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"WE ARE WITNESSES."

DISCOURSE BY REV. DR. TALMAGE AT THE HAMPTONS.

The World Will Be Brought to God Not Through Argument, but Through Testhnony-The Christian's Weapon in the Couffict Is Faith, Not Logic.

THE HAMPTONS, Aug. 21.-"The Facts Proved" is the subject of discourse by the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, today. His text is from Acts xv, 8: "We are witnesses." Following is his sermon in

In the days of George Stephenson, the perfector of the locomotive engine, the scientists proved conclusively that a railway train could never be driven by steam power successfully and without peril, but the rushing express trains from Liverpool to Edinburgh, and from Edinburgh to London, have made all the nation wilnesses of the splendid achievement. Machinists and navigators proved they step that a steamer could never of such an atic ocean, but no sooner had of such an encourage of the impossibility hard, and the Inning than the work and the White Star vers on the Cu-There went up a guffaw ore National, at Professor Morse's proposition tnesses. the lightning of heaven his errandter and it was proved conclusively that thing could never be done; but now al the news of the wide world, by Associated Press put into your hands every. morning and night, has made all nations witnesses Soin the time of Christ it was proved

conclusively that it was impossible for him to rise from the dead. It was shown logically that when a man was dead, he was dead, and the heart and the liver and the lungs having ceased to perform their offices, the limbs would be rigid beyond all power of friction or arousal. They showed it to be an absolute absurdity that the dead Christ should ever get up alive; but no sconer had they proved this than the dead Christ arose, and the disciples beheld him, heard his voice, and talked with him, and they took the witness stand to prove that to be true which the wiseacres of the day had proved to be impossible; the record of the experiment and of the testimony is in the text: "Him hath God raised from the dead, whereof

There are thousands of people in this And some one else: "I saw a Christian house to-night who are no more what they once were than a water lily is nightone else will say: "I saw a Christian shade, or a morning lark is a vulture, or daughter die, and she triumphed.'

day is night. Now, if I should demand that all those people in this house who have felt the converting power of religion should rise, so far from being ashamed, they would spring to their feet with more alacrity than they ever sprang to the dance, the tears mingling with their exhilaration as

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they cried: "We are witnesses!" And if they tried to sing the old Gospel hymn, they would break down with emotion by the time they got to the second line: Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend

On whom my hopes of heaven depend? No! When I blush, be this my shame: That I no more revere his name.

are witnesses!' Again. I remark that "we are wit-You see, my friends, I have not put. lesses" of the Gospel's power to comfort. before you an abstraction, or a chimera, When a man has trouble the world or anything like guess work. I present comes in and says: "Now, get your you affidavits of the best men and women, mind off this; go out and breathe the living and dead. Two witnesses in court fresh air; plunge deeper into business.' will establish a fact. Here are not two What poor advice. Get your mind off of witnesses, but thousands of witnessesit! when everything is upturned with on earth millions of witnesses, and in the bereavement and everything reminds heaven a great multitude of witnesses you of what you have lost. Get your that no man can number, testifying that there is power in this religion to convert mind off of it! They might as well advise you to stop thinking. You cannot the soul, to give comfort in trouble, and stop thinking, and you cannot stop thinkto afford composure in the last hour. ing in that direction. Take a walk m If ten men should come to you when the fresh air! Why, along that very you are sick with appalling sickness, and street, or that very road, she once acsay they had the same sickness, and took companied you. Out of that grass plot a certain medicine, and it cured them, she plucked flowers, or into that show you would probably take it. Now, supndow she looked, fascinated, saying: pose ten other men should come up and say: "We don't believe there is anything in that medicine." "Well," I say, "have you ever tried it?" "No. I never tried it, but I don't be-Oh, this is a lieve there is anything in it." Of course

tries to comfort a sy world when it build a Corliss enginen heart! I can Raphael's "Madonna," A can paint a thoven's symphony as a play a Bee-world can comfort a broken'y as this yet you have been comforted. rt. And it done? Did Christ come to aw was say, "Get your mind off this; go of and breathe the fresh air; plunge deeper business?" No. There was a minut when he came to you-perhaps in the watches of the night, perhaps in your place of business, perhaps along the street -and he breathed something into your soul that gave peace, rest, infinite quiet, so that you could take out the photograph of the departed one and look into the eyes and the face of the dear one and

WHOM THE NEWSPAPERS NOTICE. Christian brother die, and he triumphed."

LEXINGTON, S. C., WEDNESDAY,

The Lexington Dispatch.

