

COMMON SENSE.

Talmage Wants More of It in Religious Matters.

More Practical Wisdom Is Desirable in Doing Good.

Absurdities of Church Architecture and Management—World's Great Need.

Dr. Talmage in this discourse advocates more practical wisdom in efforts at doing good and demands some of the absurdities in church architecture and management. The text is Luke xvi, 8, "The children of this world are more shrewd in business than the children of light."

That is another way of saying that Christians are not so skillful in the manipulation of spiritual affairs as worldly men are in the management of temporalities. I see all around me people who are earnest, consecrated and skillful in monetary matters, who in the affairs of the soul are sluggish, inert, stupid.

COMMON SENSE LACKING IN CHURCH MATTERS. In the first place, my friends, we want more common sense in the building and conduct of churches. The idea of adaptiveness to always paramount in any other kind of structure.

WISDOM IN SOUL-SAVING. A minister in California many years ago picked up a sparkle of gold from the bed of a stream which turned his mill. He held that sparkle of gold until it bewitched nations.

carburized, and Jasper, and sardonyx, and chrysothrasus, and all the precious stones out of which the walls of heaven were built. Word comes of a man, who, digging in that mine for one hour, has brought up treasures worth more than all the stars that keep vigil over our sick and dying world.

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY. This doctrine of God's sovereignty, how it is misquoted and spoken of as though it were an iron chain which bound us hand and foot for time and for eternity, when, so far from that, in every fibre of your body, in every faculty of your mind, in every passion of your soul, you are a free man—and it will no more tomorrow be a matter of choice whether you shall go to business through Pennsylvania avenue or some other street, it will be a matter of choice whether you shall go to Pennsylvania or New York or stay at home, than it is for you to accept Christ or reject Him.

EMITTING JESUS CHRIST. When I was a lad I was one day in a village store, and there was a group of young men there full of rollicking fun, and a Christian man, calm in face, and a Christian heart, and without any introduction, the subject and while they were in the midst of their merriment, the subject was introduced. "George," said the first of them, "George, what is the first step of wisdom?"

THE WEST INDIES. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Discusses the Situation. The Government Proposes a Grant to Aid the Sugar Industry. In his speech at the banquet given by the Liverpool chamber of commerce, Mr. Chamberlain reviewed at length the West Indian question, and the report of the royal commission thereon, and emphasized the "great injury of the West Indian system, which will be done away with by the proposed grant of £2,000,000 to Great Britain."

BLASTED BY SIN. Now, all things so, what is the common sense thing for you and for me to do? What we do I think will depend upon three facts—three great facts. The first fact, that sin has ruined us. It has blinded body, mind and soul. We want no Bible to prove that we are sinners. Any man who is not willing to acknowledge himself completely and a sinful being is simply a fool and not to be argued with.

Why, your common sense would dictate that you should attend to the matter of the West Indies. The Daily News also promotes Mr. Chamberlain's plan of the West Indies. He asks whether he has forgotten the vehement protest of the British Government for the West Indies. He asks whether he has forgotten the vehement protest of the British Government for the West Indies.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Jan. 18—St. Croix, Allan, from Boston, C. E. Lachin, master. (Am. Hope, from Boston.)

Departed. Jan. 18—St. Croix, Allan, for Boston, C. E. Lachin, master. (Am. Hope, for Boston.)

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived. Al Paroboro, Jan. 19, schs No. 2, Sallier, from Yarmouth; No. 4, Sallier, from St. John.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived. SCATTERY ROAD, Jan. 17—Ar. bark London, from St. John, N. B. E. Lister, master.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. BOSTON, Jan. 18—Ar. schs Fred Gover, from Boston; O. B. King, from Grand Mall.

DEATHS.

BARRETT—At the narrow, Queen's Co., on Wednesday, Jan. 15, Rev. Geo. White, aged 72 years and 7 months.

FEARS OF A FLOOD.

The Ohio is rising rapidly, having gone up three feet Wednesday night. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 20—Fears are entertained here of a flood. The Ohio is rising steadily.

ALBERT CIRCUIT COURT.

ROPERVILLE CASE, Jan. 18—The January term of the Albert circuit court was opened today at 10 a. m. by Judge Landry.

MEMORANDA.

Passed out at Delaware Breakwater, Jan. 15, bark Alkaline, from Philadelphia for St. Lucia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—To Carvers Harbor from southwest—Notice is hereby given that the schooner "Leda," of 20 tons, has gone adrift. It will be replaced as soon as practicable.

REPORTS.

MALAGA, Jan. 19.—The British bark Barballan, Capt. Palmer, which arrived here Jan. 7 from Las Palmas, Dec. 28, has encountered such a hazardous passage that her cargo is damaged by the sea water.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Births, Marriages and Deaths occurring in the families of subscribers will be published FREE in THE SUN. In all cases, however, the name of the sender must accompany the notice.

BIRTHS.

HUIKES—At No. 27, Brussels street, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, a healthy boy, weighing 10 lbs., to the wife of Dennis Huikes, of the city.

MARRIAGES.

CARR-ROSTON—At the Baptist parsonage, on Friday, Jan. 17, Charles W. Carr, of the city, to Miss Nellie Roston, daughter of the late John Roston, of the city.

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Wm. Dunn of C. Elevator Co. for handling of grain received in violation of British regulations. The case of Mr. Dunn is exciting some interest here. It is not to be published until it is proved true.

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