SERMON

Rev. Dr. Talmage Urges the Adoption of the Unusual Mode of Estimating Character.

course, from a symbol of the Bible, Dr. Talmage urges the adoption of an unusual mode of estimating character and shows how different is the divine way from the human way: text, Proverb xvi. 2, "The Lord weigheth the

The subject of weights and measures is discussed among all nations, is the subject of legislation and has much to do with the world's prosperity. A system of weights and measures was invented by Phidon, ruler of Argos, nt 800 years before Christ. An is, a pound, a ton, were different ifferent lands. Henry III, decided that an ounce should be the weight of the dried grains of wheat from the middle of the ear. From the reign of William the Conqueror to Henry VIII. the English pound was the weight of 7,-680 grains of wheat. Queen Elizabeth decreed that a pound should be 7,000 grains of wheat taken from the middle of the ear. The piece of plathum grains of wheat taken from the mid-dle of the ear. The piece of platinum kept at the offive of the excheduer in England in an atmosphere of 62F, de-cides for Great Britain what a pound must be. Scientific representatives from all lands met in 1869 in Paris and established international standards of weights and measures.

You all know something of avoirdupois weight, of apothecaries' weight,

pois weight, of apothecaries' weight, of troy weight. You are familiar with the different kinds of weighing machines, whether a Roman balance, which is our steelyard, or the more usual instrument consisting of a beam supported in the middle, having two basins of equal weight suspended to the extremities. Scales have been in-

the extremities. Scales have been invented to yeigh substances huge like mountains, and others delicate enough to weigh infinitesimals.

But in all the universe, there has only been one balance that could weigh thoughts, emotions, affections, hatred, ambitions. That balance was fashioned by an Almighty God and is hung up for perpetual service. "The Lord of the service. I cannot play upon a musical instrument, but I can politish a cornet or string a harp or applicable the orchestra."

A CHEERFUL FAITH.

All through that man's experience there runs a faith that will keep him up for perpetual service. "The Lord

weigheth the spirits."

This divine weigher puts into the balance the spirit of charity and decides ance the spirit of charity and decides how much of it really exists. It may be that it says to the unfortunate "Take this and do not bother me any more." It may be an occasional impulse. It may depend upon the condition of the liver or the style of breakfast partaken of a little while become it may be called forth by the

man's charity is placed. It starts from love of God and man. It is born in heaven. It is a lifelong characteristic. It may have a million dollars or a penny to bestow, but the manner in which that giver bestows it shows that it is a divinely implanted principle. The one penny given may, considering the limited circumstances, attract as much angelic and heavenly attention as though the check given in charity was so large it staggered the cashier of the bank to cash it. It is not the amount given, but the spirit with which it is given. "The Lord weigheth the spirits." to bestow, but the manner in which

A NOBLE RESOLVE.

Perhaps no one but God heard that good man's resolution, but it amounted to this: "From this present moment to my last moment on earth, God helping me, I will do all I can to make this world a purer world, a better world, a happier world." But the resolution in the contribution of \$1 as though he had the means to contribute \$500,000. When that charity is put into the royal balance, the heavens watch the weighing and invisible choirs chant from the clouds, and I catch one bar of the

So also in the celestial scales is placed the spirit of faith. In most cases faith depends on whether or not the sun shines, and the man had sound sleep last night, and whether the first son he meets in the morning tells something agreeable or disagreec. Some day the sales in his store not amount to so much as he exted, and he goes home with enough uplaints to fill the house as soon as he enters it. Another day the sales are 20 or 40 per cent. larger than usual and as he is putting the key into the door lock his family hear him whistling a tune most jubilant. He has faith that everything in his own affairs and in the affairs of church and state are tending toward better conditions until something depressing happens in his own personal experiences or under his own observation.

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There are Christian people who had faith that China would be redeemed and for 30 years have been contributing toward that object, but they changed their minds and now despair of the Flowery Kingdom since the Boxers began their massacres. There are those who were busy in New York missions and expected the salvation of our American cities until recent development showed that the police were in complicity with erime, and now these Christian workers are despairful, as though all were lost. Of what worth is such a mans' faith? When weighed, will they have what the chemists call atomic weight—the weight of an atom? No. Such faith is no faith at all.

