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course Dr. Talmage tells something of what he expects the next hundred years will achieve and declares that the outlook is most inspiring; text, II Samuel xxiii, 4, "A morning with-

What do you expect of this nev century?" is the question often asked of me, and many others have been plied with the same inquiry. In the realm of invention I expect some thing as startling as the telegraph and the telephone and the X ray. In the realm of poetry I expect as great poets as Longfellow and Tennyson. In the realm of medicine I expect the In the realm of medicine I expect the cure of cancer and consumption. In the realm of religion I expect more than one Pentecost like that of 1857, when 500,000 souls professed to have been converted. I expect that universal peace will reign and that before the arrival of the two thousandth year gunpowder will be out of use except for blasting rocks or pyrotechnic entertainment. I expect pyrotechnic entertainment. I expect that before the new century has expired the millenium will be fully inaugurated. The twentieth century will be as much an improvement on the nineteenth century as the ninetional length of sermonic discourse will allow us only time for one hopeful consideration, and that will be the redemption of the cities.

Pulpit and printing press for the most part in our day are busy in discussing the condition of the cities at this time, but would it not be healthfully encouraging to all Christian workers and to all who are toiling to make the world better if we should this morning for a little while look forward to the time when our cities shall be revolutionized by the darkness of sin and trouble and crime and suffering shall be gone from the sky and it shall be

I have noticed that a man never People who have a free ride in the prison van never like the city that furnishes the vehicle. When I find Argos and Rhodes and Smyrna trying to prove themselves the birthplace of Homer, I conclude right away that Homer behaved well. He liked them and they liked We must not war on laudable city pride or with the idea of buildng ourselves up at any time to try to pull others down. Boston must continue to point to its Faneuil hall and to its superior educational advantages, Philadelphia must continue to point to its Independence hall and its mint and its Girard college. New York must continue to exult in its matchless harbor and its vast population and its institutions of nercy and its ever widening commerce. Washington must continue to rejoice in the fact that it is the most beautiful city under the sun.

If I should find a man coming from any city having no pride in that city, that city having been the place of his nativity or now being the place of his residence, I would feel like asking him right away: "What mean thing have you been

doing there? What outrageous thing have you been guilty of that you do Every city is influenced by the character of the men who founded it. Romulus impressed his life upon The Pilgrim Fathers will never telax their grasp from New England. William Penn left a legacy of fair dealing and integrity to Philadelphia, and you can now any day,

on the streets of that city, see his customs, his manners, his morals, his hat, his wife's bonnet and his meeting house. So the Hollanders, founding New York, left their impression on all the following general pression on all the following generations. So this capital of the nation is a perpetual eulogy upon the Washington who founded it.

I thank God for the place of our residence, and while there are a thousand things that ought to be corrected and many wrongs that ought to be overthrown, while I thank God for the past I look forward this morning to a glorious fu-ture. I think we ought—and I take t for granted you are all interested in this great work of evangelizing the cities and saving the world-we ought to toil with the sunlight in our faces. We are not fighting in a miserable Bull Run of defeat. We miserable Bull Run of defeat. We are on the way to final victory. We are not following the rider on the black horse, leading us down to death and darkness and doom, but the rider on the white horse, with

the moon under his feet and the

stars of heaven for his tiara. Hail, conqueror, hail! I know there are sorrows and there are sins and there are sufferings all around us, but in some bitter cold winter day when we are thrashing our arms around us to keep our thumbs from freezing we think of the warm spring day that will after awhile come, or in the dark winter night we look up and we see the northern lights, the windows of heaven illumined by some great victory, just so we look up from the night of suffering and sor-row and wretchedness in our cities, and we see a light streaming through from the other side, and we know we are on the way morning—more than that, on the way to "a morning without clouds."

