THE PHYSICAL BODY.

ALSO A SUBJECT OF GOD'S CARE, WHOSE TEMPLE IT IS.

Why Earthly Physicians Could Not Cure the Gout of a King-The Almighty in the Realm of Medicine-The True

On Sunday Rev. Dr. Talmage's text was II. Chronicles xvi. 12, 13: "And Ass, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet until his disease was exceeding great; yet in is disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa siept with his fathers."

In my text is King Asa with the gout. High living and no exercise have vitiated his blood, and my text presents him with his inflamed and bandaged feet on an oftoman. In defiance of God, whom he hated, he sends for certain conjurors or quacks. They come and give him all sorts of totions and panaceas. They bleed him. They sweat him. They manipulate him. They blister him. They poultice him. They scarify him. They drug him. They scarify him. They drug him. They kill him. He was only a young man, and had a disease which, though very painful, seldom proves fatal though very painful, seldom proves fatal to a young man, and he ought to have got well, but he fell a victim to chartatemry and empiricism. "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet until his disease was exceedingly great; yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers." That is, the doctors killed him. In this sharp and graphic way the Bible sets forth the truth that you have no right to shut God out from the realm of pharmacy and therapeutics. If Asa had said: "O, Lord, I am sick. Bless the instrumentality, employed for my recovery?" "Now, servant, go and get the best doctor you can find"—he would have recovered. In other words, the world wants divinely directed physicians. There are a great many such. The daplomas they received from the academies of medicine were nothing compared with the diplomas they received from the Head Physician of the universe, on the day when they started out and He had said to them: "Go heal the sick, and cast out the devils of pain, and open the blind eyes, and unstop the deaf ears." God bless the doctors all the world over, and let all the hospitals and dispensaries and infirmaries and asylums and domestic circles of the earth respond. "Amen."

Men of the medical profession we often meet in the home of distress. We shaek hands across the cradle of signnized infancy. We join each other in an attempt at solace where the paroxysm of grief demands an anodyne as well as a prayer. We look into each other sympathetic faces through the dusk as the night of death is falling in the sickroom. We do not have to climb over any barrier to-day in order to greet each other, for our professions are in full sympathy. You, doctor, are our first and last earthly friend. You stand at the gates of life when we enter this world and you stand at the gates of fire when we enter this world and you stand at the gates of the left wrist. We do not meet to-day, as on other days, in houses of distress, but by the pleasant alt

im in Gilead? Is there not a physi-

not balm in Gilead? Is there not a physician there?"

In the first place, I think all the medical profession should become Christians because of the debt of gratitude they owe to God for the honor He has put mon their calling. No other calling in all the world, except it be that of the Christian ministry, has received so great an hosor as yours. Christ Himself was not only preacher, but physician, surgeon, aurist, ophthalmologist, and under His mighty power optic and auditory nerve thrilled with light and sound, and catalepsy arose from its fit, and the ciub foot was straightened, and anchylosis went out of the stiffened tendons, and the foaming manaic became placid as a child, and the streets of Jerusalem became an extemporized hospital crowded with convalescent victims of casualty and invalidism. All ages have woven the garland for the doctor's brow.

physician, skilled, our wounds

fighting for vaccination until it has been estimated that one doctor in 50 years has saved more lives than all the battles of any one century destroyed!

Passing along the streets of Ediuburgh a few weeks after the death of Sir James 'Y. Simpson I saw the photograph of the doctor in all the windows of the shops and stores, and well might that photograph be put in every window, for he first used chloroform as an anaesthetic agent. In other days they tried to dull human pain by the hasheesh of the Arabs and the madrepore of the Roman and the Greek. But it was left to Dr. James Simpson to introduce chloroform as an anaesthetic. Alas for the writhing subjects of surgery in other centuries! Blessed be God for that wet sponge or vial in the hand of the operating surgeon in the clinical department of the medical college, or in the sickroom of the domestic cirele, or on the battlefield amid thousands of amputations.

