

AT THE TABERNACLE.

DR. TALMAGE DISCOURSES FROM POMEII AND ITS LESSONS.

An Archaic Theme For the Cities of Today... From the Tomb of the Dead Cities of the Past...

BROOKLYN, Oct. 8.—In his sermon at the Brooklyn tabernacle this morning Rev. Dr. Talmage presented an arousing theme of the living cities of today drawn from the tomb of a dead city of the past.

At a flash on the night sky greeted us as we left the rail train at Naples, Italy. What was the strange illumination? It was that which of many centuries—Vesuvius. Giant of an earthquake.

A volcano burning so long and yet to keep on burning until perhaps it may be the very torch that will kindle the last conflagration and set all the world on fire.

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At one time, far back, its top had been a fortress, where Spartacus fought, and was surrounded, and would have been destroyed had it not been for the grape vines which clothed the mountain side from top to base.

Of course the next day we started to see some of the work wrought by that frosted mountain. "All out for Pompeii" was the cry of the conductor.

For three days the entombment proceeded. The clouds lifted and the cursing of that Apollon of mountains subsided. For 1,700 years that city of Pompeii lay buried and without a living soul.

But after 1,700 years of obliteration a workman's spade, digging a well, strikes some antiquities which lead to the exhumation of the city.

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There at the soldiers' barracks are 64 skeletons of brave men, who faithfully stood guard at their post when the stamp of madness began, and after 1,700 years were still found standing guard.

I get down on my knees and read the epitaphology of a long line of them. Here lies Babylon, once called "The hammer of the whole earth," dead and buried under piles of bitumen and broken pottery and vitrified bricks.

The next tomb I kneel before in this cemetery of cities is Nineveh. Her winged lions are down and the alabaster have crumbled, and the sculpture that represented her battles is as completely scattered as the dust of her Sardanapalus.

Perhaps I put my knee into the dust of her Sardanapalus as I stood to read her epitaph (Zephaniah, 14): "Now shall Nineveh be desolation and dry like a plain." "The world shall be as the desert shall be there and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures."

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evening of Aug. 23, A. D. 79. See the throngs passing up and down in tyria purple and girdles of arabesque and necks encircled with precious stones, proud official in imposing robes, the slave carrying trays a-clink with goblets and a smoke with delicacies from piddock and sea-mollusks, musing over the degradation of the times, passing the profligate, doing his best to make them worse.

Listen to the rumbling embers, carrying convulsions to hills of mud and ash. The loud dash of fountains amid the sculptured water nymphs. Notice the weird, solemn, far-reaching hum and roar of a city at the close of a summer day.

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with the lava and darkness and dejection and woe with which, more than 18 centuries ago, it submerged Pompeii, as with the litany of fire and storm, the mountain proclaimed at the burial, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

THE CEMETERY NOT YET FILLED. But the cemetery of dead cities is not yet filled, and it is present cities of the world forget God and with their iniquities shock the heavens, let them know that God, who on the 24th of August, 79, dropped on a city of Italy a superincumbent that staid their 17 centuries, is still alive and hates sin now as much as he did then.

Our hope is in the mercy of the Lord continued to our American cities. It amazes me that this city, which has the quietest Sabbath on the continent, and the best order, and the highest tone of morals of any city that I know of, is now having brought into its near neighborhood as Coney Island carnivals of pugilism as debasing as any of the gladiatorial contests of Pompeii.

Yet how many think that all that is necessary is to cultivate the mind and advance the knowledge and improve the arts? Have you the impression that eloquence will do the elevating work? Why, Pompeii had Cicero half of every year for its citizens. Have you the idea that literature is all that is necessary to keep a city right? Why, Sallust, with a pen that was the boast of Roman literature, had a mansion in that doomed city.

By all means have schools and Sunday schools and Dore exhibitions and galleries where the genius of all centuries can bank itself up in snowy sculpture, and all bric-a-brac, and all pure art. But nothing, save the religion of Jesus Christ, can make a city moral.

Evil sometimes defeats itself by going one step too far. You may drive the hoop of a barrel down so hard that it breaks. I will not believe that the international prize fight will take place on Long Island or in the state of New York until we see the rowdy rabble rolling drunk off the cars at Flatbush avenue and with faces hanged and cut and bleeding from the infuriating scene.

Warmed by the doom of other cities that have perished for their ruffianism, or their cruelty, or their idolatry, or their dissoluteness, let all our American cities lead the right way. Our only dependence is on God and Christian influences. Politics will do nothing but make things worse.

But the greatest calamity of history came upon Pompeii, not to improve its future condition, for it was completely obliterated and will never be rebuilt. It was so bad that it needed to be buried 1,700 years before men's ruins were fit to be uncovered.

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STATE'S SCHOOL BOOKS. THE PLAN OF STATE CONTROL IN FULL AS ARRANGED.

It Will Stand for the Next Seven Years—Interesting Details for Every South Carolinian—Something to Remember.

As it is a matter of very general interest the State has secured and published below the terms of the adoption of the school books for use in the public schools of the State recently made by the State board of examiners, apologizing for its length and legal phraseology.

The books have been adopted for the next seven years instead of five, as heretofore. The terms was as follows: "That the parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the adoption of certain of their publications hereinafter named, together with the prices and conditions as stated herein, for use in the free public schools of the State of South Carolina, over which the parties of the second part have or may hereafter have jurisdiction, for a term of seven years from the first day of November, 1893, subject to the conditions and law as to changes, covenant and agree:

"1. That they will take up all old books of any other series, or any other edition of their own series, in the hands of the pupils, and will release to be sold to said pupils, through local dealers, corresponding books of the adopted series at the prices given in the column marked 'Exchange Prices'.

