THE SOUL IN BATTLE.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Says Christ Will lets them stand, and with its stout fist pounds against your heart's Conquer at Last.

-Rev. Dr. Talmage chose for his text the following: "A troop shall overcome him, but he shall overcome at the last."-Genesis xlix 19.

often discomfited in battle, yet were ties about the parables; a hundred at last victorious. But the words may be used as graphically descriptive of the defeat of Christ, to in seeming contradiction. You pile up be followed by his successes.

ed in triumph. Driven as he has been from the heart, from the social it would be folly to attempt deemer. But he shall yet rally his forces, and though now overcome by other troops, he shall overcome at the

When a city is about to be besieged, lines of circumvallation are run out; in half circles the fortifications sweep around; the first line fifteen miles out; the second, ten miles; the works, then a line nearer, coming nearer until the embankment nearest the city is captured.

Now, the human heart is defending itself against Christ, and it has run out four or five lines of circumvallation, and they must one by one be taken, so that Christ may overcome at the last and the heart surrender. You know how men fight when they contend in battle for their wives and children. There are lightnings in and their shout is like the voice of a whirlwind.

who, for various reasons, do not be-

first step that yonder man makes to- and to glory hereafter. wards heaven will call forth a volley their friends in the world would as denounce praying. The whole atmosphere is as worst wretch that ever crawled into uncongenial to religion as a northern clime is to pine-apples and bananas. If that young man should become, a most elegant and polished sinner that Christian and go back to the store they would accost him with, "John how is your soul? come, now, give us prayer. Suppose you will hav nothing to do with such sinners a What is the news from heaven? What! getting red in the face? Not mad, I hope? Christians ought not to get mad. What a saint you are! I suppose you are almost ready for

The long, high, mighty breastwork of social influences-how shall grace ever take it? For which one of these ungodly friends will you send when you, and pour out the medicines, and shake up your hot pillow, but could soul? As the waves of Jordan begin to lick your feet, will they be able say anything to strengthen? If, in some awful spasm of physical suffering, you should ask them to pray, do you think they would know how to do it? Will they crowd the room, and keep out the last enemy? What single thing can they do for you when heart and flesh shall fail? When the

crisis of the battle.

Sometimes the besidence of the battle. trumpet sounds, do you want to rise with them in their resurrection ? Do you think they will put on the coronations of heaven? If not, do not let them hinder you now. If they do nothing for you in death, judgmen or eternity, it is high time you looked for help in some other direction.

Evil companionship has destroyed innumerable men. Through this high but, shi that the Lord Jesus might Your heart taken for Christ, your

A despatch from Washington says: storm it to-night. Give up your scoffing associates, or give up God and heaven. Forward, ye troops of God to the third line of intrenchment namely, the intellectual difficulties My text speaks of a tribe who were about religion. A hundred perplexi

battlement of Colenso on the Pen-When Christ's chin dropped upon tateuch, and Tom Paine's Age of Rea his breast in death, the world shout- son, and Renan's Life of Christ; and some parts of the wall are so high tha circle, from literature, from places them. But there is a hole in the wall of influence, the world gazes now up-on what seems to be a vanquished Re-in the wall I put my right hand, and

"Yes." Well; Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which is lost. Wilt thou let him in—the bruised One of the Cross? He will take away all half hour he will give thee more peace than thou hast had in all the twentyyears of thy questioning and doubt attacking host first takes the outand Renan blaze away. Christ comes not to the gate of your head, but to the door of your heart, and tapping

religion, and scoffed at its professors. ing in horror, and hands flung up, chine such as has never before been their eye, and every finger is a spear. But the sea arose, and the waves dash- and a shriek of despair that rolls suggested to the public. ed across the hurricane-deck, and the among the mountains of death, with man cried out, "O my God, what shall long-reverberating echo ,they drop for But the fiercest battle ever fought I do? what shall I do?" Scepticism ever. is between the unregenerated heart does tolerably well to live by, but it is Lord God, keep us from such a catasand Christ. Before I get through a poor thing to die by. The fortifica- trophe! with the sermon, I will illustrate my tion of your soul this hour gives way; A surgeon, wounded at Gettysburg, meaning.

