

A Proposed Treaty.

Talmage Makes a Vigorous Plea For a Warmer Friendship Between the Church and Press.

A Washington report: In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls for a warm friendship between those who preach the gospel and those who make newspapers, the spoken word and the printed word to go side by side.

Sacred stupidity and solemn incompetence and sanctified laziness are here rebuked by Christ. He says worldlings are wider awake for opportunities than are Christians.

The first thing toward this result is cessation of indiscriminate hostility against the newspaper. You might as well denounce the legal profession because of the shysters, or the medical profession because of the quacks, or merchandise because of the swindling bargain makers.

If, instead of fighting newspapers, we spend the same length of time and the same energy in marshaling their help in religious directions, we would be much wiser as the man who gets consent of the railroad superintendent to fasten a car to the end of a rail train, shows better sense than the man who runs his wheelbarrow up the track to meet and drive back the Chicago limited express.

I know what I am talking about, for I can draw on my own experience. All the respectable newspapers, as far as I know, are my friends now. But many of you remember the time when I was the most continuously and meanly attacked man in this country.

What a useful life and what a glorious departure was that of the most famous of all American printers, Benjamin Franklin, whom infidels in the penury of their resources have often fraudulently claimed as their own.

them, and he reported their addresses and their acts. Luke was a reporter, and he wrote not only the book of Luke, but the Acts of the Apostles, and without that reporting work we would know nothing of the Pentecost and nothing of Stephen's martyrdom, and nothing of Tabitha's resurrection, and nothing of the falling and unfalling of Paul and Silas, and nothing of the shipwreck at Malta.

And the men of that profession are going to come in a body throughout the country. I know hundreds of them, and a more genial or higher educated class of men it would be hard to find, and though the tendency of their profession may be toward skepticism, an organized, common sense, gospel invitation would fetch them from the front of the Christian endeavor.

Men of the pencil and pen in all departments, you need the help of the Christian religion. Is the day when people want to get their newspapers at two cents and are hoping for the time when they can get any of them at one cent, and as a consequence the attaches of the printing press are by the thousand ground under the cylinders you want God to take care of you and your families.

Printers of all Christendom, editors, reporters, compositors, pressmen, publishers and readers, read that which is printed, resolve that you will not print, set up, edit, issue or read anything that debases body, mind or soul. In the name of God, by the laying on of the hands of faith and prayer, ordain the printing press for righteousness and liberty and salvation.

Are you ready for the signing of the contract, the league, the solemn treaty proposed between journalism and evangelism? Let this be the marriage of the pulpit and the printing press. The ordination of the former in my hand, it is appropriate that I publish the banns of such a marriage. Let this day be one in the magnificent work of the world's redemption.

ONTARIO'S PUBLIC WORKS.

We Have Spent Twenty Millions for Them Up to Date.

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. P. Latchford, has been printed, and will be before the Legislature on Monday.

The statement shows that in all \$21,428,780.90 has been expended on public works in 33 years. During the present fiscal year, \$19,568,368.41, and last year it was \$4,683,451.45.

The details of expenditure for the full period named show that on colonization roads, \$3,289,986.71 has been expended since Confederation, of which \$1,832,926.10 was last year's outlay.

The expenditure for railway aid in the past 33 years, or rather the past 29 years, for none is credited to Sandfield Macdonald's regime, is the stupendous sum of \$7,000,841.76.

The total capital expenditures on the present Parliament buildings up to date has been \$1,273,930.49, and for interior equipment, grounds, and outside improvements, \$227,435. Another item is for Brock's monument at Queenstown, which cost \$4,605.31.

A GUYSBORO TRAGEDY.

Edward O'Connor's Mysterious Death—Inquest Ordered.

Gaysboro, N. S., report: Yesterday two young men, Henry Keay and Thomas Carey, came from St. Francis, and in the afternoon when returning home they called at the house of John O'Connor, three miles from town.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XII. MARCH 24, 1901.

Jesus Crucified and Buried.—Luke 23:35-38. Commentary—Connecting links. They took Jesus to a place called Calvary.

35. Denied. A dense crowd mocked him from nine till twelve o'clock. But there were also friendly watchers at the cross (John xix. 25-27): "This sad hour, not wholly deserted in the future, the kingdom of God is being established."

36. Vinegar.—It was about the time of the midday meal of the soldiers, and they in mockery offered him to sour wine to drink with them.—Alford.

37. A superscription.—The white tablet nailed upon the cross above the head of the victim, to declare the crime for which he was crucified, "was a common custom to affix a label to the cross, giving a statement of the crime for which the person suffered."

38. Railed on Him.—The two thieves crucified with Him may have belonged to the band with Barrabas; they evidently knew something about the Christ. One mocked, the other prayed.