I want you to understand, all you who are toiling for Christ, that the castles of sin are all going to be captured. The victory for Christ these great towns is be so complete that



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or a devil in hell will dispute it. How do I know? I know it just as certainly as God lives and that this is the holy truth. The old Bible is full of it. The nation is to be saved; of course, all the cities are to be saved. It makes a great difference with you and with me whether w are toiling on toward a defeat

toiling on toward a victory. Now, in this municipal elevation of which I speak, I have to remark there will be greater financial pros-perity than our cities have ever Some people seem to have a morbid idea of the millenium, and they think when the better comes to our cities and the world people will give their time up psalm singing and the relating of their religious experience, and as all social life will be purified there will be no hilarity, and as all busi-ness will be purified there will be no There is no ground for enterprise. such an absurd anticipation. In the time of which I speak, where now one fortune is made there will We all a hundred fortunes made. know business prosperity depends upon confidence between man and Now, when that time comes of which I speak, and all double dealing, all dishonesty, and all fraud are gone out of commercial circles, thorough confidence will established, and there will be better business done and larger fortunes gathered and mightier

achieved In that day of which I speak taxes will be a mere nothing. Now our business men are taxed everything. City taxes, county taxes, state taxes, United States taxes, stamp taxes, license taxes, manufacturing taxes taxes, taxes, taxes! Our business men have make a small fortune every year to our great industries this awful load? Crime, individual and official. have to pay the board of the villains who are incarcerated in our prisons.
We have to take care of the orphans who plunged into their graves through beastly indulgence. We have to support the municipal just in proportion as the cris proclivities are vast and tremenders. Who supports the almshouses ard police stations and all the machinery of municipal government? The tax-

payers. But in the glorious time of which I speak grievous taxation will all have ceased. There will be no need of supporting criminals. There will be no criminals. Virtue will have taken the place of vice. There will be no orphan asylums, for parents will be able to leave a competence to their children. There will be no voting of large sums of moneys for some municipal improvement, which moneys, before they get to the improvement, drop into the pockets of those who voted them. No over and terminer kept up at vast expense to the people. No impaneling of juries to try theft and arson and murder and slander and blackmail. Better factories, grander architecture, finer equipage, larger fortunes richer opulence-"a morning with-out clouds."

In that better time also to these cities the churches of Christ will be more numerous, and they will be larger, and they will be more devoted to the service of Jesus Christ, and they will accomplish greater influences for good. churches are envious of each other, and denominations collide with each other, and even ministers of Christ sometimes forget the bond of brotherhood, but in the time of which I speak, while there will be just as many differences of opinion as there are now, there will be no

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are not to-day large enough to hold more than a fourth of the population. The churches that are built —comparatively few of them are fully occupied. The average attendance in the churches of the United States to-day is not 400. Now, in the glorious time of which I speak, there are going to be wast churches, there are going to be wast churches, and they are going to be all thronged with worshipers. Oh, what rousing songs they will sing! Oh, what earnest sermons they will preach! Oh, what earnest prayers they will offer! Now, in our time, what is called a fashionable church is a place where a few people, have is a place where a few people, having attended very carefully to their toilet, come and sit down-they do not want to be crowded, they like a whole seat to themselves—and then, if they have any time left from thinking of their store, and from examining the style of the hat in front of them, they sit and listen to sermon warranted to hit no man's sins and listen to music which is rendered by a choir warranted to sing tunes that nobody knows! And then after an hour and a half of indolent vawning they go home. freshed. Every man feels better after he had a sleep. In many of the churches of Christ

in our day the music is simply mockery. I have not a cultivated ear nor a cultivated voice, yet no man can do my singing for me. I have nothing to say against artistic music. The \$2 or \$5 I pay to hear one of the great queens of song is a good investment. But when the people assemble in religious convocation and the hymn is read and the angels of God step from their throne catch the music on their wings, do not let us drive them away by our indifference. I have preached churches where vast sums of money were employed to keep up the music, and it was as exquisite as any heard on earth, but I thought at the san time, for all matters practical, I would pre'er the hearty, outbreaking song of a backwoods Methodist camp meeting.