But there is another man who by repentance and prayer has put himself into alliance with the Almighty God. Made all right by the Saviour's grace, this man goes to work to make the

WASHINGTON, May 26.—In this dis- world right. He says to himself: launched a failure. The garden of Eden was a seless morass compared with what the whole world will be when it blossoms and leaves and flashes and resounds with its coming glory. God will save it anyhow, with me or withhave some equipment—not as much as some others, but what I have I will use. I have power to frown, and I vocabulary of some others, but I have a storehouse of good words, and I mean a storehouse of good words, and I mean to scatter them in helpfulness. I will ascribe right motives to others when it is possible. If I can say anything good about others, I will say it. If I can say nothing but vile of them, I will keep my lips shut as tight as the lips of the sphinx, which for 3,000 years has looked upon the sands of the desert and utters not one word about the

> world is too great for me to manage, but I am not expected to boss this job. I have faith to believe that the plan is well laid out and will be well executed. Give me a brick and a trowel and I will begin now to help build the wall. I am not a soloist, but I can sing Rock of Ages to a sick pauper. I cannot write a great book, but I can pick a cinder out of a child's eye or a splinter from under his thumb nail. I now enlist in this army that is going to take the world for God, and I defy all the evil powers, human and satanic, to discourage me. Count me

there runs a faith that will keep him cheerful and busy and triumphant. I like the watchword of Cromwell's Ironsides, the men who feared nothing and dared everything, going into battle with the shout: "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge! Selah!" No balance that human fuge! Selah!" No balance that human hand ever constructed is worthy of weighing such a spirit. Gold and precious stones are measured by the carat, which is four grains. The dealer puts the diamond or the pearl on one side of the scales and the carat on the other side and tells you the weight. But we need something more delicately constructed to weigh that wonderful quality of faith which. I am glad to know will be recognized and rewarded for all time and all eternity. The we have the thermometers. To measure do not interest the diamond or the liver or the style of the selection stones are measured by the carative fore. It may be called forth by the loveliness of the selection. It may be exercised in spirit of rivairy, which practically says, "My neighbor has given so much; therefore I must give as much." It is accidental or occasional or sparmodic. When such a spirit of charity is put into the balance and weighed fod and men and angels look on and say there is nothing of it. It does not weigh so much as a dram, which is only the one-eight part of an ounce, or a scruple, which is only the carbon will be recognized and food and many give his hundreds and thousands of dollars with such feelings and amid such circumstances, and he will get no heavenly recognition.

But into the divine scales another man's charity is placed. It starts from and woman has ambition. The lack of pharoahs. It is not the Egypt of to-it is a sure sign of idiocy or immoral-ity. The only question is, What shall of many centuries ago. Her spirit has be the style of our ambition? To stack up a stupendous fortune, to acquire a resounding name, to sweep everything we can reach into the whirlpool of our own selfishness—that is debasing, ruinous and deathful. If in such a spirit we get what we start for, we only secure gigantic discontent. No may make

cure gigantic discontent. No man was ever made happy by what he got. It all depends upon the spirit with which we get it, and the spirit with which we keep it, and the spirit with which we distribute it. Not since the world we distribute it. Not since the world we distribute it. Not since the world stood has there been any instance of complete happiness from the amount of accumulation. Give the man of worldly ambition 60 years of brilliant successes. He sought for renown, and the nations speak his name. He sought for affluence, and he is put to his wits' end to find out the best stocks and bridge in which he may make his inend to find out the best stocks and bonds in which he may make his investments. He is director in banks enough and trustee in enough institutions and president of enough companies to bring on paresis, of which he is now dying. The royal balances are lifted to weigh the ambition which has controlled a lifetime. What was the worth of that ambition? How much did it yield for usefulness and heaven? worth of that ambition? How much did it yield for usefulness and heaven? Less than a scruple, less than a grain of sand, less than an atom, less than nothing. Have a funeral a mile long with carriages, let the richest robes of ecclesiastics rustle about the casket, caricature the scene by choirs which chant "Blessed are the dead that die the Lord." That man's life is a failure, and if his heirs scuffle in the surrogate's court about the incapacity in the Lord." That man's life is a failure, and if his heirs scuffle in the surrogate's court about the incapacity of the testator to make a last will and testament it will only be a prolongation of the failure. The son, through dissipation, spent his share of the fortune before the father died and so was cut off with a dollar. The daughter married against his will, and she is disinherited. Relatives whom he could never hear the sight of will put in their

