Before It Is Too Late. If you have a gray-haired mother In the old home far away, Sit down and write the letter You put off day by day, Don't wait until her tired steps

Reach heaven's pearly gate— But show her that you think of her Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message Or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forgot it
But whisper it today,
Who knows what bitter memories May haunt you if you wait?— So make your loved ones happy Before it is too late.

We live but in the present, The future is unknown-Tomorrow is a mystery, Today is all our own. The chance that fortune lends to us May vanish while we wait, So spend your life's rich treasure

The tender words unspoken, The letter never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent. For these some heatrs are breaking, For these some loved ores wait-So show them that you care for them Before it is too late.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Dr. Talmage Pleads With Those Given to Quick Anger.

A delicate and difficult duty is by Dr. Talmage in this discourse urged upon all, and especially upon those given to quick tempor; toxt, Ephesians

iv, 26, "Be ye angry and sin not." Equipose of tempor, kindness, patience, forbearance, are extelled by most of the radiant pens of inspiration, but my text contains that which at first sight is startling. A cortain kind of anger is approved—aye, we are commanded to indulge in it. The most of us have no need to cultivate high temper, and how often we say things and do things under affronted impulse which we are sorry for when perhaps it. is too late to make effective apology! Why, then, should the apostle Paul dip his pen in the ink hern and trace upon parchment, afterward to be printed upon paper for all ages, the injunction, "Be ye angry and sin not?"

My text commends a wholesome in dignation. It discriminates between the offense and the offender, the sin and the sinner, the crime and the crim-

To illustrate: Alcoholism has ruined more fortunes, blasted more homes, de stroyed more souls, than any evil that I think of. It pours a river of poison and fire through the nations. Millions have died because of it, and millions are dying now, and others will die. Intemperance is an old sin. The great Cyrus, writing to the Lacedemonians of himself, boasted of many of his qualities, among others, that he could drink and bear more wine than his distinguished brother. Louis X and Alexander the Great died drunk. The parliament of Edinburgh in 1661 is called in history "the drunken parlia-ment." Hugh Miller, first stonemason and afterward a world renowned goologist, writes of the drinking habits of his day, saying: "When the foundation was laid, they drank. When the walls were leveled for laying the joists, they drank. When the building was finished, they drauk. When an appron-tice joined, they drank." In the eighteenth century the giver of an enter-tainment beasted that none of the guests went away seher. Neah, the first ship captain, was wrecked—not in the ark, for that was safely landed but he was wrecked with strong drink. Every man or woman rightly constructnational and international and hemispheric and planetary curse. It is good to be aroused against it. You come out of that condition a better man or a better woman. Be ye angry at that abomination, and the more anger the You do well to be angry, but how about more exaltation to character. But that aroused feeling becomes sinful when it extends to the victim of this great evil. Drunkenness you are to hate with a vivid hatred; but the drunk-

Just take into consideration that there are men and women who once were as upright as yourself who have been prostrated by alcoholism. Perhaps it came of a physician's prescription for the relief of pain, a recurrence of the pain calling for a continuance of the remedy; perhaps the grandfather was an inchriate and the temptation to inebriety, leaping over a generation, has swooped on this unfortunate; perhaps it was under an attempt to drown trouble that the benumbing and narco tio liquid was sought after; perhaps it was a very gradual chaining of the man with the beverage which was thought to be a servant, when one day it an nounced itself master. Be humble now. and admit that there is a strong prob ability that under the same circumstances you yourself might have been captured. The two appropriate emotions for you to allow are judignation at the intoxicant which onthralled and sympathy for the victim. Try to get the sufferer out of his present environment; recommend any hygienie relief that you know of and, above all, implore the divine rescue for the struggle in which so many of the noblest and grandest have been worsted. Do not give yourself up to too many philippies about what the man ought to have been and ought to have done. While your check flushes with wrath at the fee that has brought the tuin, lot your eye be moistened with tears of pity for the sufferer. In that way you will have fulfilled the injunction of the text, "Be ye angry and sin not."