People Who Are Well Known, and What sister die, and she triumphed." Some Is Said About Them. A son of Charles Dickens is to be one f the social lions in New York next fall. Come, all ye who have seen the last moments of a Christian, and give testi-Lawyer Belva Lockwood is going to mony in this cause on trial. Uncover lecture in New York state on the woman your heads, put your hand on the old

onestion. family Bible, from which they used to Dom Pedro paid much attention to the read the promises, and promise in the Pasteur institute in Paris, with a view to presence of high heaven that you will tell founding a branch of it in Brazil, where the truth, the whole truth and nothing mad dogs abound. but the truth. With what you have

Mrs. Augur: Evans Wilson is to rise from her long literary slumber, and will publish a new novel in the early fall. It seen with your own eyes, and from what you have heard with your own ears, is there power in this Gospel to give calmwill be entitled "At the Mercy of Tibeness and triumph in the last exigency? The response comes from all sides, from rius.'

young and old and middle aged: "We Florence Dunn, the little London school girl who received a ring from the queen's hand for not missing a day at school for seven years, is an Irish lassie from Tiperary.

Mrs. Crawford, Paris correspondent of The London Daily News and Truth, is said to earn \$10,000 a year by her penthe largest sum made by any woman out of journalism.

The dissipated monarch of Hawaii has cone into literature. He is writing a book to be called the "Myths and Mois of the Hawaiian Islands.". The ex-United States minister reads his copy and makes suggestions, and a New York firm will publish it.

The Boston Transcript mentions that he mother of the late Sylvanus Cobb., Jr., had in her veins the blood of the Hales, the Waites and the Stanwoods. She was a first cousin of Mrs. James G. Blaine and Miss Abigail Dodge.

The empress of Japan, accompanied by retinue of twenty persons, will visit the you discredit their testimony. The United States in October. She will land skeptic may come and say: "There is no power in your religion." "Have you at San Francisco, stop at Salt Lake, ever tried it?". "No. no." "Then Omaha and Chicago, and return, after a two months' sojourn, by the Southern avaunt!" Let me take the testimony of the millions of souls that have been con-Pacific route.

verted to God and comforted in trial and Jefferson Davis and Thomas L. Clingsolaced in the last hour. We will take man, of North Carolina, are the only extheir testimony as they cry: "We are senators now living of all the southern members of that body who, in July, 1861 Some time ago Professor Henry, of were expelled from the United States whington, discovered a new star and senate for having left their seats and gone over to the Confederacy.