tal or celectial. He has learned by heart the Ten Commandments and the sermon on the mount, and has splendid theories about everything. Between that fair haired boy and the achievement of what he wants and expects there are obstacles and hindrances known only to the God who is going. to discipline him for heroics magnifi-cent. I have no power to prophesy the different experiences of his encourage-ment and disappointment, of his strus-gle or his triumph, but as sure as God lives to make his word come true that lives to make his word come true boy who will sleep tonight nine hours without waking will be final victor. I do not know the intermediate chapters of the volume of that young man's life, but I know the first chapter and the chapter. The first chapter is made last chapter. The first chapter is fill rewards of a noble ambit bore a part will hear of it es and eulogize his will say to the eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." In the hour of that soul's release and benronement there will be heavenly at-amation, as in the royal balances The Lord weigheth the spirits." Other balances may lack pu and fail in counterpoise. Scala affected by conditions of atmo and acid vapors. After all that and acid vapors. After all that the nations have done to establish an invariable standard, perfection has never been reached, and never will be reached. But the royal balances of which I speak are the same in heat and cold, in all weathers, in all lands and in all the heavens—just and true to the last point of justice and truth. The same balance that weighed the tempted spirit of Adam under the fruit tree. ed spirit of Adam under the fruit tree and the spirit of Cain in the first as-sassination, and the spirit of courage light, and the spirit of cruelty in Jez-ebel, and the spirit of grief in Jereevangelism in Paul between the road to Damascus, where he first saw the light and the road to Ostla, the place of his beheadment, is welghing still and never yet varied from the right one milligram, which is the one-sixththousandth part of a grain. The only perfect standard of weights and meas-ures ever established was established in the heavens before the world was made and will continue to do its work after the world is burned up. To meas-

after the world is burned up. To measure the time we have calendars. To measure the lightning we have the electrometers. To measure the heat we have the thermometers. To measure the atmospheric pressure we have the barometers. To measure souls we have the royal balances. "The Lord weighth the spirits."

Now cross over the Dardanelles of Hellespont and see Grecian civilization put in the royal balances. Surely that is an imperishable spirit. A land that produced a Pindar and a Homer in po-etry, a Sophocles and an Aeschylus in tragedy, a Herodotus and Thucydides osophy, a Hippocrates in medicine, Xenophon in literature, a Plutarch der in battle and could build a temple of Diana at Ephesus and the acro-Corinthus at Corinth and could crown the such a land, with more genius con pressed in small space than in any of the nations of all the ages, will stand forever triumphant among surrounding nations. No. Her pride of heroics nations. No. Her pride of heroics, her pride of literature, her pride of architecture, must be brought down lower and lower, and humiliation must follow humiliation until in the latter part of the nineteenth century she is compelled to submit to the outrages of a sultan whose hands are red with the blood of 50,000 Armenians. Had Athens prayerfully listened to Paul's sermon on Mars hill and adopted his precepts of brotherhood and divine worship she would have stood in her old power today, and all Greece would have stood with her, and that civilization so long dead under the carved pillars of her shrines and under the marble of her pentelican mountains would have been, perhaps for all Asia and for much of Europe, a living civilization. But for her arrogance she was cast out and cast down. The Lord was cast out and cast down. The Lord weighed her spirit.

Wander along the banks of the Tiber, and you come to another civilization which is put in the royal halances cin family hear him whistling as me most jubilant. He has faith that erything in his own affairs and in the affairs of church and state are along toward better conditions unsigned by the conditions of the estate as the lawyers have not appropriated to themselves will go into the hands which the testators are the something that will last as much of the estate as the lawyers have here as the carties of the estate as the lawyers have here as the carties of the estate as the lawyers have here as the carties of the estate as the lawyers have here once thought to when, in his last days, he hade tearful farewells to the door as the could not take along with him into the sepulchre.

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Goths, the Huns, the Tartars, Tamer-lane, Attila and Alaric helped in the demolition. We go there now to see demolition. We go there now to see her ruins. Coliseum in ruins, Orum in ruins. Caesar's palace in ruins, Baths of Titus in ruins. Applan way in ruins. Catacombs in ruins, Temple of Neptune in ruins. Mausoleum of Harian in ruins. Roman civilization in uins. Its spirit was an impure spirit, and all-conquering spirit, and Lord weigheth the spirits."

THE WEIGHING OF NATIONS.

