THE ELDER BROTHER **OF THE BIBLE PARABLE**

Talmage Says He Is Typical of the Self-Righteous Man of To-Day---Beware of Perfect People.

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Washington report. In this discourse Dr. Taimage pleads for a hearty recep-tion to all those who have done wrong and want to get back, while the un-sympathic and self-righteous are ex-coriated. Text: "And he was angry and would not go in"-Luke xv, 28. Many times have I been asked to preach a sermon about the elder both-er of the parable 5. unsympathic and so cold that he is not worthy of recog-nition." The fact is that syce ministers pursue the younger son. You can hear the flapping of his reas in many a ser-monic breeze, and the cranching of the parable. T upon the elder son of the abtogram, or the sitter mov-er din the picture. But now I think the father in the parable of the parable is autiser, cortise that it has a dotters, he has a patronising way. The fact is hat syce ministers ful contestant. I confess that it has a dotter to make them hear, but at in a religious meeting making an address, he has a patronising way. The fact is that syce ministers ful contestant. I confess that it has a difficult for me to train the cram-tratable. T upon the elder son of the enusia light in the gralle, as though ordinary Christians were clear away down below him, so he themicals were poor, or the sitter mov-ed in the picture. But now I think in the dissoluteness of the one, and ind nothing a traiter in the acrit sobriety of the other. The one goes the area during the dode of the pro-toke. The solution of the solution of the gased burst stores of the other ther solutiones of the other of the other starboard side solut they both go dow. The solution of the younger son from his wanderings, and they have staticed the rourn of the younger son from his wanderings, and they have statice the the outset is fully on the farm. He will forther support the starboard side, but they both go dow. The solutions the farm her the solutions the solution the the solution the farm her the solute they the corters for the younger son from his wanderings, and they have sail the solution is the solution of the younger son is gen-ther th

"thrun!" go the harps, "click!" go the challes, up and down go the feet in side, while outside is a most sorry spec-tacle. The sentor son stands at the corner of the house, a trigid phlemantic, "It has ingt come in from the fields in very substantial apparel. Seeing some wild exhitarations around the old man-ston, he acks of a servant passing by with a goatskin of wine on his shout-der what all the fuss is about. One would have thought that, on hearing that his younger brother had got back, he would have gone into the house and redoced, and if he were not conscien-tionsly opposed to dancing, that he would have gone into the house and the is not the transmistion. He sees nothing at all to attract. The dors of the feast coming out on the air do hou sharpen his appetite. The lively music dees not put any spring into hig step. He is in a terrible poit. He eriticises nothing at all to attract. The dors of the scats coming out on the air do hous and herefore, and if the work not his hous-the expense, the injustice and the mor-als of the entertainment. The father and he makes the most onnelly come and worked on the finits of and the mor-tas of the entertainment. The father and he makes the most onnelly come and worked on the finit fine colores, and the soulds at finit on the acts of har entertainment. The father and he makes the most onnelly come and worked on the finit fine and the mor-tas a fill a kid; that would that so the frast coming were him. He soulds a time you make over him. He soulds a time you make over him. He back group heart, and you pay him for it. That calt, to while we have been giving extra feed during all these weeks, wouldn't be so fat and sleek if it had known to what use you were soing to put if? That vasabond de serves to be cowhided instead of bar-coulds a time you make over him. He stires is to pool for him? That evening, while the younger son suited. Veal is to go god for him? That evening, while the younger son suited which he strikes and sort hear was to bok and sheak fill had kno stead of lax, in his personal habits, and was never, so far as we can re-member, accused even by implication of any proclivity to cruelty. It is interesting to trace the causes of an opinion so widely entertained. One, no doubt, is a sense of annoyed surprise to find the "yokel" or "lout" or "countryman" so much cleverer and more rougish than he is expected to be. An opinion so general that it extends even to those who suffer from it, confines acuteness and the disposition to over-reach to the inhabitants of citizs. The coun-tryman must be innocent, for does he not live among lambs, and bring up The dame suming the dame suming the second hath done this not live among lambs, and bring up beasts which to those who have never beause which to those who have never kept a collie dog seem absolutely in-capable of guille? Moreover, the tiller of the fields is incapable of designing, for how should he design who is never in a crowd, who talks in a thick dia-lect instant of a mincing one, and who is notubly if the distinct is is actually, if the district is remote reverential to his betters? When a cident reveals to the townsman that his simple friend can on occasion be the subtlest of plotters, that he un-derstands the characters of all with whom he comes in contact and is willing and able to play on any pess he perceives, the citizen i... their eternal salvation is as sure as though they had been ten years in heaven. And yet some of you have not enough faith in their return. You do not know how to shake hands with a prodigal. You do not know how to great him. He wants to sail into the warm gulf-stream of Christian sympathy. You are the ice-berg against which he strikes and shivers. You say he has been a pro-ldigal. I know it, but you are the sour, unresponsive, censorious, sa-turine, cranky, elder brother, and if you are going to heaven one would think some people would be tempted to go to perdition to get away from you. The hunters say that if a deer be shot the other deer shove him out of their company, and the general rule is, away with a man that has been wounded with sin. Now, I say, the more bones a man has broken the more need he has for a hospital, and that the more a man has been willing and able to play on any k-ness he perceives, the citizen becomes angry, and in his anger-which is partly with himself-invests his rival with "sim" attributes exactly equiva-lent to those with which a hundred pens are now investing the Dutch of pens are now investing the Dutch of South Africa. Another cause is aloof-ness, the different training of genera-tions having rendered citizens and country-folk so different in speech and ways, that they are to each other almost foreigners and like for-eigners are at once slightly despised and slightly supseted. But the main cause of the charge of "slimness" is that it is true. The peasant in every country, South Africa included, eaqueted. Veal is too good for him! That evening, while the younger so sat telling his father about his adventures, and asking about what had oc curred on the place since his departure the senior brother goes to bed disgust ed, and slams the door after him. That senior brother still lives. You can se him any Sunday, any day of the week picture of the second of the second of the second se At a meeting of ministers in Germany that it is true. The peakant in every country, South Africa included, en-tertains from tradition a suspicion that all who deal with him intend to oppress him, that he can only de-fend himself by craft, and that in money matters, especially, if he is ever to be safe, he must-be both penurious and sky. He has to make his income by small bargains, and he becomes an adept in bargain-ing, especially with those who are not experts, as he is, in the qualities of the thing bargained for. He teaches himself, therefore, to become at once plausible and persistent, and having in bushness dealings exactly the same conscience as the small tradesman, he one asked the question: "Who is that elder son?" and Krunmacher an-swered: "I know him; I saw him yes-terday." And when they insisted upon 31. A grain of mustard seed--One of gospel would make PRACTICAL SURVEY. The kingdom of heaven is here dis-cussed from various standpoints and with various shades of meaning.