the usings sped by submarine telegraph, and all the observatories of Europe were The police matron system is about to Mme. Christine Nilsson has among her watching for that new star. Oh, hearer, be adopted by the Cincinnati department. reasures photographs with autographs It is found to have worked in Philadelphia ooking our through the darkness of thy attached which have been presented her coul, canst thou see a bright light beamwith excellent results. by the queen of Spain, empresses of ing on thee? "Where?" you say, "where? The Buffalo Courier declares that "it is Russia and Austria, the q How can I find h?" Look along by the safe to say there are 75,000 people in Sweden, and Norway, the Princess of line of the cross of the Son of God. Do Buffalo today" that have never seen Wales, the Duchess of Edinburgh and you not see it trembling with all tender-Niagara Falls nor heard their foaring. many other royal ladies. Mme. Nilsson ness and beaming with all hope? It is Some the cottages at Bar Harbor and light a tiny glass and brass which is inscribed the name is probably the richest prima donna in the Star of Bethlehem. the world, and was the poorest when she Deep horror then my vitals froze: began her career. Death struck I ceased the tide to stem, have given it. This is the When suddenly a star arose-Mrs. Leonard Swett, nee Marie Decker, It was the Star of Bethlehen wrinkle who has just married the well known Oh, hearer, get your eye on it. It is Chicago lawyer; was her husband's consco's historic "Sand Lot" is easier for you now to become Christians identicl clerk and partner in business for re. By order of the superto be no than it is to stay away from Christ and number of years. Her interest in the city it has been sown with visors of heaven. When Mme. Sontag began arney is the proprietor of a firm at the time of her marriage amounted clover. her musical career she was hissed off the o \$5,000 a year. Starting out as booklligence office. peaceful in stage at Vienna by the friends of her teeper, she was soon placed in charge of has discovered that Daniel Somebo rival, Amelia Steininger, who had already the vaults, and was the only one who Webster has no right to practice in the begun to decline through her dissipation. knew where to place hands upon im-United States supreme court. It is a Years passed on, and one day Mme. portant papers connected with all the little late new to do anything about it, and we don't know as there is anything w to do anything about it, Sontag, in her glory, was riding through varied interests intrusted with the firm. the streets of Berlin, when she saw a lit-In two years she became cashfar in additle child leading a blind woman, and she tion to the other trusts, and has for four to be don she was admitted as a parts the rough of the Rev. Edwin Thompson, who s of the Rhiladelphia zoo are said: "Come here, my little chi dvinks soft e and e suche one square "That's my mother; that's Aire stan-inger. She used to be a great sing as but he attendant which as troubleand a too treasury mu has just celebrated his seventy-eighth she lost her voice, and she cried so much birthday in Boston, the poet Whittier ch money. A the called the umbre about it that she lost her eyesight.' writes: "More than fifty years ago met ils tree of Japan, now growing in a yan hassee, Fla., though only thr "Give my love to her," said Mme. Sontag, "and tell her an old acquaintance d at Tallahim at the convention which formed the se years old. has leaves on it that measu one increases by sixteen. It shaped and mixes a shelter first temperance society in Essex courty, and about the same time at the formation will call on her this afternoon." twenty-The next week in Berlin a vast assemof the Essex Anti-Slavery society. Sin blage gathered at a benefit for that poor then his genial face and cheering voi suchine or rain. blind woman, and it was said that Mme. pervio have been rarely missed wherever th while House vesti-and panel at the billion in the east Sontag sang that night as she had never Th causes of temperance and freedom me ferson sung before. And she took a skilled ocutogether. He was always a welcome list, who in vain tried to give evesight to stern peaker. Like President Lincoln, he had the poor blind woman. Until the day of the gift of story telling, and his stories to portrait of Line Amelia Steininger's death Mme. Sontag were always to the point, putting to The l been ta took care of her, and her daughter after shame his opponents with ready wit and her. That was what the queen of song humor." t of Washington in the east did for her enemy. The funeral of Miss Jennie Collins, the parlor. But, oh, hear a more thrilling story philanthropic lady who established a still. Blind, immortal poor and lost, Sixty thousand dange trees are on their home for poor girls in Boston, was a way to California from Japan, where thou who, when the world and Christ most impressive one. Girls she had bewere rivals for thy heart, didst hiss thy they were shipped in board of an English friended in their need, and sorrowing Lord away-Christ comes now to give bark in the harbor of Yokohama about friends were there. Some wept silently, thee sight, to give thee a home, to give two weeks ago. With them also comes some lingered and passed their hands lova miscellaneous assertment of over 90,000 thee heaven. With more than a Sontag's ingly and tenderly over the brow of the trees and shrubs, indigenous to Japan, generosity he comes now to meet your woman, others wept outright and need. . With more than a Sontag's'music which it is proposed to acclimatize in were led away by friends, while in the he comes to plead for thy deliverance. California: corners of the vestibule and on the pave-During her majesty's journey from ment near the church men and women It is said that all the elements of the Windsor to Gosport the royal saloon was gathered in groups and told of little rattlesnake's poison are to be found in made cool by means of wooden framedeeds of kindness and thoughtfulness the common Irish potato. works on each side, covered with felt which had endeared little Jennie Collins and canvas, which were kept saturated to each personally, and grieved over the It is hard to estimate the exact value of with iced water, so that the temperature loss of one so true and faithful to her self what one does one's self .- Curistian Reid. was exceedingly pleasant, although if imposed trusts. was one of the hottest days of this tropical Curious Hysterical Epidemic Theodore Roosevelt speaks enthusiastisummer. A curious outbreak of convulsionist cally of ranch women. He tells of Mrs. mania, analogous to those which occurred Bishop Hiff Warren, who is worth \$10.