A surgeon, wounded at Gettysburg, and the Christ, who seemed to have Forward, ye troops of God, and take been overcome by argument, and by heights, looking down upon the bat-

lieve in these things, and from that next circumvallation of the heart, overwhelming. outward intrepchment contend namely, pernicious habit. I do not I stand on the heights of Zion to against Christ. My reply to this is, believe that it is necessary to be a night, and I see your eternal destinies seek out a Church and a minister tectotaler in order to be a Christian, being decided in battle. Some of you that you do like. That is the relig- although I wish all were teetotalers, have charged upon Christ with all the ious advantage that men have in but I do say that a man who is excess sins and prejudices of your lifetim towns that they have nowhere else; sive in the use of strong drink cannot He is falling back, and falling back they may have their pick-high love Christ. He will not dispute with you have wounded him in the brow churches and low churches, rich you the supremacy of the bottle. The you have wounded him in the hands churches and poor churches, aristo- appetite is to-day the mightiest barrier you have wounded him in the feet

valiation of social influences. There are hundreds of people here to-night whose surroundings in the world are make him a whole man, and lift him whose surroundings in the world are whose surroundings in the world are make him a whole man, and lift him adverse to the Christian religion. The to usefuiness and respectability here,

of criticism and caricature. Many of gone that they could not be rescued. I the horrible infidelity soon be shot as be seen on their knees The Lord's arm is omnipotent, and the the ditch would no more puzzle or confound God than the case of the

Lay hold of that Almighty arm, oh all your past misdoings, there is n need that you miss heaven; there is grace enough to save every one of you, not merely letting you escape by the skin of your teeth but giving you an abundant entrance into the of the wall. They come on with the mount the steep. Under their drawn sword thy evil passions go down more abound. Victory over thy sin! Victory through the Lord Jesus they administer any comfort for the Christ! Through many a long year thy apppetites overcame him, but he has overcome at the last!

Forward, ye troops of light, to the ast and the mightiest line of forti fication-the pride and the rebellion of the natural heart. This intrench ment must be taken, or all the res of the contest is lost. This is the

Sometimes the besieging army, find ing the intrenchments high and strong, swing around in the rear escape the fortifications, and flank the city, taking it with but little re sistance. So God's grace, leaving a the long embankments of prejudice and social influence, and intellectua perplexities, and bad habits, come around and falls upon the heart first and that captured by a flank move ment, all the fortifications surrender

bad habits fall, your mental difficulies fly, and in one struggle your en tire nature is redeemed. To-nigh God's grace goes around all the other mbankments, and for the presen castle. You say that the locks have been so long fast, and the bolts ar so trusty, and the hinges so unuse that you cannot open the door. Then stand back for a moment, while aking the Cross for a battering am, we try with it to drive down th

door and let Christ come in. Oh! yours is a sinning neart, and Christ alone can cleanse it. Yours is a proud heart, and Christ alone car humble it. Yours is a rebellious heart, and Christ alone can subdu

The captain of our salvation calls up before your soul all his troops of mercy and grace. Hold out no longe against the forces that would take thee in the name of thy King. By thy hard-heartedness, and rebellion, and sin, thou hast ten thousand times he has overcome at the last?

But the day of thy grace is almost past. The sun is dipping below the mountains. The fiery sky foretells thy sins and all thy sorrows. In one the storm. The chill in the air prophesies a night of blackness and darkness. What you do you had better do quickly.

The tides of eternity are rising. Those only will be saved who get on to the Rock of Ages; yet men saunter along in their sin and play in the sand. We come out and shout, " Halgently against it, he says, "Behold, I sand. We come out and shout, "Hal-stand at the door and knock. Whosohim, and sup with him, and he with there is no danger. After a while they resolve to return, but it is too Scepticism seems to do quite well in late. The waters of eternal destrucprosperity, but it fails in adversity. A tion gather about their feet; they try celebrated infidel, on shipboard, in the to climb, but get no farther than the sunshine, caricatured the Christian foot of the rock, and, with eyes roll-

the line of fortification farthest out which is—prejudice against ministers and churches. There are men profound questions, and elaborate analysis, now, by the force of love, one army seeming to conquer, now vercomes at the last! one army seeming to conquer, now forward, ye troops of light, to the the other. The scene was grand and

churches and poor churches, aristochurches, churches and democratic churches, pew-renting churches and free churches, Calvinistic churches and Arminian churches, ministers white and black, learned and ignorant, fantastic and plain, old and and young, manuscript-reading and extemporaneous, some wearing fine gowns and others a very poor coat, ministers argumentative or figurative, ministers statistical or poetical. Forward, ye troops of God, to the next intrenchment! It is a circumvallation of social influences. There