"2. That those pupils who have no old books to exchange, they will cause the adopted books to be sold to such pupils, through local dealers, for first introduction at the reduced prices marked 'Introduction Prices'.

"3. That the exchange and introductory prices shall continue for and during the period allowed for transferring or changing from the books now in use to the standards, or to the books adopted for exclusive use where such is the case, which period is shown in the resolution given below.

"4. That after the introduction or change is completed, they will cause the books adopted to be sold to the pupils, through the local dealers, at not above the retail prices given in the column marked 'Retail Prices,' and will allow the local dealers a discount from the retail prices of not less than the rate to local dealers stipulated in their original and supplemental propositions made to the State board of examiners.

"5. That they will allow to any teacher, school, school district, or any certain or special person named by the school authorities of this State, on all cash orders for the adopted books, the greatest rate of discount from the retail prices, and the best exchange and introduction terms and prices, set down in their original and supplemental propositions to the State board, they (the purchasers) to pay the transportation charges on all orders under one hundred dollars, and they (the publishers) to pay the transportation charges on all over one hundred dollars, no charge in any case to be made for box, packing or drayage; the books so purchased to be for use only in the free public schools of the State and not for sale to the trade.

"6. That if so ordered by the State board of examiners, they will at any time fill all cash orders for the adopted books of one or more persons in each county in the State, and allow on the same the greatest rate of discount, and the best exchange and introduction terms and prices, set down in their original and supplemental propositions to the State board, they (the persons ordering) to pay the transportation charges on all orders under one hundred dollars, and they (the publishers) to pay the transportation charges on all orders over one hundred dollars when ordered shipped by freight, no charges to be made in either case for box, packing or drayage, and allow the State board and school authorities to arrange with said person or persons for the retail of the books to the best advantage to the pupils, the books so ordered to be for use only in the free public schools of the State and not for sale to the trade.

"7. That if the Legislature of the State, or the State board of examiners, should hereafter provide for a system of depositories under the control of the State, they agree to furnish their adopted books to the depositories at their best rate and terms of exchange, their best prices and terms of introduction, and their greatest rate of discount, set forth in their original and supplemental propositions to the State board of examiners, pay the transportation charges on all cash orders for such books when shipped by freight, and to ship when so ordered, and to make no charge at any time for box, packing or drayage, and to conform to all reasonable orders of the State touching the regulations of the same.

"8. That when ordered by the State board they will make one or more depositories within the State at such place or places as said board may determine, where their books can be had at the prices named in the schedule.

"9. That when ordered by the State board they will print or stamp the prices of each book in large plain letters and figures on the outside of the front back, and mark it 'South Carolina Edition.' If, however, the book should be bound in cloth and this could not be readily done, then they are to be placed on the inside in a conspicuous place.

"10. That the books adopted shall at all times be of the same quality and equality well bound as the samples submitted, and that the regular wholesale price shall not be increased during the period of adopting; but should any reduction be made in said wholesale price (the wholesale price is the retail price and is here so used), the price of this State shall have full benefit of the same.

"11. That their original and supplemental proposition to the State board are hereby referred to and made a part of this contract for the purpose of terms, prices, rates of discount, &c.; those most advantageous to the people of

South Carolina are to be allowed them under this contract. "12. That it is agreed, and is hereby consented to, that the following resolutions of the State board shall be, and are hereby, made a part of this contract, to-wit:

"Whereas, in the judgment of the State board of examiners the educational interests of the State would be best subserved by adopting a single list of text-books to be used in the free public schools of the State; therefore:

"Resolved, That the policy of the board be towards a single list for the entire State in all of the branches, with the least possible friction and expense to the people, and that this be effected in the following way, to-wit:

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"(f) County boards of examiners shall record their actions in reference to all changes ordered by them and notify the State Superintendent of Education immediately thereafter.

"(g) Teachers of public schools and school officers are required to conform to these regulations, and the refusal of teachers to do so shall justify the school authorities in refusing to pay them for their services.

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The following, comprising the lead companies in the country, have signed the above contract: Messrs. McMillen & Co., W. H. Ellsworth, D. Appleton & Co., Universal Publishing Company, the American Book Company of New York, D. C. Heath & Co., of Boston, and Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia.

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DIES BY HIS OWN HAND. Walter H. Rhettt Shot Himself Through the Heart. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 4.—The body of Walter H. Rhettt, a well known young Atlanta lawyer, was found in his office this morning with a bullet hole through his heart, with the pistol lying by his side on the floor. He had been missing from his home for the past two days, and his relatives in investigation for his whereabouts, broke into his office this morning and discovered that he committed suicide, presumably during yesterday, though nobody in the building heard any report of a pistol. He has been mentally depressed during the last few months and lost much of his business. He was ex president of the South Carolina Society of Atlanta, and belongs to the famous Rhettt family of Charleston. He was about thirty four years of age and up to a year ago, was considered one of the most prominent young attorneys of the Atlanta bar.

Smashed a Record. The fastest time ever made between this city and Charlotte was made by Engineer F. L. Holland on last Tuesday. He made the run from Charlotte to Columbia, 106 miles, with twenty six stops, in two hours, and forty six minutes. This beats by four minutes the first run made by Fetter last year. General Manager Green was on the train in his private car.

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