-Mrs. Leland Stanford's Charity. from time to time during the middle 000.000, and made it on cattle with no The other day a lady visited the ages, has shown itself at Agosta, in the Women's and Children's hospital in San assistance other than her mother wit. province of Rome. Another cattle queen, Mrs. Rogers, of Francisco, and was, says The Alta, par-For some weeks past the country peo-Corpus Christi, Tex., a fearless rider, ticularly affected at the sight of the many ple have been laboring under the delusion goes over the range as frequently as the little children, whose wan faces and disthat the district is under the immediate anchmen she employs. Sho started with tortel form told of intense bodily angovernment of the evil one, and before guish. The sight of one little fellow. few cattle on a small scale, and has now retiring to rest they carefully place on imassed \$1,000,000, and is every day enwhose sufferings are of a peculiarly harthe threshold the broom and the salt, larging her enterprises. A rich widow. rowing nature and whose patience is the wonder of ill who see him, so affected which are credited with the power of Mrs. Massey, of Colorado, went there keeping off evil spirits. Many of the as an agent of a life insurance company this kind farted lady that the tears younger women have epileptiform atand married a man owning 150,000 head flowed fast is she bent over his tiny crib. tacks, during which they utter piercing The attendants of the hospital were unof cattle. shricks and are violently convulsed. So aware of the identity of the lady until serious had the condition of things be-Tar Heel Squirrels. she registered just before her departure come that the syndic of Agosta found it A farmer named Corner, of Roane as Mrs. Laland Stantord. Next day the necessary to inform the prefect, who sent county, W. Va., has invented a new plan children's ward was thrown into wild detachments of soldiers into the district to catch squirrels, which has proven a excitement and joy by the receipt of an in order to calm the apprehensions of the reat success. He has a large corn field, immense jackage of toys. The manainhabitants. which borders on the woods, and which gers of the hospital were not forgotten. As a natural consequence of this conthe squirrels have almost devastated durfor to then Mrs. Stanford sent a check dition of mental perturbation the couning the past season. Having hit upon a for \$1,001, which was doubly acceptable, try is overrun with quacks, who claim to plan, he first, watched the animals, and for it case at a time when the funds possess the only infallible remedy for the ound that when they had made a raid were much depleted .- New York Triseizures. One of these nostrums, the and retired they retreated to the woods bune. vender of which was making a rich haralmost invariably along one particular vest from its sale, was found on analysis line of fence. Having learned this fact, ASort of Careless Style. earth, snuff and borax. Corner covered the top rails of that line to consist Now comes a tutor in penmanship in Three medical men who were commisof fence with tar, putting on a heavy one of the down town commercial sioned to investigate the cause and nature coat. This he did in the evening, and in schools, who informs the club man that of this extraordinary affection came to the morning when he went to the field the day of angular penmanship has the conclusion that it was an epidemic of he saw a long line of squirrels running passed. It is English still in England. along the fence toward the woods. They for they ion't change over there as often hysteria. They examined a number of the suffersucceeded in clearing the fence, but when as we do but it is not the proper caper ers, mostly young women, some of whom they struck the woods the leaves and any more in this country. Asked what were alleged to have vomited nails, sticks stuck to their feet so badly that the thingin penmanship now is the prohorseshoes and other equally indigestible they could not climb the trees nor run fessor redlied: "Oh, a sort of careless substances, while others barked like dogs. very far even on the leaves. The first | style-asif the writer didn't care. The Several of them were removed to Rome capture amounted to twenty-seven squiridea is that it denotes independence, and for treatment in the hospitals there, and rels, and within a week Corner had the American girl of the present day measures have been taken to check the killed and captured over 100 squirrels by wants tomake it appear that she doesn't his unique device .- Christian Advocate. | care a continental about anybody." So spread of the mischief. In a milder degree this contagious form to be in style, be careless .- Chicago Mail. There's Something in that Boy, of hysteria is not infrequent, especially A funny sight the other afternoon was in places where ignorance and supersti-Recping Up Appearances. little urchin about 10 years old, who, tion favor manifestations of nervous dis-An Allany newspaper says that there having sold all his papers for the day. order. The worst excesses of popular are familes in that town who have got took out of a sachel swung across his outbreaks, like the French revolution, the art of keeping up appearances reshoulders a clean blue and white shirt, have been attributed to similar influences duced to a science. When they want to which, after washing his face and hands and with every appearance of justice .-and drying them on the soiled shirt, he make their neighbors think that they proceeded to put on. Then he brushed have gone into the country they are not British Medical Journal. content with the old plan of shutting the his trousers and boots, brushed his hair Jubilee Fever in New Zealand. front blinds and living in the back of the with a brush carried in the sachel, and, They have had the jubilee fever very house. They leave their newspapers on having dusted his hat and replaced it strong in New Zealand. The Herald of the front piazza, apparently neglected; upon his head, he really did look much that colony contains abundant evidence but they take them in at night and read improved. Then he danced a hornpipe of the fact. Here is one advertisement: them, at the same time supplying the He next proceeded to dine on the curb "Wanted-Two jubilee ladies want two piazza with old papers for the next day's stone, spreading out thereon a piece d jubilee husbands. Apply 25 Queen street." Here is another: "Wanted-masquerade .- New York Sun. paper, two ham sandwiches, a piece d gingerbread and a slice of watermelor Jubilee wives, husbands, housemaids, Could Carry & Cow. After this fine repast he washed it dow waitresses, housekeepers, barmaids and with water from the Jerry McAule One of the most remarkable instance genoral servants, can be had for the askof physical training that I ever knew ocfountain. And then came, to me, the curred in Pike county. There was a most remarkable part of the whole pr-