SUNSHINE AND AIR. I have heard men spoken of as so far We all recognize the fact that we comes placed base to base. A model of us fail to supply ourselves with ed to the enormous hight of 11 miles abundance of that which is pure and as was authentically recorded by an fresh, but few recognize the fact that aneroid barometer placed inside. This we cannot live without sunshine. This was far above any height ever hereworld of ours would soon become a tofore reached by a mechanical debarren waste with no life in it, if vice. Yet the instrument came down the sun should cease to pour its rays within one furlong of the spot from of light and heat upon us. Even the which it was sent up. With a similar ye dying captives! Notwithstanding indirect diffused sunshine is of im- device I am going to make measuremense benefit. Every living structure ments of the upper air. Inside of i is stimulated into activity by it. We I am going to put instruments which all notice after a week of cloudy wea- will measure temperature and moisther more or less depression, and when ture, and another which will bring the sun comes forth once more how down samples of the atmosphere round new life seems to come to us with it. at such enormous heights. These samkingdom of our Lord. The feet of Light is a powerful stimulant, and ples will be tested here in the labor-God's hosts are already at the foot also a tonic. No alcohol drink com-of the wall. They come on with the pares with it. The old Romans had ment at night, attaching a device sun baths on top of their dwellings, which will show a light during desat least the opulent did, and we might cent and thus mark the path of the have them in our homes to advantage. drop. I will thus be able to locate sun bath in the upper story of his earth." house, and here any member of the family, when ill or so disposed, can "by any existing method of flight ut-His wife says it helps to prolong her pulsion or buoyancy. When we were

IN A DILEMMA.

Did I hear you say, guard, that the engine was at the rear end of the es which will not mix with the air. rain asked an old lady of the guard.

The amount of gold coin in actual circulation in the world is estimated by the Bank of England officials to be about 865 tons.

It is imprudent to gas stove burning would be required to project them. The greatest possible explosive force thus vitiate the air.

SHALL WE REACH MARS?

A NEW MACHINE TRAVELLING 800 FEET A SECOND.

Aerial Navigation Replacing Other Modes of Transportation, It will be Cheaper, More Economical and Safer Than Any Other Form ofTravel.

"It is said that you have made some tartling experiments in the direction of interstellar flight. Do you particles many billions of times smallreally believe that man will ever be er than atoms. These are of such a ble to travel to Mars?"

The question was asked of Prof. Elmer Gates, of the Gates Laboratory them. and the professor naturally smiled as ack to consider the proposition."

landscape. The tops of houses will be be had in any direction. transferred into stations, or porchlike vestibules for the landing of aerial vehicles and a light will be kept aerial pilgrim. The great aerial highsites for residences. But aerial navi-

NINE MILES A MINUTE. "I have lately seen this new machine. It has none of the contrivances such as balloon envelopes, flapping vings, aeroplanes, explosive motors propellers, air or steam jets-which have figured in airships heretofore. The invention is as yet a secret, and s being closely guarded. The machine now capable of propelling itself at my speed up to 800 feet per second. It can rise slowly from the ground and can then support itself in the air without moving. I have seen it start slowly from this motionless position in the air, move itself gradually forward, then go fast and then

slowly settle down upon the ground. It was capable of lifting more than its own weight. It was in no danger of falling and was not affected by currents of wind. It was simple and cheap. "I believe that this machine solves the problem of aerial navigation. In one test it traveled at the speed of

a little over nine miles a minute. It went two and a half miles in a straight line toward a cliff, which it struck. Speeds greater than 200 miles an hour, would be too high for practical purposes, of course. The friction of the air would heat a passenger compartment to an unbearable de-

ELEVEN MILES STRAIGHT UP. "The general shape of this new machine is that of two long-drawn-out weighing but 11 ounces lately ascenda the machine when it returns to