breached the gospel, that man had broken the bread of the holy commun-ion for the people. From what a height to what a depth? Oh, I was glad there was no smilling in the room when that man was taken out, his poor wife following him with his hat in her hand, and his coat on his arm. It was as solemn to me as two funerals-the funeral of the body and the funeral of soul. Beware, lest thou **a**iso be tempted! soul. tempted! BOERS AND YANKEES.

The Characteristic That is Common to Both.

A CONNECTICUT FARMER. [Abridged From the "Spectator.']

[Abridged From the The Boers are not nice people in The Boers are not nice people in but one charge is The Boers are not nice people in many respects, but one charge is pressed against them with an undue vehemence, born, we strongly sus-pect, of surprise. It is considered quite unnatural that a population so rough, so rural, and so much given to violent expression of its will should be so "slim," that is, in the "Taal variety of Dutch, so canning or craity. They ought as rustics to be simple, a word which meant in earlier English at once innocent and foolish. It seems to be forgotten that precisely the same charge was formerly levelled to be longotten that precisely the same charge was formerly levelled against the "Yankees," and this not by Englishmen or any Europeans, but by all Americans outside the six New England States. The farmers of those States were supposed by their coun-trymen to be the most counting of manking always intert on small mankind, always intern on small cheateries, and always getting the better of their innocent neighbors by carefully devised little plots. That was the central idea of "Sam Slick," a coarse but genuinely humorous book. now, we fancy, nearly forgotten; and though Judge Haliburton was an Eng-lishman, he was not half so bitter as Fenimore Cooper, who in his later years wrote five or six novels mainly to prove that "Yankees" were a set of rascally thieves, and the Boers or Dutchmen of New York the worthiest of manified Even new we imaging low, we fancy, nearly forgotten; and of mankind. Even now we imagine a Connecticut farmer is esteemed by the rest of his countrymen due of the craftiest of men, with whom it is not convenient to bargain, and who must be avoided as an employee because he is due or country ment to cause he is sure sooner or later to play the part of the cuckoo. He is, in the literature of his enemies, for all his rusticity, over-canny, penuri-cus to distonesty, and up to a cer-tain point, where his religion comes in entirely multiple multiple context. in, entirely undescrying of trust. What with his patrictism, indeed, his love of deception, and his capacity for irregular warfare, he was very like a Boer, with these differences, that he was precise and even prim, in-stead of lax, in his personal habits, and was never so far as we can re-