ceeding. He actually stooped down co the lower basin, intended for dogs and tarmer who was a friend of mine near Hollonville, who owned a very fine cow cats, and proceeded to wash the soiled which had a most promising helfer calf checked shirt he had previously worn. It The cow died while the calf was very young, and the calf, as the saying goes, was duly rinsed, wrung out and hung up on the iron railing surrounding the flower had to be raised by hand, and of course as the farmer's wife "took 'a hand" in garden to dry. All this time I sat in a building directly opposite, awaiting my its. nurture and admonition, when the turn to come at my dentist's, who told heifer grew to maturity "she was a daisy." But let me go back to the subme afterward that the small boy was a ject of physical training. While the daily frequenter of the fountain, and he poor little orphan heifer was passing didn't believe the Lad had any other through the first stages of grief for the

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irreparable loss of her kind and tender

mother, she would seek sympathy from

every source, and early every morning

when my farmer friend would rise to

feed his stock the little orphan would

meet him at the door as he came out and

home.-Springfield Union. A New English Game. A new game called ringoal has come into favor in England, this summer, and forms an addition to tennis at garden parties and fashionable outdoor gather-

rub up against him and hold up her little ings. The game require two goals in black nose to be caressed, and the farthe shape of nets, grass h ps and sticks. The hoop is thrown to an! fro between mer, touched by these demonstrations of affection and being a kind hearted man, overflowed with sympathy for the the players, the thrower scoring one point each time that he succeeds in sendmotherless calf, and with tears in his ing the hoop past his opponnent into the eves he took it up under his arm and car goal. This the other player tries to preried it with him to the lot and fed the stock, and then would carry the calf vent by catching the hoop on one or both of his sticks, and if he is successful he throws a back at his opponent, in order, back to the house.

if possible, to get it into his goal .- Chicago Tines. PARAGRAPHS OF INTEREST

Twenty-seven thousand emigrants landed at Castle Garden during the month of

July. The millers are hext talking of organizing a trust. A failure to vaccinate is punished at Phoenix, A. T., by \$300 fine or six months in jail.

People say that next winter different colored lace parlor window curtains will be the fashion. The digging for the foundations of the new Roman Catholic cathedral at Peking has been begun.

A San Jose, Cal., bicyclist is having a machine made in the east with a nine foot wheel, and which will run a mile a Griffin (Ga.) News.

A law designed to prevent girls under the age of 15 years from begging or peddling has been admitted to the statute books of Massachusetts.

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REV. E. L. LYBRAND, at the Sundayschool Convention in St. Stephens ADVERTISING RATES:

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fail to teach their children in those to believe in immersion, if they relinquish their cardinal principle, there principles which are to control their remains no longer the Baptist church. after life. The admonition will ever They are bound to maintain immerbe binding. "Fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring sion as long as they desire to maintain the identity of the Baptist church. them up in the nurture and admoni-Now if the Baptist would everywhere tion of the Lord." The church in send their children to Pedobaptist to our families should teach every memreceive Christian training, and depend ber of the church and family, the faith upon adults who are outside of the of the church, and to know the founchurch, for their increase, they would The church, however, in its united lose more by death in one year than efforts offers to assist the family they would gain in several. And what shall I say in regard to our bechurch in teaching the children loved Lutheran church? With her the fear of the Lord. This assistance offered and given by the great principle of justification by faith upited church constitutes as what is as the doctrine of all doctrines, she is known as helps to family training. bound to teach her children the plan Prominent among these helps in these of salvation. Do we find fault with latter days, is the Sunday-school. the Church of Rome for teaching The object of the Sunday-school is to hers, or the Baptist or Methodist, or instruct and train the children to any one else, for teaching their's? properly take their places in the No: it is the errors that underlie the church. It is not an independent different system that we contend with, but not with their connections of

sanctuary during the regular services | being the cornerstone be too timid to of the church. As if the children had | teach her children the plan of salva-

We believe our church is right. train children and yet ignores the Surely there is no one present, claimregular worship of God's house, is ing to be a Lutheran; who does not exerting no good for Christ or the believe the Lutheran church is right? church. It is that kind of training Religion should be a matter of firm, which trains children to do without sutled faith. If we, claiming knowing how or what to do." The as we do, the name of Luth-Sunday-school is very properly styled eran, deny Luther in theory and the nursery of the church. And just as practice, then we are untrue to ourthe little twigs in the nursery have selves, and to the cause we claim to to be trimmed and cultivated so that represent. Assuming, then, that we the sprigs may become trees and bear are a unit upon this point, that we the fruit of the parent tree, so in the night to be what we profess to be. I nursery of the church, the Sunday- repeat, we believe our church is right. While we grant there are many good school, the children, with their plastic minds are to be trained for usefulness people in other churches, yet of all systems professing Christ, we beli in the church. The moral nature of the child is to be developed by fare. ours is the purest. That in he ful training, so that Christian fruit fessions, in her worship, in may produce and develop tBreon. ministration of the sacramet But as the Sunday-school is te nur- in her teaching there is em sery of the church and aimsto help more of divine truth, than the church, it must of necessy teach apy where else found. And the doctrines and principle of the quote a few words from a le author: "No particular church on its own showing a right to ence, except as Delieves its of Our Saviour said: "That gath

Shall our beloved church, the church of the Reformation, the church built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ .