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Napoleon after a battle rode along the line and saw under a tree, standing in the snow, Larrey, the surgeon, operating upon the wounded. Napoleon passed on and 24 hours afterward came along the same place, and he saw the same surgeon operating in the saw the same surgeon operating in the saw place, and he had not left it. Alas for the battlefields without chloroform. But now the soldier boy takes a few breaths from the sponge and forgets all the pangs of the gunshot fracture, and while the surgeons of the field hospital are standing around him he lies there dreaming of home and mother and heaven. No more

the gunshot fracture, and while the surgeons of the field hospital are standing around him he lies there dreaming of home and mother and heaven. No more parents standing around a suffering child, struggling to get away from the sharp instrument, but mild slumber 'n stead of excruciation, and the child wakes up and says: "Father, what's the matter? What's the doctor here to-day for?" Oh, blessed be God for Jemes Y. Simpson and the heaven descended mercies of chloroform.

The medical profession steps into the courtroom and after conflicting witnesses have left everything in a fog, by chemical analyses shows the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, as by mathematical demonstration, thus adding honors to medical jurisprudence.

This profession has done wonders for public hygiene! How often they have stood between this nation and Asiatic cholera, and the yellow fever! The monuments in Greenwood and Mount Auburn and Laurel Hill tell something of the history of those men who stood face to face with pestilence in southern cities, until, staggering in their own sickness, they stambled across the corpses of those whom they had come to save. This profession has been the successful advocate of ventilation, sewerage, drainage and fumigation, until their sentiments were well expressed by Lord Palmerston when he said to the English nation at the time a fust had been proclaimed to keep off a great pestilence: "Clean your streets or death will ravage, notwithstanding all the prayers of this nation. Clean your streets, and then carl on God for help."

See what this profession has done for human longevity. There was such a fearful subtraction from human life that there was a prospect that within a few centuries this world must be left almost inhabitantless. Adam started with a whole eternity of earthly existence before hum of them 400, and then 200, and then 100, and then 400, and then 200, and then 100, and then so, and then the average of human life continues to rise until the average of human life continues to rise until the av

with their work at the same time.

But it seems to me that the most beautiful benediction of the medical profession has been dropped upon the poor. No excuse now for anyone's not having scientific attendance. Dispensaries and infirmaries everywhere under the control of the best doctors, some of them poorly paid, some of them not baid at all. A half-starved woman comes out from the low tenament house into the dispensary and unwraps the rags from her babe, a bundle of ulcers and rheum and pustules, and over that little sufferer bends the accumulated wisdom of the ages from Aesculapius down to last week's autopsy. In one dispensary in one year 150,000 prescriptions were issued. Why do I show you what God has allowed this profession to do? Is it to stir up your vanity? Oh, no. The day has gone by for pompous doctors, with conspicuous gold-headed canes and powdered wigs, which were the accompaniment in the days when the harber used to carry through the streets of London Dr. Brockelsby's wig, to the admiration and awe of the people, saying: "Make way. Here comes Dr. Brockelsby's wig." No, I announce these things not only to increase the appreciation of laymen in regard to the work of physicians, but to stir in the hearts of the men of the medical profession a feeling of gratitude to God that they have been allowed to put their hand to such 'a magnificent work and that they have been allowed to put their hand to such 'a magnificent work and that they have been called into such illustrious company. Have you never felt a spirit of gratitude for this opportunity? Do you not feel thankful now? Then, I am afraid, doctor, you are not a Christian, and that the old proverb which Christ quoted in His sermon may be appropriate to you. "Physician, heal thyself."

Another reason why I think the medical profession ought to be Christians is because there are so many trials and annoyances in that profession that need positive Christian solace. I know you have the gratitude of a great many good people, and I know it must be a grand t

people, and I know it must be a grand thing to walk intelligently through the avenues of human life and with anatomic skill poise yourself on the nerves and fibres which cross and recross this wonderful physical system. I suppose a skilled eye can see more beauty even in malformation than an architect can point out in any of his structures, though it be the very triumph of arch and plinth and abacus. But how many annoyances and trials the medical profession have! Dr. Rush used to say, in his valedictory addresses to the students of the medical college. "Young gentlemen, have two pockets—a small and a big pocket; a small pocket in which to put your fees, a arge pocket in which to put your sees, a arge pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a arge pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your sees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which to put your fees, a large pocket in which l