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THE ATHENS DECOMPTO MAY 24 1900

Parables of the Kingdon.-Matt. 13; 24-33. Supt.-What is the Golden Text? chool.-The field is the world. Matt. dii. 38. cill. 38. What is the Central Truth?-

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is power in the gospel to over-come all hindrances and fill the whole oarth with truth.

What is the topic? Christ's spirit-ual kingdom. What is the outline?—I. Parable of the wheat and tares. II. Parable of the mustard seed. III. Parable of the leaven. When was the time ?-September, A. D. 28.

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Make of the set of Galilie, hear Caper-naum. Who were the persons 7-Jesus. The disciple. The multitude. What are the parallel accounts ?--Mark iv. 26-34: Luke xiii, 18-21. Commentary-The parables of this lesson were spoken at the same time and place that the parable of the sower was spoken. See last lesson. 24. Another parables lower by our Lord-This expression sometimes signifies "real religion." but here it has reference to the visible Church of Christ. Which sowed good seed--"ean wheat, representing the truths of Christ. Which sowed good seed-"en: wheat, representing the truths of the gospel and also those who em-brace those truths." In the parable of the sower Jesus said the seed was the word of God, in this he said, "The good seed are the children of the king-dom." 25. But while men slept-In the night, when evil-disposed persons would try to injure the property of their neighbors. His enemy came-"The enemy that sowed them is the

"The enemy to injure the property of their neighbors. His enemy came-"The enemy that sowed them is the devil." V. 39. Notice that Jesus refers to him as "his" enemy. The devil is not only the enemy of Christ, but of Literally "darnel," the weed that all who follow Christ. Sowed tares— Literally "darnel," the weed that grows among the wheat. "It had a near resemblance to the stalks of wheat." Went his way—Although a friend in appearance, "this enemy is deceitful, vigilant, secret." He comes in "evil thoughts unboly decises (lat.

deceitful, vigilant, secret." He comes in "evil thoughts, unholy desires, flat-tering words, bad books," and, in fact, in a hundred ways. 26. And brought forth fruit—Their real difference was seen when the fruit appeared. Compare Matt, vil. 16-20. "There is a great deal of secret wickedness in the hearts of men, which is long hid under a cloak of a profes-sion, but breaks out at last. 27. The servants of the householder —The faithful and vigilant ministers of Christ.—Clarke. Said unto him— they discovered the devices of the devil

of Christ.—Clarke. Said unto him— they discovered the devices of the devil and came with grief to tell the Lord about it and inquire into the cause. Whence then hath it tarcs—Only good seed was sown and we may well She Says Her "Steady" Took ask how have these tares come

28. An energy hath done this—"A plain answer to the great question concerning the origin of evil. God made men, as He did angels, intelligent creatures, and consequently free, pither to choose good or evil.; but He ASKS FOR \$15,000 DAMAGES. Leslie, who has been variously proimplanted no evil in the human soul An enemy, with man's concurrence

29. But He said, Nay-God's thoughts are not our thoughts; we oftentimes act very unwisely when we do not apply to Christ for direction. Lest

The son of man scattered only good seed; no darnel was ever sown by him. There is a class of tachers to day whose doctrine, if logically followed out, would make God the author of sin. "Is there anrighteousness with God? God forbid." Tares were sown while men slept. How important that the Lord's servants be awake and on the alert? There is no time for slum-bering in the work of God. Note again the danger of rashness or precipitancy. V. 28. "Wilt thou not then that we go and gather them up?" So zealous are some of God's people about having a clean church that they are apt to defeat the very end at which they aim. There doubt-less are cases that require sum-mary treatment, and expulsion from the church militant would be pro-per, but this should be the last re-sort. Dr. Watson says, "This parar ble is not to be interpreted as re-ferring to church discipline at all, but as forbidding religious persecu-tions, or coercive measures used to bring heretics back to the faith, which is unchristian and diabolical." The parable of the mustard seed. How weak and inconsiderable in ap-pearance have been the beginnings of God's work as seen in the earth ! How

