to the fact that the American printing press is taking up the ser mons which are preached to a few hundred or a few thousand people,

and on Monday morning and Monday

evening scattering that truth to the millions. Then you have noticed a more sig nificant fact if you have talked with getting disgusted with worldly phil osophy as a matter of comfort. They say it does not amount to anything when you have a dead child in the house. They tell you when they were sick and the door of the future scemed opening the only comfort they could find was the gospel. People are having demonstrated all over the land that science and philosophy can-not solace the troubles and woes of the world, and they want some other religion, and they are taking Christianity, the only sympathetic reli-gion that ever came into the world, into that room where a mother has lost her child. Try in that case

your splendid doctrine of the "survival of the fiftest." Tell her that child died because it was not worth as much as the other children. That "survival of the fittest," Just try your transcendentalism, yeur philosophy, your science, or that widowed soul, and tell her i was a geological necessity that her companion should be taken away from her, just as in the course of the world's history the megatherium and the ichthyosaurus had to pass out of existence, and then you go on in your scientific consolation un you get to the subthat years from now we ourselves may be

scientific specimens on the geologic shelf, petrified specimens of an exhuman race. And after have got all through with consolation, if the poor afflicted soul is not crazed by it, we will send forth from any of our churches the plainest Christian we have and with one half hour of prayer and reading of Scripture promises the tears wil be wiped away, and the house from floor to cupola will be flooded with the calmness of an Indian summer sunset. There is where I see the triumph of Christianity. People are dis satisfied with everything else. They want God. They want Jesus Christ. Young man, do not be ashamed to be a friend of the Bible. Do not put your thumb in your vest, young men sometimes do, and swagabout talking of the gloriou light of nature and of there being no light of nature in India and China earth. Did you ever hear that the light of nature gave them comfort for their trouble? They have lancets to cut and juggernauts to crush, bu no comfort. Ah, my friends, you had better stop your skepticism. Suppos you are put in a crisis like that Colonel Ethan Allen. I saw the count and at one time mentioned in an address. A descendant Ethan Allen, who is an infidel, it never occurred. Soon after I

one of our colleges, who is also descendant of Ethan Allen and is Christian, He wrote me that the incident is accurate; that my state wife of Colonel Ethan Alien was a very consecrated woman. The mother instructed the daughter in the truths said to her father: "Father, shall I take mother's instruction? I am going to mother's instruction? I am going to die now; I must have this matter decided." That man, who had been loud in his infidelity, said to his dying daughter, "My dear, you had better take your mother's religion." My advice is the same to you, O young man! You know how religion comforted her. You know what 'she said to you when she was dying. You said to you when she was dying. You had better take your mother's reli-

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A young woman named Annie Paddon, while escaping from a burning building at Ottawa, was seriously in-jured by the ladder, which had caught

A SUSTAINING DIET These are the enervating days, gest the propriety of calling this medicine something besides a blood purifier and tonic,—say, a sustaining diet. It makes it much easier to bear the heat, assures refreshing sleep, and will without any doubt avert much

Hon. J. R. Stratton will address the Liberals of Frontenae at their annual meeting in Kingston to-morrow after-

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SOUND SLEEP

Orville Dolsen grew reminescen his morning. It isn't often that his North Chatham grocer does anyhing of the kind but, when he does he generally has something to tell worth listening to. "The longest sleep I ever had was from Friday afternoon till Sunday morning," said Mr. Dolsen, "and I woke up thinking I had only one night. It was during the time of the Fenian raid that I was valiant member of the band of hardy and patriotic citizens that went to the mouth of the river to prevent the Fenians coming by that route. We went down Sunday on an old sidewheeler belonging to Mr. Lamont. When I went to retire for the night I found the bed wet and I wouldn't "The roof leaked and it was raining

very heavily," continued Mr. Dolsen n explanation as to how the slumber inviler had got wet. "The rain continued and the bed continued wet till our return the following Friday. As soon as I got home I retired to have a sleep and didn't wake up till Sunday morning. I arose dressed. sunday morning. I arose, dressed, breakfasted, and was starting out to work when my father called me and asked where I was going. I said I was going to work.

"'Don't you know this is Sunday morning?" asked my father. Come to

ind out, I had slept 38 hours steady and I never knew it. "We had quite a time down at the mouth of the river that time. We mouth of the river that time. We had orders to stop all boats and search them for Femians. The old Heather Belle was the only boat to come in. Archie Lamont, Will Mc-Crae and myself undertook to over-haul her and search the craft for-Fenians. The others wanted to know what we would do if she didn't stop. I told them we would blow her stop lights out, but this wasn't necessary, for when we pointed our muskets at the Heather Belle and called halt, the

boat came about and waited for us

to search her. We were a trifle dis-

appointed not to find a few Fenians, but we had to let the old barge go FOR WIFE'S LIFE

Cooper Must Answer at Nex Term of Wayne Circuit

Wayne, Mich., July 10 .- "George we have long had pleasant social and business intercourse, and it pains me to be placed in my present position, but the evidence against you is so strong that I must bind you to trial at the next term of the circuit court for this county." These were the words of Justice

ision after the examination of George Cooper, who is accused of murdering his wife on the morning of June 23. Cooper was brought from Detroit this morning by Constable Millard, and with his inevitable cigar in his mouth and his customary nervy eye listened to the testimony of witness after wit-ness as they tore down the bars behind which he stands. The main point brought out by the prosecution was Cooper came to her death by falling against a beer keg at the foot of the

cellar stairs. At the inquest Cooper testified that the keg had set in the cellarway for months, and several witnesses to-day testified that the keg was not there directly prior to June 23. The foreman of the jury who sat at the inquest tes-tified that the jury examined the cellar and found that the keg had but recently been removed from another part of the cellar, and the fresh ring olded in the ground showed where the head of the keg had rested, the

cellar having no floor. Doctor Bennett again testified that the physicians could not account for the nature of Mrs. Cooper's wounds if she had merely fallen down stairs, and they were unanimously of the opinion that there was nothing in the cellar way which could make the sharp

The entire testimony tended to show that the keg had been placed in the cellar way merely as a subterfuge. Cooper has clung to the keg story very consistently, and the opinion prevails that he is the only one responsible for its removal, and that it was removed after Mrs. Cooper had received her

Deputy Sheriff Henry Fisher has been working on the case, and told The News that he had introduced merely enough testimony to hold the prisoner, but that he was in posses-sion of information of a most serious nature. He has possession of the now noted beer keg, and several other articles. Attorney George F. Robison appeared for Cooper.

PLAGUE AT MARSEPLLES.

Marseilles, July 12.—The precat-tionary measures taken to prevent an outbreak of bubonic plague among the crew, and passengers of the French steamer Laos, Captain Flat-din, from Yokohama, May 23, which arrived here July 7, and two of whose 'Arab stokers had died on the voyage, have been handicapped by the rehave been handicapped by the refusal of the oth rarab stokers to su mit to vaccination with plague serun Grave fears are held that the plagu will spread unless all the pas and crew of the Laos, now quarantine, are inoculated.

THE G. O. C. IS BETTER. Ottawa, July 11. — Major-General O'Grady-Haly, who has been laid up il at home for several days, is report-

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