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Then there are many who always blame the doctor because the people die, forgetting the Divine enactment, "It is appointed unto all men once to die." The father in medicine who announced the father in medicine who was less than half a century for him. Oh, how easy it is when people die, to cry 4ut, "Malpractice." Then the physician must bear with all the whims, and the so-phistres, and the deceptions, and the stratagems, and the irritations of the shattered nerves, and the beclouded brains of women, and more especially of men, who never know how gracefully to be sick, and who with their salivated mouth curse the doctor, giving him his due, as they say—about the only dues he will in that case collect. The last bill that is paid is the doctor's bill. It seems so incoherent for a restored patient, with ruidy cheeks and rotund form, to be bothered with a bill charging him for old calomel and jalap. Theophysicians of this country do more missionary work without charge than all the other professions put together. From the concert room, from the merry party, from the concert room is the doctor must go Growing in Texor-New the Seed Bod Tract that he had discovered the art by which to make men in this worm immortal himself died at 3r years or against a century for him. Oh, how easy half a century for him. Oh, how easy it is when people due, to cry aut, "Main practice." Then the physician must been with all the whims, and the so-clouded brains of women, and more especialty of men. Who never know how gracefully mouth curse the doctor, giving him his due, as they say—shout the only due he will in that case collect. The last bill that is paid is the doctor's bill. It is then, with ruddy cheeks and the physicians of the country do more might of the collect professions put together. From the concert room, from the merry party from the confert room from the merry party from the confert lable couch on a cold agift, when the thermometer is far do agift, when the thermometer is far do agift, when the thermometer is far do agift, when the thermometer is far down the construction by unbriesed physicians was a warning. There are awful to be the confert will a small the confert she content in some time in a distribution of the confert profession ought, and he periaded. Others have appealed to dod for sympathy and help and have lived. Which were the wise doctors, judge yet. Again, the medical profession ought, and help the confert of the physical organism. From the confert will know the confert of the physical organism or with equal ferocity will assault the entire like of a sum priced on it not fast and interaction by unbriesed physical organism. From the confert of the physical organism or with equal ferocity will assault the entire like of a sum priced of the farme, of the physical organism. From the confert of the physical organism. From the confert of the physical organism or with equal ferocity will be proved to the physical organism or will be proved to the physical proposition of the body.

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Thee this poor, suffering and affrighted soul. Open paradise to his departing spirit."

But now I must close, for there may be suffering men and women waiting in your office, or on the hot pillow, won dering why you don't come. But before you go, O doctors, hear my pruyer for your eternal salvation. Blessed will be the reward in heaven for the faitful overwork, or from bending over a partient and catching his contagious breath, the doctor comes home and he lies down faint and sick. He is too weary to feel his own complaint. He is worn out. The fact is his work on earth is ended. Tell those people in the office there they need not wait any longer; the doctor will never go there again. He has written his last prescription for the alleviation of human pain. The people will never go there again. He has written his last prescription for the alleviation of human pain. The people will never go there again. He has written his last prescription for the alleviation of human pain. The people will never go there again. He has written his last practice of the release of the neighborthood will be aroused, and there will be many prayers that he who has been so kind to the sick may be comforted in his last pang. It is all oyer new. In two or three days, his convalescent patients, with shawis wrapped around them, will come to the front window and look out at the passing hearse, and the poor of the city, barefooted and bareheaded will stand on the street corner saying. "Oh, how good he was to us all!" But on the other form side of the river of death some of his old patients, who are forever cured, will come out to welcome him, and the physical of the apocalyptic vision, will coine out and say: "Come in, come in I was sick and ye visited me!"

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"Oh," they said. "he's in the next room praying." "Well," said the skilled doctor, "tell him to come out here and help. He can pray and work at the same the winter, give ventilation even on cold time." It was all in that sentence. Do

Foreign weeds appear to be more vigorous and troublesome than our own. The Russian thistle is an example. This is also true in other countries; a foreign thistle has developed wonderfully in the Argentine Republic. Watercress, which will hardly grow in the United States, flourishes luxuriantly in England, so much so that it stops water courses. Horticulturists can well take a lesson from these facts. Undoubtedly many varieties of fruits from outside localities will do well here. Such has proven true in the past and will continue. Many trials will have to be made, however, as out of a large number only a few will prove profitable.—Prof. J. T. Burrill, Illinois.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Tuesday's report of the equity court proceeding mentioned that a verdict was given for the plaintiff in the suit of Pitfield v. Scott Bros. The Scott brothers mentioned are a firm in Vic-

Hon. A. T. Dunn and D. G. Smith of Chatham, acting for the crown lands department, visited Loch Lo-mond Monday and planted in the take 1,500 young sea trout. They were placed near the inlet. Even better things are promised for next year.

