

OG, KING OF BASHAN.

DR. TALMAGE PREACHES ABOUT THE GIANT'S BEDSTEAD.

Lessons Drawn from the Bible Recital of the Encounter of the Israelites with the Eleven Foot Heathen Warrior—A Powerful Sermon.

BROOKLYN, March 13.—Dr. Talmage gave another illustration this morning in his sermon at the Tabernacle of his wonderful power of drawing useful, practical lessons from an obscure text, which, to the ordinary mind, seemed incapable of yielding any spiritual illumination.

The text was Deuteronomy 3:11: "Only Og, king of Bashan, remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabboth of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits was the length thereof and four cubits the breadth of it."

The story of giants is mixed with myth. William the Conqueror was said to have been of overtowering altitude, and when in armor he was said to have been physically of ordinary size. Roland the Hero was said to have been of astounding stature, but when his sepulcher was examined his armor was found only large enough to fit an ordinary man.

Alexander the Great had helmets and shields of enormous size made and left among the people whom he had conquered, so as to give the impression that he was a giant, although he was rather under than over the average height of a man.

One of the guards of the Duke of Brunswick was eight and a half feet high. In a museum in London is the skeleton of Charles Birne, eight feet four inches in stature. The Emperor Maximian was over eight feet.

Pliny tells of a giant nine feet high and two other giants nine and a half feet. So I am not incredulous when I come to my text and find King Og a giant, and the size of his bedstead, turning the cubits of the text into feet, the bedstead of Og, the king, must have been about thirteen and a half feet long.

Judging from that the giant who occupied it was probably about eleven feet in stature, or nearly twice the average human size. The text says that Og was a descendant of the giants, and that he was a descendant of the giants, and that he was a descendant of the giants.

There is nothing supernatural about him. He was simply a giant in size. Cyrus and Solomon had beds of gold and silver, and Sardanapalus had beds of gold and silver, but this bedstead of iron—everything sacrificed for strength to hold this excessive avoirdupois, this Alp of bone and flesh.

The only case of accident to sleep mentioned in the Bible was when Euty-chus fell from a window during a sermon of Paul, who had preached until midnight, but that was not so much a condemnation of sleep as a censure of long sermons.

Another impression from my subject: The march of the church cannot be impeded by gigantic opposition. That Israelitish host led on by Moses was the church, and when Og, the giant (him of the iron bedstead), came out against him with another host—a fresh host against one that seemed worn out—there must have looked bad for Israel.

Notice, furthermore, that God's people on the way to Canaan need no be surprised if they confront some sort of a giant. Had not the Israelitish host had trouble enough already? No! Red sea not enough. Water famine not enough. Long marches not enough. Opposition by enemies of ordinary stature not enough.

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MINERS ENTOMBED ALIVE.

FRIGHTFUL COLLIERY DISASTER IN ANDERLEUSE, BELGIUM.

One Hundred or More Men and Women Believed to Have Met Their Death in the Depths—Terrible Scenes—In and About the Mines.

BRUSSELS, March 11.—A frightful colliery disaster has occurred at Anderleuse. Three hundred miners are entombed in the pit, and a series of explosions have apparently cut off all access to the men.

Three female miners have been rescued, and it seems almost certain that all the rest are dead. Intense excitement prevails, and thousands are flocking to the place, which is one of the leading mining centers of Belgium.

Dispatches from Charleroi this evening state that four officials of the company owing the mine at Anderleuse left for the scene of the explosion this afternoon. Machinery for keeping down the water in the mine and facilitating the work of hoisting out the wreckage has already been shipped.

The place at which the explosion occurred is in the second gallery, 500 yards below the surface, and the depth is difficult and dangerous. Volunteers have been let down three times in a cage.

At the time of the explosion, the miners were engaged in working the mine. The explosion occurred in the second gallery, 500 yards below the surface, and the depth is difficult and dangerous.

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A Burglar Killed.

The postoffice at Bamberg was burglarized on last Saturday night and robbed of all the cash in the money drawers and a registered package which had been received during the day.

The burglar entered through a front window of the office and then forced his way through the general delivery window and went out through the rear of the building. The amount taken was about \$43. It is said that there was a large amount of money in a tin box lying on the counter, which was untouched.

The burglar was seen by the postmaster, who was on duty at the time, and he fled. The burglar was seen by the postmaster, who was on duty at the time, and he fled.

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