## GLORIOUS DELUSION

## Dr. Talmage Satirizes the Antagonists of Orthodox Christianity.

Depicts in An Unusual Way the Triumphs of the Gospel-A "Delusion" Which Overpowers the Strongest Intellects.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The antagonists of the Christian religion are in this sermon of Dr. Talmage met in a very unusual way, and the triumphs of the gospel are depicted. The text is Ezekiel xxi., 21: "He made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he religion.

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Two modes of divination by which the King of Babylon proposed to find out the will of God: He took a bundle of arrows, put them together, mixed them up, then pulled forth one and by the inscription on it decided what city he should first assault. Then an animal was slain, and by the lighter or darker color of the liver the brighter or

WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATIONS

THE DELUSION OF SAUL.

Another captive of this great Christian delusion: There goes Saul of Tarsus on horseback at full gallop. Where is he going? To destroy Christians. He wants no better play spell than to stand and watch the hats and coats of the murderers who are massacring God's children. There goes the same man. This time he is afoot. Where is he going now? Going on the road to

was slain, and by the lighter or darker color of the liver the brighter or darker prospect of success was inferred. That is the meaning of the text. "He made his arrows bright, he one sulted with images, he looked in the liver." Stupid delusion! And yet all the ages have been filled with delusions. It seems as if the world loves to be hoodwinked, the delusion of the text only a specimen of a wast number of deceits practiced upon the human race.

The Defolite diverbed deceived wast multitudes of people; the Pythoness seated in the temple of Apollo, uttering a crazy largon from which the people successed their individual or national fortunes or misfortunes or misfortunes or misfortunes or misfortunes or misfortunes or how the liver is the Bible." Benjamin Rush, fortunes or how the liver is the Bible. Benjamin Rush, fortunes or how the liver is the Bible. Benjamin Rush, fortunes or his draw and the fortunes are in liver and perfect religion is Christianity." The only true and perfect religion is Christianity. So late as the year 1829 a man rose in New York, pretending to be a divine being, and played his fair so well that wealthy merchanics been occurring in all ages there which has been occurring to the text was only a specimen of that which has been occurring in all ages of the world. None of these delusions accomplised any good. They deceived, they pauperized the people; they were as cruel as the conduction of the chart of the conduc

UNSTABILITY OF UNHBLIEVERS.

deluded hearers.

The cannibals in South Sea, the bushmen of Tierra del Fuego, the wild men of Australia, putting down the knives of their cruelty and clothing themselves in decent apparal all under the power of this delusion. Judson and Doty and Abeel and Camphell and Williams and the 3,000 missionaries of the cross turning their backs on home and civilization and comfort and going out amid the squalor of heathenism to relieve it, to save it, to help it, tolling until they dropped into their graves, dying with no earthly comfort about them and going into graves with no appropriate epitaph when they might have lived in this country and lived for themselves and lived luxuriously and been at last put into brilliant sepulchres. What a delusion!

Yea, this delusion of the Christian religion shows itself in the fact that it goes to the se who are in trouble. Now, it is had enough to cheat a man when he is well and when he is prosperous; but this religion comes to a man when he is sick and says: "You, will be well again after awhile; you are going into a land where there are no coughs and no pleurisies and no consumptions and no languishing; take

COMPORT 10 THE BEREAVED. This delusion of Christianity comes to the bereft, and it talks of reunion before the throne and of the cessation of all sorrow, and then, to show that this delusion will stop at absolutely nothing, it goes to the dying bed and fills the man with anticipations. How much better it would be to have him die without any more hope than swine and swine and more hope than the swine and swine hilation. Why not present all that beautiful doctrine to the dying instead of coming with this hoaz, this swindle of the Christian religion, and filling the dying man with anticipations of another life until some in the last hour have clapped their hands, and some have shouted, and some have shouted, and some have sung, and some have been so overwrought with joy that they could only look ecstatic? Palace gates opening, they thought — diamond coronets flashing, hands beckoning, orchestra sounding. Little children dying actually believing they saw their departed parents, so that, although the little children had been so weak and feeble and sick for weeks they could not turn on their dying pillow, at the last, in a paroxysm of rapture uncontrollable, they sprang to their feet and shouted: "Mother, catch me! I am coming!"