In the meantime the farmer's wife had prepared food for the calf, and then would feed it. Every morning this was repeated until it became a confirmed habit of the farmer to carry the calf to the lot and then back to the house to be fed, and it became a part of the calf's organization as the practice of some would go to show. 'In many Sunday- | duty to teach their children. existence, and it would not eat at all without this treatment. And thus it schools, especially in our large cities, went on; years passed, and the helfer grew to be a large cow, weighing 800 pounds, and her growth was so gradual that it was imperceptible to the farmer as he had accustomed himself to carry

church.

it is thought enough for the children to attend the Sunday-school, but no effort is made to keep them in the the daily increasing weight, and it had never occurred to him that there was any more effort necessary to carry the full

no use for the preached word. And tion in the fear of the Lord? grown cow than there was to carry her a any Sunday-school that presumes to little, motherless, orphan heffer. Yet, strange to say, that if the farmer was called on to raise a weight of 200 pounds he could not do it, but an 800 pound cow was an easy load, simply because his physical training was in that line.-Cor. Our Sunday-schools Must Teach the Doctrines of Our Church.

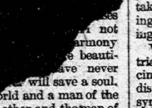
dation upon which she is builded.

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we are witnesses

Now let me play the skeptic for a mo-"There is no God," says the ment. skeptic, "for I have never seen him with my physical eyesight. Your Bible is a pack of contradictions. There never was a miracle. Lazarus was not raised from the dead, and the water was never turned into wine. Your religion is an imposion on the credulity of the ages." There , aged man moving in that pew as With faces a little

ments, and all is a suppressed speak out in rious Chris ying



church against each other and the man of the world will in all probability get the triumph. There are a thousand things in our religion that seem illogical to the world, and always will seem illogical. Our weapon in this conflict is faith. not logic; faith, not metaphysics; faith, not profundity; faith, not scholastic exploration. But then, in order to have faith, we must have testimony, and if five hundred men, or one thousand men, or five hundred thousand men, or five million men get up and tell me that they have felt the religion of Jesus Christ a joy, a comfort, a help, an inspiration, I am bound as a fair minded man to accept their testimony. I want just now to put before you three propositions, the truth of which I think this audience will attest

with overwhelming unanimity. The first proposition is: We are witnesses that the religion of Christ is able to convert a soul.

The Gospel may have had a hard time to conquer us, we may have fought it back, but we were vanquished. You say conversion is only an imaginary thing. We know better. "We are witnesses." There never was so great a change in our heart and life on any other subject as on this. People laughed at the missionaries in Madagascar because they preached ten years without one conwert; but there are 33,000 converts in Madagascar today. People laughed at Dr. Judson, the Baptist missionary, because he kept on preaching in Burmah five years without a single convert; but there are 20,000 Baptists in Burmah today. Teople haughed at Dr. Morrison, in China, for preaching there seven years without a single conversion; but there are 15,000 Christians in China today. People laughed at the missionaries for preaching at Tahiti for fifteen years without a single conversion, and at the missionaries a preaching in Bengal for seventeen years without a single conversion; yet in all those lands there are multitudes of Christians today.

But why go so far to find evidences of the Gospel's power to save a soul? "We are witnesses." We were so proud that no man could have humbled us; we were so hard that no earthly power could have melted us; angels of God were all around about us; they could not overcome us; but one day, perhaps at a Methodist s seat, or at a Presbyterian cathechetical lecture, or at a burial or on horseback, a power seized us, and made us get down, and made us tremble, and made us kneel, and made us cry for mercy, and we tried to wrench ourselves away from the grasp, but we could not. It flung us flat, and when we arose we were as much changed as Gourgis, the heathen, who went into a prayer meeting with a dagger and a gun to disturb the meeting and destroy it, but the next day was found crying: "Oh! my great sins! Oh! my great Saviour!" and for eleven years preached the Gospel of Christ to his fellow mountaineers, the last words on his dying lips being "Free grace!" Oh, it was free grace! There is a man who was for ten years a hard drinker. The dreadful appetite had sent down its roots around the palate and the tongue, and on down until they were interlined with the vitals of body, mind and soul; but he has not taken any stimulants for two years, What did that? Not temperance societies. Not prohibition laws. Not moral suasion. Conversion did it. "Why," said one upon whom the great change had come, "sir, I feel just as though I were somebody else.' There is a sea captain who swore all the way from New York to Havana, and from Havana to San Francisco, and when he was in port he was worse than when he was on the sea. What power was it that washed his tongue clean of profanities, and made him a psalm singer? Conversion by the Holy Spirit,

say: "It is all right; she is better off; I would not call her back. Lord, I thank thee that thou hast comforted my poor heart."

witnesses!