39. Do not thou fear God.—Whatever the reckless crowd may do, thou art not afraid of Him; does this have no effect upon you? He is a true penitent, confessing his sins.

40. We... justly.—He is a true penitent, confessing his sins. Nothing more—He may have heard and seen more of Jesus at various times, but he may have joined the crowd where Jesus was speaking, and have known of His miracles.—Peloubet.

41. Lord.—The voice of the world implies faith. Thy kingdom—let us put our hands to the work, imploring God to hasten the coming of Jesus Christ. In the end of that He had power to say, "Thy kingdom—let us put our hands to the work, imploring God to hasten the coming of Jesus Christ."

42. Paradise.—This was the second saying of Christ on the cross. The verse is a strong proof of the immortality of the soul. Paradise—"This is a word of Persian origin, denoting a beautiful park garden or orchard. It was the place where the soul of Jesus was between death and the resurrection."

43. Christ's suffering.—Christ's suffering was not for his own sake, but for the sake of others, and while on the cross made provision for his mother. Darkness.—This darkness continued three hours, from noon till three o'clock.

44. Of Palestine.—This darkness was typical of the moral darkness that filled the land. "This was a miraculous occurrence, showing the amazement of God at the crucifixion of His Son, the light of the world and the sun of righteousness."

45. A loud voice.—As it were the triumphant note of a conqueror.—This time is recorded in John xix. 30, and was his sixth saying on the cross: "It is finished." Father, etc.—This was his seventh saying. "The Father shows that his soul has recovered full recovery." Not long before this when struggling with the darkness he called to his "God"; now the darkness is gone and he sees his Father's face. I commend my spirit to the Father.

46. Another proof of the immortality of the soul, and of its separate existence after death.—Clarke. Gave up the ghost.—He disclaimed the title of man, and willingly gave up the life that he had, and thus became, not a forced sacrifice, but a free-will offering for sin.

47. Centurion.—The Roman officer who had charge of the crucifixion. Called a centurion because he commanded one hundred men. Glorified God.—When he saw "what a wonderful thing it was that God was doing in showing His approval of Jesus, a righteous man—An innocent man—According to Matthew he confessed Jesus to be the Son of God.

48. Smelt of incense.—The token of alarm and penitence. They were to some extent penitent for their actions.—Hom. Com. Awe and consternation in the Jews.

49. All His acquaintances.—They beheld Him with the deepest sorrow over their irrevocable loss, which was not yet softened by the joyful hope of the resurrection.

50. A councillor (R. V.).—That is, was a member of the Sanhedrin. He was also a rich man. Matt. xxvii. 57.

51. Had not consented.—He had either voted against their action in the council, or what is far more probable, had absented himself and taken no part in the proceedings.

52. Went to Pilate.—He went in boldly. It took great courage to do this. He had been a secret disciple and afraid of public sentiment, but he is fearless now. He regarded Joseph as one of the noblest characters referred to in the New Testament; he befriended Christ in this hour of awful darkness when even the disciples forsook Him and fled.

53. He took it down.—Joseph was assisted by Nicodemus (John xix. 39-42); they wrapped the body in linen with spices, and placed it in a new sepulchre, in a garden near by Calvary. Isa. liii. 9.

Thoughts.—The reading of the text was a type. 1. Of the violent rending of Christ's body. 2. Of the cross. Heb. x. 20. 2. It typified our

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History presents no theme comparable in importance to the incarnation, sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. This is seen when we consider the dignity of His person, the intensity of His sorrows, and the great end of His death.

The Jews who had the light of Moses and the prophets were expecting a Saviour. They had heard and seen the teachings and miracles of Christ. Yet because His purity of life and teaching contrasted with their own depravity and sin they hated Him "without cause."

It is supposed that after the condemnation of Jesus the Sanhedrists had gone from the temple to the temple to take up the temple services, and upon hearing of the inscription which Pilate had written, partly to avenge himself on and partly to deride the Jews, they hastened back to induce him not to allow it to remain there.

"Himself He cannot save." 1. This was false in that He possessed all power both in heaven and on earth. 2. He did not save Himself. If He had spoken the word He could have frustrated all their plans by commanding angels to His rescue and to guard Him.

His coming would have been rendered void, and the world must have remained unredeemed forever. Sin produced a spiritual death; opened the grave for the body, and the region of eternal despair for the soul. He therefore suffered death on the cross to make atonement for sin.

QUESTION OF THE SEX. Is it Determined by the Food of the Mother?

Vienna, March 16.—Dr. Schenck endeavors to prove in his new book that the usual sex distribution of 106 males to 100 females is only the result of normal assimilation of food by women.