And to show the immersity of this delusion, this awful swindle of the goepe of Jesus Christ, I open a hospital and I bring into that hospital the

gospet of Jesus Christ, I open a hospital and I bring title that hospital the death Gods of a great many Christian people, and I take you by the hand and I walk up and down the wards of that hospital and I ask a few questions DI ask, "Dying Stephen, what have you to say?" "The best of all is, God is with us." "Dying Edward Payson, what have you to say?" "The best of all is, God is with us." "Dying Edward Payson, what have you to say?" "I float in a sea of glory." "Dying John Bradford, what have you to say?" "If there is any way of going to heaven on horseback or in a flery chariot, it is this." "Dying Dr. Thomas Scott, what have you to say?" "This is heaven begun." "Dying soldier in the last war, what have you to say?" "Boys, I am going to the front." "Dying Paul, what have you to say?" "The mow ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? Thenks be anto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

A GLORIOUS DELUSION. A GLORIOUS DELUSION.

O my Lord, my God, what a delusion, what a glorious delusion! Submerge me with it, fill my eyes and ears with it, put, it under my head for a pillow, this delusion: spread it over me for a canopy, put it underneath me for an outspreading wing, roll it over me in ocean surges 10,000 fathoms deep. If infidelity and if atheism and if annihilation are a reality and the Christian religion is a delusion give me the defusion.

Children Cry for CASTORIA SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Aug 8-Bark Avvenire C, Blagine, for Tra coastwise—Schs Alice, Benjamin, for resboro: Bila May, Ogilvie, for do; Huser, Crosby, for Salmon River; Anthony, itchard, for North Head; Susan and mie, Meriam, for Parrsboro: Hustler, sner, for Bridgetown; Maud, Mitchell, for mpton; Crena L, Smill, for Grand Har-

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At Hillsboro, Aug 9, sch E I White, Sawyer, for New York.

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From St George, Aug 5, sch Wawbeek,
Edgett, for Salem.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

At Manchester, Ang & str Pharsalia, Smith, from St John.

At Manchester, Aug 5, str Vienna, from St John; 6th, str Andon; from Chatham.

At Barbados, July 28, schs Roseneath, Nickerson, from Jordan Bay, NS; 27th, Ilvolution, Fitzpatrics, from Surinam; 28th, Rhoda, Innis, from Liverpool, NS.

At Manchester, Aug 6, bark Nordstrand, Martinsen, from Northport, NS.

At Queenstown, Aug 3, ship Troop, Fritz, from Portland, O.

At Barbados, July 28, sch Roseneath, Nickerson, from Jordan Ray, NS; 27th, bark Maiden City, Bradley, from St John; schs Evolution, Fitzpatrick, from Surinam; 28th, Rhoda, innis, from Liverpool, NS; 29th, str Duart Casile, Seely, from St Lucia.

From London, Aug 6, str Zanzibar, Robh-on, for Mobile. From Barbados, July 8, bark John Gill, for tingsport; sehs Mignonette, for Quebec; reference, for Montreal; Moss Rose, for ---

## MARRIAGES.

NAPIER-BELYEA—In this city, at St.
John's (stone) church, by the Rev. John
de Soyres, J. H. Napler and F. Low Belyea, both of St. John.
RUGERS-CROSBY—At the residence of the
bride's father, on Tuesday evening, Aug 8,
by the Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, D.D., LL.D.,
chancellor of McMaster university, Toronto, and Rev. E. T. Miller of Hebron,
Dr. Alfree Paul Rogers of Fall River,
Mass., and Miss Georgena May Crosby,
youngest daughter of H. H. Crosby of
Hebron, N. S.
SARGENT-BUCHANAN—At the Methodist
chruch, Apohaqui, on Aug. 9th, by Rev.
J. S. Sutherland, Percy Sargent of Bridge
water, Me., to Miss Jessica T., daughte
of Duncan Buchanan of Apohaqui, King
Co., N. B.
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## DEATHS.

youngest daughter of the late Rev. Jas. Gray, aged 3 years and 5 months KEIN—At 105 Princess street, Aug. 7th Jane, widow of the late James Kein, in the 78th year of her age. PALMER—At his residence, 29 Queen square, on Thursday, Aug. 10th, in the 79th year of his age, the Hon. A. L. Palmer. WELDON—in this city, on August 7th, after a short illness, Mary E., beloved wife it Capt. S. R. Weldon, and only daughter Holly and Sarah Belyea, aged 43 years.