Maggie Dutcher, who gave important evidence in the John Sullivan trial, has got entirely well. She has grown a good deal and looks rugged. She says she likes the teachers at the convent very much, and appears to be contented with her new home.—Transcript.

The marriage of Miss Elsie Twining and Mather Almon Abbott took place on the 1st instant at three o'clock in St. Luke's cathedral, Halifax. Rev. Mr. Crawford performed the ceremony. The couple will spend their they go to Grattan, Mass., to reside.

Two handsome new vestibule cars for the Street Railway company have arrived from Otawa. They are much the same as the other closed cars, but contain such improvements as electric buttons on either side of each window, electric heaters and blinds. The cars cost \$2,400 each.

moriand county will have an average crop of hay. In some places the hay is light, but in some it is heavier than last year. The Post says that reports from several sections of the county state that the rust has struck the tatoes badly. Whole fields are turning red and of course will grow no more. The crop it is thought will not be large in that section.

Commodore McPartland came up in the Neptune, which towed the bark Madeline on the 1st inst. While the commodore was leaving the tug in his small boat, the tide took his boat down across the bows of the Madelene, where she was cut in two parts. The dore was quite alert and as brisk as a young man. He quickly grabbed the anchor hanging over the ow, and boarded the vessel. The boat was destroyed.

At the cathedral on the 1st inst.

Joseph O'Brien, a popular member of
the City Cornet band, was united in
marriage with Miss Agnes O'Brien. marriage with Miss Agnes O'Brien.
The ceremony was performed by the
Rev. F. J. McMurray, Miss Kathleen
Power was the bridesmaid and John
Condon assisted the groom. The bride
wore a blue cashmere travelling suit
trimmed with lace. The happy couple
left by the early train for Boston,
where they will stay a couple of

disturbances. He was then going to the hills to spend July and August. It is not yet known whether the disturbances have caused any change in his plans. It may be the tras been or-dered to the front.—Globe.

The Tourist association are making preparations for next season, and solicit photographs or sketches of striking bits of scenery from any part of

assist the association in bringing Mr. Campbell, the Ontarto government road man, down here during exhibition time to lecture and show how the roads are made in that province. The government decided to appropriate \$200 towards defraying the expenses of Mr. Campbell's visit. As to the cost of publishing his addresses, that will be considered later on.

At the parish court of Greenwich, held at Oak Point Aug. 31st, an assault case in which several residents of that district were interested, was settled. The case arose on information laid by G. W. Jones charging J. Cameron, Eleanor Cameron and Wm. Cameron with assault. J. Cameron pleaded guilty and the information against the other two was withdrawn. The case was then settled to the satisfaction of all. A. W. Baird appeared for the prosecution and John R. ed for the prosecution and John R. Dunn for the defendant.

From early morning until late in the day on the 1st inst. large numbers of people visited G. S. Fisher & Co.'s establishment, south side of King square, to see if they possessed the key which would unlock the box containing the \$100 offered by union blend tea. Jacob Whitebone presented the key which opened the box. He therefore got the cash.

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This is to certify that I, Jacob Whitebone, have unlocked the Union Blend Tea money box, with my key, and received the contents, viz., one

hunired dollars. Jacob Whitebene, 617 Main street, St. John, N. B.

It would seem that Detective Ring, who recently returned from his holidays, which he spent in North-umberland county, combined business with pleasure while up there. For a long time the citizens of the prosper-ous village of Blackville on the line of the Canada Eastern railway had of the Canada Eastern railway had suffered from the operations of what turned out to be a regularly organized band of burglars. The St. John officer succeeded, so a north shore gentleman informs the Sun, in breaking up the gang. The head of the crowd, a man named Smith, escaped, but his right hand man, Juneo by name, was given three years in Dorchester.