And so the spirit of our American na tion is put into the royal balance, and it will be weighed as certainly as all the nations of the past were weighed and as all nations of the present are being weighed. When we go to esti-mate the wealth of this nation, we weigh its gold and silver and coal and iron and copper and lead, and all the steel yards and all the balances are kept busy. So many tons of this and so many tons of that, a mountainfu of this metal and another mountainful of another metal. That is well. We want to know our mining wealth, our al wealth, and the bushel measure and reverential to the only book of his authorship, observing the "shalt nots" of the law of right given on Mount Sinal and the law of love given on the Mount of Beatitudes, one day out of the week observed not in revelry, but in ceremony and in fact, blasphemy silenced in all the streets, high toned land, then our institutions will live, and all the wondrous posterities of the present are only a faint hint of the harvests will rustle in the fields. higher style of literature will turn its adorn our state and national legisla-tures, and there will be Washingtons and Hamiltons and Patrick Henrys colns in the future quite equal to thos of the past.

istence will find our free American in stitutions permanent as the mountains before they begin to fail and glorious as the seas before they begin to die.

KEEP NATIONAL LIFE PURE. But if our character and behaviour as a nation are reversed and good morals give place to loose living and God is put away from our hearts and our hate, but it will be a case of world as tounding national suicide.

The wish of this sermon is to em the wish of this sermon is to emphasize the invisible—to show that there are other balances besides those of brass and platinum and aluminum and set in earthly storehouses; that the spirit is the most important part of us; that the scales which weigh your body are not as important as the scales which weigh your soul. Depend not too much for happiness upon the visi-ble. Pyrrhus was king and had large dominion, but was determined to make war against the Romans, and Cineas, the friend of the king, said to him, "Sir, when you have conquered them what will you do next?" "Then Sicily is near at hand and easy to master." 'And what when you have conquer Sicily?" "Then we will pass over to Africa and take Carthage, which cannot long withstand us." "When these are conquered, what will you next attempt?" "Then we will fall in upon Greece and Macedonia and recover Greece and Macedonia and recover what we have lost there." "Well, when all are subdued, what fruit do you expect from all your victories?" "Then, said the king, "we will sit down here and enjoy ourselves." "Sir," said Cineas, 'may we not do it now? Have you not already a kingdom of your own, and he that cannot enjoy himself with a kingdom cannot with the whole world." I say to you who love the Lord, the kingdom is within you; make more of the invisible conquests. Study a peace which the world has no bushel to measure, no steelyards to weigh. As far as possible we should make our balances like to the divine balances.

THE UNIFORM STANDARD.

By joint resolution of congress, in 1836, the treasurer of the United States was ordered to send a complete set of the standard weights and measures adopted by the national government to the governors of all the states, so that there might be uniformity and accuracy, and that distribution was made. So, now, the Ruler of earth and heaven, having established forever the right standard, sends to us all and to all needle a copy of that standard.



carriage unwheeled and the last fortress turned into a museum to show nations in peace what a horrid thing war once was, then the world will be weighed, and as the opposite side of the scales lifts as though it was light as a feather the right side of the scales will come down, weighing more than al lelse those tremendous values that knowledge, temperance, patience, god-liness, brotherly kindness, charity. God forbid that it should ever be or communities or nations as it wa written on the wall of Belshazzar's written on the wall of Belshazzar's banqueting hall the hour when Daniel impeached the monarch and translated the flery words which blanched the cheeks of the revelers and made them drop their chalices brimming with wine, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting."

SHIP NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

May 23.—Sch Önward, 92, Wasson, from Beston, J W McAlary and Co, bal. Sch Annie Harper, Grady, from Boston, A Cushing and Co.
Sch E H Foster, Atkinson, from Vineyard Haven f o, Stetson, Cutler and Co.
Coastwise—Str Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, from Campobelio; sch Thelma, 48, Milner, from Annapolis; str Beaver, 42, Potter, from Canning, and cleared; sch Mahel, 38, Cole, from Sackville.

May 29—Str Evangeling, 2,500

Co, gen cargo. Bark Aristos (Nor), 512, Johannsen, from Arendal, bal.
Bark Enterprise, 499, Calhoun, from Bor-

Cleared.

May 28.—Sch Emma D Endicott, Shanks, for City Island f o, Stetson, Cutler and Co. Sch Cora B., Springer for Providence, John E Moore.

Sch John T Cullinan, Cameron, for Fall River, J E Moore.

Sch Cora May, Harrington, for City Island f o, Stetson, Culler and Co.

