

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Dr. Talmage Talks of the Good Done by Cities.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Dr. Talmage, the Russian capital, where he was cordially received by the emperor and empress and the empress dowager. Dr. Talmage sends this discourse, in which he shows the mighty good that may be done by the cities, and also the vast evil they may do by their attentions to the unspectacular and the unglorious.

The city is no worse than the country. The vices of the metropolis are more evident than the vices of the rural districts, because there are more to be had if they wish to be. The merchant is as good as the farmer. There is no more cheating in town than out of town—no worse cheating; it is only on a larger scale.

And as to villages, I think that in some respects they are worse than the cities because they copy the vices of the cities in the meanest shape, and as to gossip its heaven is a country village. Everybody knows everybody's business better than in the city.

Cain was the founder of the first city. I suppose it took after him in morals. It takes a city a long while to escape from the character of a founder. Where the founders of a city are criminal exiles, the filth, the vice, the prison, the shadow of those founders, it will take centuries for New York to get over the good influence of the pious founders of that city—the founders whose prayers went up in the streets where now banks and count and brokers and thieves and smugglers swear custom house lies, and above the roar of the wheels, and the crack of the auctioneer's mallet ascends the aspiration, "We worship thee, O thou who hastest to the aid of the church that used to stand on Wall street to this day throwing its blessing on the scene of traffic and on all the ships folding their white wings in the harbor.

Cities are not evil necessarily, as some have argued. They have been the birthplace of civilization. In them popular liberty has lifted its voice. Witness Geneva and Pisa and Venice. After the death of Alexander the Great among his papers were found extensive plans of cities, some to be built in Europe, some to be built in Asia.

ment possible. So you are jostled higher and higher by business men, up this ladder with a hod of bricks, digging a cellar, shingling a roof, binding a book, mending a watch. Work, with its thousand eyes, goes on singing its song, "Work, work, work!" while the drums of the mill beat it and the steam whistles fire it.

Going down to your place of business and coming home again I charge you look about; see these signs of poverty, of wretchedness, of hunger, of sin, of bereavement, and how dormal through the streets and come back through the streets gather up in the arms of your prayer all the sorrow, all the losses, all the sufferings, all the bereavements of those whom you pass and present them in prayer before an all-sympathetic God.

WICKED EXCLUSIVENESS. Again, in all cities I am impressed with the fact that all classes and conditions of society must commingle. We sometimes cultivate a wicked exclusiveness, intellect, despising the poor. Retirement will have nothing to do with boorishness. Gloves have the sunburned hand, and the high forehead despises the flat head, and the trim hederger will have nothing to do with the wild coiffure.

Again, in all cities, I am impressed with the fact that it is a very hard thing for a man to keep his heart right, and to get to heaven. Intense temptations spring upon us from places of public concourse. Amid so much affluence, how much temptation to covetousness and to be discontented with our humble lot!

HOLLOWNESS OF SOCIETY. Again, in all these cities I am impressed with the fact that life is full of pretension and sham. What subterfuge, what double dealing, what faceless! Do all people who wish you good morning really hope for you a happy day? Do all the people who shake hands love each other?

DISHONESTY NEVER PROSPERS. I want to tell you that the church of God is not a shop for receiving stolen goods and that if you have taken anything from your fellow-men you had better return it to the men to whom it belongs.

his spiritual interests the Lord is on his side, and one with God is a majority. If you have been much among the cities you have also noticed that they are full of temptations of a political character. It is not so more in one city than in all the cities.

Then look around and see the allurements to dissipation. Bad have no unknown to father and mother, with the reptiles of Egypt, crawling into some of the best of families of the community, and boys read them while the teacher is looking the other way, or at recess, or on the corner of the street when the groups are gathered.

RUINOUS RIVALRY. In all cities, east, west, north, south, I notice great temptations to commercial rivalry. He says, "I'm going to be honest," but on the same street, on the same block, in the same business are Shylocks. Those men to get the patronage of anyone will have no scruples about breaking up the understandings with their neighbors.

OTTAWA. OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—It is said Hon. Joe Martin will be invited to Toronto shortly, where he will meet with other political independents are preparing to give him a big demonstration.

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