Robert Baker the sailor on the Duart Castle who was fined \$40 on Tuesday for violently resisting officer Campbell, paid his fine and appeared at the police court on the 1st and preferred a charge against Campbell for beating him unnecessarily. The com-plainant said his name was Robert P. Baker, and he belonged to Halifax. He said he was arrested by officer Campbell, and on the way to the lock-up with handouffs on Campbell struck him. After some evidence had been submitted, Baker asked that the case could stand over until the Duart Castle returned to water the case could stand over until the Duart Castle returned to port, and the ma-gistrate allowed the matter to stand until then.

A quiet wedding was celebrated on August 31st at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Spragg, Sheriff street, north end, when her daughter Maud was united in wedlock to Gain B. Taylor, Rev. R. P. McKim, rector of St. Luke's church, officiating. The groom was ably supported by Murray Holly and the bride by Miss Maggae Quinslor. The ceremony over, the happy couple and their firme flate relatives sat down to supper, after which they left on the steamer St. Croix on a tour to Boston and St. Croix on a tour to Boston and New York. The bride received a large number of beautiful presents, includ-tog a gold watch and chain from the groom. The groom's present to the bridesmaid was a gold ring. A large number of their friends were at the steamer to witness their departure.
The Sun joins with their host of friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Tayfor a prosperous journey through life.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

At a meeting of representatives of the societies of Chatham and Napan of the county of Northumberland, it was unanimously adopted that an in-vitation be extended to the executive of the provincial association asking that the annual convention be held in Chatham next year.

The societies state: "The province pretty generally (especially the S. school teachers) know that we can easily entertain all who come. This ranch of Christian work has many workers here, and we feel Monday evening next in St. John's Presbyterian church for that purpose, Rev. G. M. Young, the president of the provincial, being a resident mongst us, we feel that he can in all ways help the work along. It is insended to make this meeting a regular rousing Endeavor rally, the out-come we hope of which will be more work in our county."

MRS. ARMSTRONG'S ESTATE.

preparations for next season, and solicit photographs or sketches of striking bits of scenery from any part of the province, the same to be used in filustrating matter to be issued during next winter. Contributions of this kind will assist in advertising the beauties of the province and will be appreciated. Communications may be addressed to the secretary New Brunswick Tourist association, St. John.

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The steamer Victoria was taken out for a short run Aug. 31st to test her machinery. The engines worked very sattleactory, and with a light pressure of steam the boat made good headway. Some difficulty was experienced with the steamer was lost and she ran upon some logs boomed at the mill, bit was assisted out of the difficulty by the tug W. H. Murray, when she proceeded on her trip without injury. She makes a splendid appearance on the water.

The members of the local government Aug. 31st gave a hearing to G. E. Fairweather and W. F. Burditt of the Good Roads Association. These gentlemen asked the government to gave a secondary of the rest of the rest of the rest of the estate in fee simple, and the other half is given to John Simeon Armstrong, who shall hold the same in trust to pay the annual income thereof to ther son, Wm. H. Armstrong, for his life for his own use, and after his decease to pay the same to this lawful issue, the principal of the one-half to go to such issue when they attain their full age. If there is no such issue, the one-half is to go to John Simeon Armstrong.

The water assessment for the year ending May, 1898 has been made up. The total assessment will be \$80,-600.90, which is \$1,673 more than last

assessment purposes is put at \$14,281,-050, an increase of \$87,250 over last year. Of this amount property to the value of \$10,246,000 is in St. John east; \$3,229,400 in Portland, and \$805,650 in

Carleton.
Stocks are valued at \$3,262,900; \$2,-867,500 being in St. John east, \$335,700 in Portland, and \$59,700 in Carleton. The increase in the value of stocks over last year is \$210,800.

PROFIT \$500,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Assistant Secretary Brigham of the agricultural department, to-day, expressed the opinion that the American farmers this year would receive in the agreegate from four to five hundred million dollars in excess of that received last year for their wheat.

'This seems like a vast sum, but statistics sustain the claim.'

Colongl Brigham also predicted that the increase in the price of farm products would benefit the laboring element.

"Do you think that the chainless bicycle will come next year?"
"Undoubtedly, unless the manufac-turers can think of some other change to make in their wheels, that will show at a glance whether a person is riding the latest style or not."—Clevelan Plaindealer. CLEAR

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