Dr. Schenck provides a liberal diet of albuminous food and requires that it shall be taken for a period of four months. He says a woman who desired a male child had the following diet before undergoing his treatment:

Breakfast—A cup of coffee, with milk and sugar and a roll. Lunch—Two lightly boiled eggs, bacon and a roll.

Supper—Cold meat, cake, pudding and bread. A glass and a half of water with wine was drunk during the day.

As the above diet was not found sufficiently albuminous, Dr. Schenck ordered the following: Breakfast—A cup of milk, without sugar, and biscuits.

Supper—Fresh roast meat, cheese, a little bread and an apple. Three glasses of water taken daily with a little wine.

Again, the diet has to be varied, for although the later prescription contained much more albumen it was not sufficiently dissolved. The albuminous foods, therefore, were increased and the fatty substances and carbohydrates withdrawn for ten days.

Dr. Schenck mentions 29 such cases in addition to the fifteen mentioned in his first work. He considers that any woman might adopt his method with the aid of her family doctor.

American Women to Test Theory. Paris, March 16.—Dr. Schenck is coming to Paris next week at the request of three wealthy American women who are expecting children. They agreed among themselves to follow his dietary prescriptions scrupulously in order to give a thorough test to his theory as to sex determination. Two women are endeavoring to beget boys, the third a girl.

Violent Fates of Royal Rulers. Of 2,550 sovereigns who have reigned in the world up to now, 300 have been overthrown, 134 have been assassinated, 123 have been taken captive in war, 108 have been executed, 100 have been slain in battle, 84 have been forced to abdicate, 28 have committed suicide, 25 have been tortured to death and 23 have been eaten mad or imbecile. Of 113 kings of Spain 55 have been assassinated,

The Markets

Leading Wheat Markets. The following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day:

Table with columns: Location, Cash, May. Chicago, New York, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Duluth, No. 1, Northern, Minneapolis, No. 1, Northern, Toronto Farmers' Market.

Wheat—Steady to firmer; 400 bu. of white and 300 bu. of red sold unchanged at 63 1/2 to 69c, and 400 bu. of coarse sold 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher, at 65 1/2 to 66 1/2c.

Barley—Market easier, 600 bu. sold to lower at 45 to 46c. Oats—Deliveries large and prices steady, 1,000 bu. sold unchanged at 34 to 34 1/2c.

Hay—15 loads sold unchanged at \$14 to \$15 per ton. Straw—Market more active, with prices weaker; 5 loads sold 50c to \$1 lower at \$9 to \$9.50 per ton.

Butter—Plenty of fresh pound rolls were offered by farmers, and there was a good demand. Prices ruled steady at 19 to 21c, and in some instances a cent or two more was asked. Large rolls were quiet and unchanged at 17 to 18c.

Eggs—Bolling stock was plentiful, and it sold freely to a steady demand at 15 to 17c, some holders asking 18c, and this price was occasionally obtained for small lots.

Poultry—The offerings included several large lots of fresh chickens, which sold rapidly at 50 to 80c per pound. Turkey also sold well at 12 to 13c, but geese and ducks were quiet.

Apples—More than a dozen loads were offered and trade was brisk. Prices ruled steady; the choice lots sold at \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel, and some fine apples were held at \$4 for single barrel lots. Culls were in poor demand and were inactive at \$2 to \$2.75.

Vegetables—Demand was steady, and supplies were larger than usual. Trade was active and prices held steady at \$7.75 to \$8.25 per cwt.

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Toronto Live Stock Markets. Export cattle, choice, per cwt. \$1.50 to \$1.50. Export cattle, light, per cwt. 1.00 to 1.00. Export hogs, per cwt. 3.25 to 3.75.

Notes. Exports of wheat and flour from America this week equalled 4,693,839 bushels, against 4,229,528 bushels last week, 2,727,450 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900, and 4,114,046 bushels in 1899.

The detailed report of the Department of Agriculture, giving farm reserves, shows that Kansas has more wheat than any other State, 20,662,000 bushels. Texas has 4,211,000 bushels. In the Northwest, Minnesota has 14,398,000 bushels, North Dakota 3,081,000 bushels, and South Dakota 5,440,000 bushels, a total for the three States of 23,409,000 bushels, last year they had 44,768,000 bushels, out of a crop of 57,709,000 bushels. Present holdings are over 50 per cent. under last year's.

Newspapers and Brains.

The most sensational and reprehensible newspapers are not the most successful; and the influence of the splendor-bodded newspaper run by one brain and a thousand legs, even with a million readers, is not as great as that of scores of simple conservative papers served by brains in every department. The idea that the organization which is necessary to the success of a modern newspaper can dispense with brains is directly at variance with the facts.—Chicago Times-Herald.

There have been disturbances at Ropol and Laramie, Spain, caused by rioters.