How weak and inconsiderable in ap-pearance have been the beginnings of God's work as seen in the earth! How feeble were God's people in the Ante-diluvian and in the Patriarchal periods, and with what a small be-ginning was the advent of Christian-ity into the world! Yet, like the mus-tard seed it, contains the life recurs tard seed, it contains the life germ and finally acquires great proper tions

The parable of the leaven. As the former parable of the left of the former parable was intended to il-lustrate the visible growth of Chris-tianity, this is intended to show its secret and powerful operations in th

source and powerful operations in the soul of man, and in the moral state of society. 1, Leaven here signifies the truth as presented in the gospel. It is insignificant in appearance. Chris-tianity in its inception was unosten-tions and modest. Its followers were unprotentions uncommunications and unpretentious, unpopular men. Their teachings were simple and unvarnish, ed, unlike the cultured Grecian philosophers or the learned Jewish rab-bis. 2, The meal signifies the heart in which the truth was hidden; or in a wider sense, the world to which the truth came. 3, The agent was a ""woman" representing the Juste "woman," representing the I Spirit. He must hide the leaven Holy Spirit. He must hide the leaven in the heart in order to bring about good results. There never was and never will be a case of genuine con-viction without the presence and in-terposition of the Holy Spirit. The effect produced—The whole was leavened. Leaven imparts its own nature and changes the whole mage

All Her Jewels.

inclination to move, sne asked for er presents. He refused to return them, and they drifted apart. She waited until a few days ago, and then related her trou-bles to Lawyer Hummel, who imme-

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bles to Lawyer Hummel, who imme diately came to the rescue, and pa-pers were served upon the captain



Leading Wheat Markets.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

Wheat-Was 1-2 to 1c lower, 300

wheat—was 1-2 to it lower, 300 bushels of winter selling at 68 to 71c for white and 69 to 69 1-2c for red, and 100 bushels of goose at 73c. Oats—Were lower, 300 bushels sell-ing at 31 1-2c to 32 1-2c. Hay and Straw—Were in moderate supply the domand more for moderate supply, the demand was fair, and the market was steady. fifteen loads of supply, the demand was fair, and the market was steady, fitteen loads of hay selling at \$10 to \$11,50, and three loads of straw at \$8 to \$9. Dressed Hogs—The receipts to-day were light, the demand is fair, and

price was nominal at \$7.40 to \$7.60. Wheat, steady, 200 bushels of red and white selling at 69 to 70c., and wheat, steady, 200 bushels of red and white selling at 69 to 70c., and 200 bushels of goose at 721.2 to 73c. Hay and Straw—The receipts were smaller, the demand fair and the mar-ket was steady, 20 loads of hay sell-ing at \$10 to \$12 and two loads of traw at \$8.50.

Dressed Hogs—The receipts were small, the demand was slow and the market was steady at \$7 to \$7.25. Seeds.

Seeds. In Chicago to-day timothy seed closed 10c lower at \$2,40 nominal for May and clover unchanged at \$7 nom-inal cash, per 100 lbs. In Toledo old prime clover seed closed steady at \$4.70, cash 10c lower at \$4.90, and October 2 1-2c lower at \$5,10 asked, all per bushel.

Hides and Wool.

Hides and Wool. Hides, 6c to 9 1-2c green: - hides, curred, 8c to 9c; calfskins, No. 1, 8c to 10c; No. 2, 7c to 8c; deacons, dair-ies, each, 60c to 70c; sheepskins, fresh, \$1 to \$1.20; tallow, rendered, 4c to 6c; wool, fileece, 15c to 16c; washed fileece, 10c to 11c; pulled, super, 17c to 20c; pulled, extra, 19c to 22c; tal-low reword, 11-2c to 214c low, rough, 11-2c to 31-4c.

Cheese Markets.

Napanee, May 16.-At the Cheese Board to-day 17 factories boarded 906 New York report.—Not a few of boxes cheese, 401 white and 505 the theatrical friends of Miss Lisle colored. Sales, 90 white at 9 13-16c, 195 colored at 93-4c.