"One cannot reach Mars," said he, take a sun bath if the sun shines. ilizing atmosphere as an aid to prolife, and that she would not have a house without a sunbath. The sun is the source of life on our globe; let us use its light so as to get all the life and health we can from it.

pulse or long and sunbath or long and substitute that the earth's layer of atmosphere was but 48 miles deep. It has been recently estimated that it is more than four estimated that it is more than four a recent report of an American Con times that depth. It probably extends 250 miles above our heads. Above it there probably are some lighter gas-a tax of 48.33 dols. in Natal, and of "It would be impossible to travel to the planets in balloons or in devices again, and of 121.66 dols. in Cape Colony. The following foreign Governments tax companies a pair of the planets in balloons or in devices again. vices using propellers, aeroplanes or

Dear, dear, what shall I do! I'm against which wings, propellers, or lways so ill if I ride with my back against which wings, propellers, or aeroplanes could act. Giant projectiles are placing force would be to buoy a balloon up and nothing sia, Switzerland, and Uruguay out of the question. Too much energy gas stove burning in a sleeping

put back of the best adapted project tile would send it bardly to the roo

ETHER IS NAVIGABLE

"Retween the planets we find only ether, about the nature of which there is much difference of opinion. Some experiments which I have made in vaculums prove to me that, contrary to the accepted doctrine, ether is not entirely frictionless. It is composed of nature that no ordinary body meets

"These experiments prove that he wheeled in his chair and leaned machine can be made to propel itself nautical devices—anchors, capstans, where there is no air. Such devices, Well, I should scarcely like to say therefore, could traverse the open a few moment's hesitation. "Aerial Through the ether space between the On the I navigation will be a practical means of travel within ten years. It will and light waves. Against either of a sailor, the Thrush and the Melampus replace all present modes of transpor- these two systems of waves other sets being modelled from photographs ation. It will turn the whole world these two systems of waves other sets specially taken. The weight of this into a single neighborhood. Distances will be practically annihilated. There chine, can be forced in such a way as A few years since, on his daughter's overcome thy best Friend, but shall it not be told in heaven to-night that he has overcome at the last? transportation will be extremely which I have proved this. I have thy Lancashire merchant ordered a theap, economical and far safer than proved that the rays given off by a wedding cake emblematic of his sonany other form of travel. When the magnet may be acted upon by light in in-law's career. workman can live several hundred such manner as to rotate the magnet, by a model of the bridegroom himself miles from the workshop or store and This is direct proof of the action of in the homely garb of a poor emigo home to hunch he will see the one set of waves upon another. The grant, while around the drum were crowded cities gradually spread out electric and light waves, always com-over the country. The millions now ing from the sun, penetrate the ether fortune. The lower portion was emspent on roads and bridges will go in every direction. At any place in bellished with sugar to beautifying the earth's natural the ether reaction against them may picting episodes in the subsequent

THROUGH EMPTY SPACE.

"It would thus be possible to construct a machine capable of propelever will open to me, I will come in to laugh at our excitement, and say that burning on the housetop to guide the ling itself through ether in any diways of travel will be along the lines able to generate as it goes along waves while below, around the cake itself, joining the great cities. Hill and mountain tops will become important that will thus react upon other waves in the ether. As to how far beyond of horses', foxes', and dogs' heads, the earth's atmosphere man could tra- brushes, whips, etc.

the smallest particle will propel itself through an absolute vacuum. There is reason to believe that the smallest possible portions of material substance and lilies, artificially scented, among whose delicately-formed petals rewhich is absolutely empty.

may be possible in the future does not, the cake designed some years since by therefore, seem inconceivable. But unmunicating with the inhabitants of alternate layers of confectionery and other planets. There would be extreme gold. As, however, the latter, which difficulty in establishing such a signal code as might be mutually under-stood. It would first be necessary to take a trip to the particular planet groom's poor relations, this extravagwith which communication is desir-ance may be said to have been justi-fied."