Coastwise—Sch Elihu Burritt, Spicer, for Harborville; str Aurora, Ingersoll, for Campobello; schs Susan and Annie, Merriam, for River Hebert; Cygnet, Durant, for do. Neilie E Gray, Smith, for Quaco; Beulah, Ells, for do; John and Frank, Teare, for Port Wolfe; Laura C Hall, Rockwell, for River Hebert; Walleda, Theall, for do; Baynest Fisher, Gough, for Quaco; bktn Ethey Clarke, Brinton, for Bear River.

May 29.—Str Cumberland, Allen, for Boston. Sch Wm L Elkins, Dukeshar, for New

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived.

At Newcastle, May 27, bark Tikoma, Bjorge, from Hull; 25th, bark Romance, Graff, from Fredericksledt; Messel, Hermansen, from Arendal. May 27th, s s Cairo, Clyde, from Bermuda; bark Cavaller, Andersen, from Norway.

At Hillsboro, May 27, schs John Proctor, Hawes, from Boston; Daylight, Nickerson, from do; Spartan, Allen, from do; Helen M. Hatfield, from St John, NB; May Belle, Kinnle, from Waterside, N B.

At Quaco, N B, May 27, schs A Anthony, Pritchard; Glide, Black, and Wood Bros., Kingston, from St John; 1 N Parker, Lipsett, from Dorchester.

At Parrsboro, May 28, str Springhill, Cook, from St John; Hertie, Oglivie, from Windsor; Blue Wave, Denney, from River Hebert.

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At Chatham, May 28, bark Gumo, Mathesen, from Fredrikstad.

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HALIFAX, May 27.— Ard, strs Kildona, from Montreal (to go in dry dock); bark Nellie, Moody, from Birkenhead, E. YARMOUTH, N. S., May 25.— Ard, stmr Prince George, from Boston; str Yarmouth, from do; schs Prohibition, from Turks Island; W E Stowe, from St John.

HALIFAX, May 25.—Ard, strs Silvia, from New York and salled for St Johns, NF; Sibertan, from Glasgow and Liverpool via St Johns, NF; sch Frenk A Rich, from Boothay, Me, for Bank, called for men and cleared.

LOUISBURG, C. B., May 24.—Ard, str Micmac, from Pictou for Glasgow; schs Ruth

Philadelphia.

HALIFAX, May 28.—Ard, bark Ceres, from Liverpool, G.B., LCUISBURG, C. B., May 27.—Ard, stmr. Trold, from Philadelphia.
PORT HAWKESBURY, N. S., May 27.—Ard, bark Blenheim, from Barbados for Quebec; sch Oregon, of Gloucester.

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At Quaco, May 27, sche A Anthony, Pritchard; Wood Bros, Kingston; Glide, Black, and Nellie B Grey, Smith, for St John; I N Parker, Lipsett, for Vineyard Haven.

At Hillsboro, May 27, sche Helen M, Hatfield, for River Hebert, NS; May Belle, Kinnie, for Harvey, N B.

At Newcastle, May 25, sch Minnie E Moody, Long, for New York.

At Perysboro, May 28, bark P H Blanchard, Zachariassen, for Liverpool; sche No 4, McLeod, for Calais; Roland, Roberts, for Wolfville; Bobs, Sterling, for Yarmouth; Hertie, Hillsboro, May 28, seh Ruth Robinson, all, for New York.

BRITISH PORTS.

At Table Bay, May 17, ship Brynhilda, Meikle, from Penarth.
At Barbados, May 21, barks Sunny South, McDonald, from Cape Town: 24th, Hornet, Cresby, from Pernambuco.
LIVERPOOL, May 28.—Ard, str Vancouver, from Portland. cm Portland, ST. VINCENT, C. V., May 17.—Ard, sch lystery, from St. John, N. B., Sailed,

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LIVERPOOL, May 25.—Sid, stmr Etruria, for New York.

BARROW, May 25.—Sailed, bark Asta, for Miramichi, N B.

CORK, May 25.—Sid, bark Courant, for Miramichi, N B.

LONDONDERRY, May 25.—Sid, bark Henry, for New Mills, N B.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—Sid, bark Ajax, for Miramichi, N B.

NEWPORT, May 27.—Sid, bark Liberte, for Shediac, N B.

EAST LONDON, May 17.—Sid, str Tanagra, for St John, N B.

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