WEST INDIAN CYCLONE.

rat and Thirty-one from the Island
of Nevis.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The governor of the Leeward Islands, Sir Francis Fieming, confirming the despatch from St. Thomas to the Associated Press, announces the devastation caused by the hurricane at the island of Montserrat, He says 74 deaths are already known. He adds that 21 persons were killed at the island of Nevia.

The hurricane was not so severe at Antigua. One death is reported there, but many people were rendered homeless. The other presidencies of the Leeward Islands have not reported the damage done.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 10.—Hurricane bulletins report that the eastern and northern districts of Dominica are damaged, that Guadeloupe has suffered slightly, and that Montserrat and Antigua have suffered severely. Many of the inhabitants are homeless, cultivation is destroyed and the plantations were wrecked.

The Virgin Islands, particularly Tortola and St. Croix, were the worst sufferers. They report many fatalities.

WAR THREATENED.

Great Britain Continues Her Heavy Warlike Preparations

And the Transvaal Displays a Defiant Spirit.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon says all the shipping companies under charter to the British admiralty for transport purposes have been notified to hold their transports in reserve for the im-mediate despatch of troops. The steamer Dunera has been ordered to be in readiness Saturday to ship a detachment of horse artillery to South

Africa.

BUFFALO, Aug. 10.—A special cable despatch to the Evening News from London says: The one absorbing topic today is the Transvaal situation, and the belief is growing daily more firm that nothing but war can settle the question and that this settlement is not far off. It is recognized that the government has a free hand, now that parliament is prorogued, and that Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain were only waiting for a riddance of parliamentary restraints befor: launchparliamentary restraints before launching into a warlike policy. This was foreseen by public men, hence the house of commons was not surprised at Mr. Chamberlain's frank suggestion forescen by bublic men, hence the house of commons was not surprised at. Mr. Chamberlain's frank suggestion yesterday that the government was ready for an appeal to arms if the Transvaal should remain stubborn in its refusal to accept his proposals as to a joint inquiry into the franchise question. In the lobby after the session had closed the balance of opinion was that the Boers were courting a conflict and that Kruger need not be expected to back down at the last moment. This conclusion heightened the spirit of uneasiness and excitement which has since beef communicated to the newspapers and the public, so that London is in a flutter with the expectation of war. What points more than anything else to the impression that the Boers are in deadly earnest is the passage by the fiftid of an amendment is in a fourthillion, whereby in the event of war, the president is empowered to make conscripts of all the inhabitants, irrespective of race. This is interpreted as, a note of sheer defiance. Telegrams from Johannesburg bring the news that the Utilanders are fieeing from the Trar-yaal in such humbers that the exodus from Johannesburg was prefer than the railway could cope with. Many families have taken to the plains with wagons and oven, and are tracking toward the frontier of Rhodesia. Others are making for the Orange Free State. They feel that all is ripe for war, and their aim is to escape the alternative of issuing for the Boers or being shot as traitors for refusing. The fighting force of the Boers is estimated at 17,000 men, mostly infantry, and splendidiy-equi-ped artillery. There are no better solders in the world and no better markation. At this time a strong force is known to be stationed along the Vaal filver and opposite Newcastie, on the Natal frontier. strong force is known was along the Vaal River and opposite Newcastle, on the Natal front troops Newcastle, on the Natal frontier. There are only 5,000 British troops in Natal, and these are gradually being moved up to Newcastle. It is not thought, however, that the Boers will attempt to invade the colony. The great capabilities of England's Indian transport service would enable her to pour twenty thousand soldiers into the enemy's country within three weeks. These would be drawn largely from transports now ready at Bombay. For the protection of the Natal frontier there is already a strong garrison at Lady Smith, which is near Majuba Hill, about six hours by rall from the Transvaal frontier. In addition to regulars, there are 3,000 available fighting men of the mounted police and the volunteer corps. Mr. Chamberlain has gone to his home at Highbury, where he is in constant telephone communication with the rest of the official world.

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