BRAIN WAVES FROM MARS.

off by the minds of the Martians, if signal was set going, and the bride's there are such people. If such waves fair hand cut the cake to the strains are given off they probably reach earth and I have no doubt that ether waves

of Mendelssohn's "Wedding-March." Another unique surprise was that

these chemical changes certain atoms must of course be put in motion. While atoms are in motion they are constantly producing ether waves. These waves go out in every direction. They penetrate through our layer of upper atmosphere and lose themselves in

ether waves more and more carefully we at last learn how to distinguish brain cells from those produced by other motions. Then suppose we have a means of collecting all of the ether waves coming from Mars, or any oth brain waves comparable to those giv en off by our own mental activitywill we not have discovered that there are upon this distant planet beings who have mental activity?"

DOES ANY BRITISH COLONY TAX COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS?

In New Zealand every commercial traveller representing a firm outside the Colony, is required to pay an anony and Natal are required to pay namely: Argentina. Austria-Hungary

OIL BURNT IN BEDROOMS

It is imprudent to keep an oil or They consume the oxygen and CURIOUS WEDDING CAKES.

Eccentric Ideas About Them in Different Paris of the World.

A remarkable wedding cake was manufactured not long since, at a cost of 800 guineas, to represent the palace of the ice-queen, the iceberge with which it was covered being composed of transparent sugar.

Somewhat similar was the one designed for the marriage of Rear-Admiral Markham, who served in the Arctic Expedition of 1875. On the summit of the cake, which was 5ft, with any resistance in passing through high and weighed 80lbs., was a sugar model of the Alert stranded on an iceberg, while around were various boats, sledges, etc. Below, encircled by two life-buoys, were the Admiral's flag

On the Duke of York's wedding cake

years when he had attained to afflu-

Hunting trophies were lately chosen by an M.F.H. to decorate his wedding cake. Around the summit fox hounds rection at enormous speeds, and one and huntsmen swept in full career;

the earth's atmosphere man could travel in such a machine I would not like to say. He would, of course, have to take with him a supply of air for breathing purposes.

"I will go so far as to say that even though there were no ether in the space between the planets, such a machine would propel itself through absolutely empty space. This seems impossible, but we have involved here the same principle as that by which the smallest particle will propel itself.

Brushes, whips, etc.

When the Duke of Westminster's daughter was married to Prince Adolphus of Teck the panels that surrounded the lower fier of the cake were embellished with views of Eaton Hall and White Lodge, the homes respectively, of the birde's and bridegroom's parents. Above, on the second tier, was a design of golden wheat-sheaves and stags, the arms of the Grosvenor and Teck families.

Very elaborate was a cake made for

are capable of moving through space posed a number of Cupids. This work of art, it is said, cost nearly £1,000. "That travel between the planets More costly, though less artistic, was till it is realized it is difficult for me the Australian gold fields, on the octo conceive of any method of com- casion of his marriage. It consisted of

Eccentric was the idea of a Sussex "Will it be possible to detect hu-man life on Mars, for instance, before ding cake consisted of a musical-box carefully hidden beneath a profuse "Ether waves are probably given sugar decoration. This at a

and I have no doubt that ether waves given off by our busy, boiling brains penetrate to Mars. Yes, through the millions of miles which separate us.

In our brain cells there are occurring constant chemical changes corresponding to our every thought. During guests at first thought were composed that the same of the composed of surery. When the time came how of sugar. When the time came, how-ever, for inserting the knife a hidden aver, for inserting the knife a fidden mechanism, worked by a lever secreted beneath the table, was set in motion, and the figures forthwith commenced to ply their tools, to the great anazement and admiration of the company assembled.

THE WEDDING OF THE FLOWER. 1. What was her nationality and appearance? Chinese Lily.

2. What was his disposition and 3. What was his country, and what did he do when he proposed? China

4. What did her mother say she would do? Marigold. 5. To whom did she refer him?

Poppy. Daisies and Sweet Peas. 7. Who were the groomsmen and

9. What did the bridegroom wear

he last time before the wedding ! 10. What did they throw after the

10. What did they throw after the carriage? Lady Slipper.

11. When summoned to the war, what were the parting words? Forget Me Not.

12. What did he carry with him? Bleeding Heart.

13. What struck him and where, was he hit? Mistletoe.

14. What did she do during his absence? Balsom.

11. Whit days as do during his absence? Balsom.
15. What flower tells what hapened when she saw him returning?
16. With what did she salute him. Pulips.

17. Who was shocked at the performance? Primrose.

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