There are Christian parents here who are willing to testify to the power of this Gospel to comfort. Your son had just graduated from school or college and was going into business and the Lord took m. Or your daughter had just graduated from the young ladies' seminary and you thought she was going to be a useful woman and of long life, but the Lord took her and you were tempted to say: 'All this culture of twenty years for nothing!". Or the little child came home from school with the hot fever that stopped not for the agonized prayer or for the skillful physician, and the little child was taken. Or the babe was lifted out of

your arms by some quick epidemic and you stood wondering why God are go take it away. And yet you are not repining, you are not fretful, you are not fighting against God.

What has enabled you to stand all the trial? "Oh," you say, "I took the medicine that God gave my sick soul. In my distress I threw myself at the feet of a sympathizing God; and when I was too weak to pray, or to look up, he breathed into me a peace that I think must be the foretaste of that heaven where there is neither a tear, nor a farewell, nor a grave." Come, all ye who have been out to the grave to weep there-come, all ve comforted souls, get up off your mees. Is there no power in this Gospel to soothe the heart? Is there no power in this religion to quiet the worst paroxysm of grief? There comes up an answer from comforted widowhood, and orphanage, and childlessness, saying;

Ave, ave, we are witnesses!' Again. I remark that we are witnesses of the fact that religion has power to give composure in the last moment. I shall never forget the first time I confronted

leath. We went across the cornfields in the country. I was led by my father's hand, and we came to the farmhouse where the bereavement had come, and we saw the crowd of wagons and carriages; but there was one carriage that especially attracted my boyish attention. and it had black plumes. I said: "What's that? what's that? Why those black tassels at the top?" and after it was explained to me I was lifted up to look upon the bright face of an aged Christian woman, who three days before had departed in triumph. The whole scene

made an impression I never forgot. In our sermons and in our lay exhortations we are very apt, when we want to bring illustrations of dying triumph, to go back to some distinguished personage -to a John Knox or a Harriet Newell. But I want you for witnesses.

I want to know if you have ever seen anything to make you believe that the religion of Christ can give composure in the final hour. Now, in the courts, attorneys, jury and judge will never admit mere hearsay. They demand that the witness must have seen with his own eves, or heard with his own ears, and so I am critical in my examination of you iow; and I want to know whether you have seen or heard anything that makes you believe that the religion of Christ

gives composure in the final hour: "Oh, yes," you say, "I saw my father and mother depart. There was a great difference in their death beds. Standing by the one we felt more veneration. By the other, there was more tenderness." Before the one, you bowed perhaps in awe. In the other case, you felt as you would like to go along with her. How did they feel in that last hour? How did they seem to act? Were they very much frightened? Did they take hold of this world with both hands as though they did not want to give it up? "Oh, no," you say; "no, I remember as though it were yesterday; she had a kind word for us all, and there were a few mementoes distributed among the children, and then she told us how kind we must be to our father in his loneliness, and then she kissed us goodby and went asleep as a child in a cradle.' What made her so composed? Natural courage? "No," you say, "mother was very nervous. When the carriage inclined to the side of the road, she would cry out; she was always rather weakly. What, then, gave her composure? Was it because she did not care much for you, and the pang of parting was not great? "Ch," you say, "she showered upon us a wealth of affection; no mother ever loved her children more than mother loved us; she showed it by the way she nursed us when we were sick, and she toiled for us until her strength gave out." What, then, was it that gave her composure in the last hour? Do not hide it. Be frank and let me know, "Oh." you say, "it was because she was FO good; she made the Lord her portion, and she had faith that she would go straight to glory, and that we should all meet her at last at the foot of the throne." Here are people who say: "I saw a New York Tribune.

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Many Christians fail, in practice if not in theory, to give due credibility to that verse of wisdom, which declares "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The great body of Christians profess to believe that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousuess," Of course no