In that time also of which I speak all the haunts of iniquity and crime and squalor will be cleaned and will be illumined. How is it to be done? You say perhaps by one influence. Perhaps I say by another. I will tell you what is my idea, know I am right in it. The gospel of the Son of God is the only agency that will ever accomplish this

in that day of which I speak do you believe that there will be any midnight carousal? Will there be shivering mendicants? Will there be any unwashed, unfed, uncombed children? Will there be any blasphemies in the street? Will there be any inebriates staggering past? No. No. wine stores, no lager beer saloons, no breweries where they make the three X's, no bloodshot eye, no bloated cheek, no instruments of ruin and destruction, no fist pounded forehead. The grandchildren of that woman who goes down the street a curse, stoned by the boys that follow her, will be the reformers and philanthropists and the Christian men and the honest merchants of our great cities.

are those wretched women taken up for drunkenness and carried up to the courts, and put in prison, of course? What will you do with the grogshops that made them Nothing. Who are those prisoners in jail? One of them stole a pair of shoes. That boy stole a dol-lar. This girl snatched a purse. All of them crimes damaging society less than \$20 or \$30. But what will you do with the gambler who last night robbed the young man of \$1,000? Nothing. What shall be done with that one who breaks through and destroys the purity of a Christian home and with an adroitness and perfidy that beats the strategy of hell, flings a shrinking, shricking soul into a bottomless perdition? Nothing. But all these wrongs are going to be righted. I expect to live to ee the day. I think I hear in the distance the rumbling of the King's chariot. Not always in the minority is the church of God going to be or are good men going to be. The streets are going to be filled with regenerated populations. Three hundred and sixty bells rang in Moscow when one prince was married, but when Righteousness and Peace kiss each other in all the earth ten thousand times ten thousand bells shall strike the jubilee. Poverty enrich-ed. Hunger fed. Crime purified. Ignorance enlightened. All the cities saved. Is not this a cause worth

God's love will yet bring back this ruined world to holiness and happiness. An infinite Father bends over it in sympathy. And to the orphan he will be a father, and to the widow he will be a husband, and to the outcast he will be a home, and to the poorest wretch that to-day crawls out of the ditch of his abominations, crying for mercy, he will be an all pardoning Redeemer The rocks will turn gray with

age, the forests will be unmoored in the hurricane, the sun will shut its fiery eyelid, the stars will drop like blasted figs, the sea will heave its last groan and lash itself in expiring agony, the continents will drop like anchors in the deep, the world will wrap itself in sheet of flame and leap on the funeral pyre of the judgment day, but God's love will never die. It shall kindle its suns after all other lights have gone out. It will be a billowing sea after all other oceans have wept them selves away. It will warm itself by the blaze of a consuming world. It will sing while the archangel's trumpet peals and the air is filled with the crash of breaking sepul-chers and the rush of the rising dead. Oh, commend that love to all the cities, and the morning without clouds will come!

I know that sometimes it seems hopeless task. You toil on in differ ent spheres, sometimes with great discouragement. People have no faith and say: "It does not amount to anything. You might as well quit that." Why, when Moses stretched

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his rod over the Red sea, it did not seem to mean anything especially. People came out, I suppose, and said, "Aha!" Some of them found out what he wanted to do. He wanted the sca parted. It did not amount to anything, this stretching out of his hand over the sea. But after awhile the wind blew all night from the east, and the waters were gathered into a glittering palisade on either side, and the billows reared as God pulled back on their crystal bits. Wheel into line, O Israel! March, march! Pearls crashed under feet. Flying spray gathers into rainbow arch of victory for the conquerors to march under. Shout of hosts on the teach answering the shout of hosts amid sea. And when the last line of the Israelites reach the beach, the cymbals clap, and the shields clang, and the waters rush over the pursuers, and the swift fingered winds on the white keys of the foam play the grand march of Israel delivered, and the awful dirge of Egyptian

So you and I go forth, and all the people of God go forth, and they stretch their hand over the sea. the boiling sea of crime and wretched-ness. "It doesn't amount to anything," people say. Doesn't it? God's winds of help will after awhile egin to blow. A path will be cleared for the army of Christian philanthropists. The path will be lined with the treasures of Christian beneficence, and we will be greeted to the other beach by the clapping of all heaven's cymbals, while those who pursued us and derided us and tried to destroy us will go down under the sea, and all that will be left of them will be cast high and dry upon the beach, the splintered wheel of a chariot or thrust out from the foam, the the breathless nostril of a riderless charger.

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