Leslie, who has been variously pro-grammed as "Lisle Henry" and "Lisle Smileigh," have been wondering of late why she does not wear as many diamonds as in former years. She will enderyor to explain to the Stirling Concern Dear to explain to the Stirling Star to explain to the Star to explain to explain t

and conditions. Into my barn-Into heaven. What an assembly of saints this will be! ed to New York and located in handsomely furnished apartment. At first, she says, the ccaptain did not give her many diamonds, but after they were engaged he did.

the smallest of all seeds. This parable represents the progress which the STRONG ON GARTERS Following is a list of the jewels she

The least of all seeds-" The kingdom of the Messiah made but a small appearance; Christ and His Apostles, compared with the great and mighty of the world, were like says he gave her: One diamond necklace. One ruby and pearl necklace. Two pairs of diamond and studded garter buckles of gold. a grain of mustard seed." They were a grain of mustard seed." They were the weak and foolish things that were despised and rejected of men. When it is grown-There is life and power in the gospel to sustain itself and make rapid advancement. The stone that Daniel saw is destined to fill the whole earth. And becometh a tree-In that country the mustard grows much larger than in this, and sometimes springs up to the dimen-One pair of sapphire and emerald studded garter buckles of gold. . Seven pairs of bracelets of gold and diamonds, rubles, topazes, demanfolds and other stones. Sunburst of diamonds and pearls. Sunburst of diamonds and pearls. Nine rings, including diamonds, em-eralds and one containing a highly

eralds and one containing a mena, prized chrysoprase. The jewels, according to the plain-tiff, are really worth more than \$15,-000, but she is willing to call her claim even for that amount. She also asserted that Capt. Smi-leigh resorted to an artful subterfuge in order to regain possession of the a tree—In that country the mustard grows much larger than in this, and sometimes springs up to the dimen-sions of a small tree. 33. Another parable—"With a view still further to illustrate the pro-gress of the gospel in the world and the grace of God in the soul." Like unto leaven—"Leaven 's all per-vading and powerful. Though silent and hidden, it soon affects the whole mass. So would diving truth he in its in order to regain possession of the jewels. In March last, she says, he. proposed a "rough shod tour through Europe," as he called it. His idea was that they should tour the continent on foot, bicycles, or on horseback, ac-cording to circumstances, but ever shuuning raifroads and other conti mass. So would divine truth be in its influence on indivi units and communi-ties." Three measures—'Intended to denote the large quantity which he leaven has to pervade." There is no doubt a reference here to the fact that the gospel has power to trans-form the whole man-body, soul and spirit. Of meal-The corn had been ground and prepared so the leaven could change to its own nature that with which it was mixed. In the same way there must be a prepara-tion for gospel truth. mass. So would divine truth be in its shunning railroads and other conti nental modes of travel. They were to live on the best the countries af-forded, but must adapt themselves to the various modes of life they would Miss Leslie says she was delighted. If course, she would not need her

tion for gospel truth. Thoughts.-If God's people were fully awake, spiritually, the enemy would not have so good a chance to sow tares in the church of Christ.

Of course, she would not need her jewels, the captain told her, accord-ing to the complaint, and a day or so later he presented himself with an elaborate onyx jewel case, gathered in all the presents, and said he'd put them in his safe deposit vault for safe keeping. Miss Leslie consented, but when a month later they had not stortd an month later they had not started on their trip and the captain showed no

TOOK MEAN ADVANTAGE.

to give him, who could not egal manner. So the Judge took him in hand. This scene then took place: Counsel-You saw the man. What

id he say? Witness—He said that he stole the

Judge-No, no. He said nothing of the sort. Tell us the exact words he the

witness-They are the words he

where the words he used, my lord. Judge-I think that presently I shall be able to penetrate the density of your stupidity. Did he speak in the first person or the third person ? Witness-There was no third person present, my lord.

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present, my lord. Judge (savagely)-Listen now Didn's he say, "I stole the pig?" Witness-No, my lord: he said he stole it. Your lordship is thinking of a different case altogether. He said nothing about your lordship having stolen the pig, and we were the only two people present.

Heirs to Great Wealth.

Heirs to Great Wealth. John D. Rockefeller, jun., is heir to more millions than any other young man in the country to-day. He is not yet 25 and his whole life has been a preparation for the enormous task of caring for the estate. Theodore A. Havemeyer, jun., is the heir of the Havemeyer millions and will be worth close upon \$50,000,000. In spite of this he works every day at his of-fice in Wall street and for recrea-tion plays golf and polo. He is martion plays golf and polo. He is mar ried and is a member of several of the smart clubs. During the present cen-tury the Gould fortune will be pretty well cut up, for there are many heirs. the richest of whom will be Kingdom Gould, George Gould's eldest. At present George Gould's rating is \$70,-000,000. Kingdom Gourd, though a mere child, speaks German and French and knows considerable about yacht-

ing. announced his resignation from U.S. Senate. Senator Clark, of Monty na,