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> repeat theame idea, if our faith is under the old dispensation had chilthe faith & God's word, then God dren incorporated within it, and the commandans to teach our children heads of families were required by the Eternal Father to teach all the that faith. "If Hebrew parents permitted their dildren to grow up in precepts of the law to their children. Not only the precepts of law, but the | ignorance of the tenants of their religion and to stray about from Sunday ceremonies, rights and meaning of school to Sanday school, according to the principal feasts were to be taught and explained to the young. And their own whins or notions, or because some one may perchance say it the last command of our blessed Saviour, to His disciples was: Go is uncharitable to de otherwise, "how make disciples of all nations, baptis- long would Judaism continue to exist? God's way is best; let us then ing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; teaching them | follow it. training up our children in the nature and admotion of the Lord, to observe all things whatsoever I and in the knowledge of the doctrine, have commanded you. Reitersting discipline and worship of the church. the Old Testament injunction of bringing children in the church as well as adults, and of teaching them brief study of others. And I have to observe all things whatsoever He had command. Christ commanded Peter to feed the lambs as well as this matter. How she has, from the the sheep. And when, on a certain the days of Abraham to the present, occasion, the disciples rebuked cermaintained a oneness in her religious tain ones for trespassing upon the worship, and that all along down Saviour's time in offering to Him little through this long, long period of children. He said: "Suffer little chiltime, she has never lost sight of the dren to come unto me and forbid duty, as well as the necessity of teachthem not, for of such is the kingdom ing the children the tenants of her of heaven. And whosoever shall offend faith. This, I say, ought to be suffione of these little ones which believe cient to forever set our minds at rest. in me, it were better that a millstone that we, as Lutherans, are to teach were hanged about his neck and that anything to our children except the he were drowned in the depth of the principles of our church. But in sea." Beyond .a doubt, Christian order to give us more information let training is as clearly revealed as any us notice a few other examples, equalother doctrine, and children are proly illustrative. Suppose the Romish per subjects for it; "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." The church church were to teach her children Rome, where would Lutheranism and Protestant principles, how long would Protestantism be to-day? Did the largely composed of children; the

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universal. No church h ght to a part which does not e that to it should belong the w the cortainly believe then that word, which word is to ge of regenerating and saving the "Being born again, not of sort seed, but of incorruptable. word of God which liveth and ab forever." Granting, then, that we as a church are right-have the true doctrines of God's word, let us apply a principle of Christian ethics to our present subject. It is an assumed fact, in Christian ethics that it is never right to do wrong, but always right to do right, and always wrong to do wrong. And now, if we are right, can it be wrong for us to teach our children what is right? Is it right for us to teach our children in Sunday-schools systems and principles which we believe to be But now let us consider our duty wrong. Is it right for us to engage in Lutheran Sunday-schools by a in any form of worship or to countenance any doctrine which we believe, already referred to Judaism, which from God's word to be wrong? If ought to be an ample illustration of not, how can it be right for us to teach or have our children taught, things which we do not believe ourselves? But the cry will no doubt be raised: "You are uncharitable;" "charity is the best of all." But Sunday-school teachers, if charity is the greatest, faith is the first. "Faith, hope and charity." "Add to your faith, virtue to virtue, knowledge to knowledge, temperance to temperancce, brothetly kindness to brotherly kindness, charity." Towards a departure from any truth of God's word, there can be no charity. Suppose Luther had thought it charitable to have acquiesced in the wishes of

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Romanism exist? The Romish church, church militant and, the church trihowever, has been zealous in inculumphant. In the Mosaic dispensation, parents were positively required by God to teach their children. Hence, the children were early taught to reverence God's law, to obey its precepts, and with the meaning of the worship of the sanctuary they were thoroughly acquainted. Thus as one generation passed away another was ready to take its place, having the same law, the same feasts, the same worship. We observe, then, very little change in Jewish customs and worship from Moses to Christ, a period of many hundred .years; and with reference to worship, comparatively none. The same may, in the mean, be said of Judaism from Christ down to the present. This oneness of life and worship may largely be

bers. And to make a success, she removed the Bible from the laity, in listers to preach while there! In suborder that they might study only the Canons of the church. Apply this argument to the Mahometan religion. If Mohometan countries would allow their children to associate with Christians and receive Christian training, from what source would Mohometanism draw its increase. "If satan's kingdom be divided against itself, satan's kingdom will come to naught. One more illustration. And this one we take from what is commonly called part of Protestantism. There is an organized society of Christians known as the Baptist. The great | for a big yield of cotton they ever had. distinguishing feature of the Baptist is the doctrine of immersion. That attributed to the careful manner in immersion or dipping the subject in which the children were taught the truths of their religion. Nor will the water is the only correct mode of time ever come when parents should baptism. Now, if the Baptist cease

Protestant Prince think it charitable and acquiesce, when in the city of cating her doctrines in all her mem- Augeburg to attend the Diet, he received the order not to allow his minstance he answered: You may sever my head from my body, but for me to forbid my ministers to preach what I believe to be the trath, I'll never do it. Upon such an immovable basis the church of the Reformation was planted; resting upon the same, we are to depend and promulgate the truth. Let us go on, then, teaching the truth, and nothing but the truth, and God will lead us on to victory.

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