ard you are to pity, to help to extri-

There is another evil the abhorrence a famous infinel of our time, instead of of which you are all called to, and it is on the increase—the gambling pracof illness he would have revoked his teachings and left for his beloved family conscious which they could not find tice. Recent developments show that much of this devastation is being wrought in ladies' parlors. It is an evil which sometimes is as polite and gracious as it is harmful. Indeed, there never were so many people try ing to get money without carning it. But it is a haggard transgression that positively say that in a prolonged illcomes down to us from the past, blight-

ing all its way. I have seen in the archives of the nation in this national capital a large book in which one of the early presidonts of the United States kept an account in his own handwriting of gains and losses at playing cards-on one closing years of his life wrote to me that page the gains and on the other the he had changed and that he would like losses, and there are many pages. In to stand in my pulpit and undo the evil other days many of national reputation went from the halls of congress and the senate chamber to spend the night in notorious gambling saloons. One of the ablest men of the centuries, Charles Fox, got ready for his speech against "The Petition of the Clergy" by spending 22 hours at the gaming anything by talking on the right side. table. Irving's life of Oliver Goldsmith The mercy of God is so great that many

letter in 1776 said: "I have undone myself, and it is to no purpose to con-coal from you my abominable madness and folly. I have never lost so much in five days as I have tonight, and I am in dobt to the house for the whole.' There is another sin that we are oftentimes called to be angry with, and that is fraud. We all like honesty, and when it is sacrificed we are vehement in denunciation. We hope that the detectives will soon come upon the tracks of the abstending bank official, of the burglar who blow up the safe, of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the tracks of the clork who skillfully changed the figures in the clork who skillfully changed the clork who skill control the in the account book, of the falsifier who secured the loan on valueless property, of the agent who because of his percentage wrongfully admits a man to the benefit of a life insurance policy when his heart is ready to stop and who comes from an ancestry characteristically short

the life preserver from the man affeat

and affords not so much as a spar or a

plank as substitue. It would extin-

guish the only light that has over been

kindled for the troubled and the lost.

Lat the spirit of infidelity take hold of

a neighborhood, and in that town the

marriago relation is a farce, and good

morals give place to all styles of

immorals. Let it take possession of

this earth, and there would be no vir-

tue left in all the worl i's circumference.

All the sins rebuked in the Ten Com-

mandments would be dominant. The

torch that shall kindle the configgration

of the earth in its last catastrophe will

not do as much damage as would infi-

delity and agnosticism if they got the

chance. Be angry with such theories

of unbelief and hatred of God. Never

laugh at the wittieisms of those who

would belittle the Bible with their joeu

larity. Quote to them the four lines of

We come back laden with our quest

Have a lightning in you eye and a

flush in your cheek and a frown on your

brow for a dastardy that would blot out

the sun and moon and stars of Chris-

tianity and leave all things in an arctic

those who have been flung of sceptie-

ism, and that is more millions than you will ever know of until the judgment

day reveals everything. Ah, here comes

your opportunity for gentleness; kind-

ness and sympathy. The probability is that if you had been plied with the

same influences as this unbeliever there

would not be a Bible in all your house

from cellar to attic. Perhaps he was in

some important transaction swindled by

a member of the church whose taking

haps he read agnostic books and heard

agnostic lectures and mingled in agnos-

tio circ'es until he has been befogged

and needs your Christian help more

than any one that you know of. Do

artillery of weapons ready to open fire.

Remember that no one was ever re-formed for this life or saved for the life

to come by an argument, but in hum-

blest and gentlest way, your voice

subdued, ask him a few questions. Ask

him if he had a Christian parentage, and if he says yes ask him whether the

old folks died happy. Ask him if he has ever heard of any one going out of

this life in raptures of infidelity and

agnosticism. Ask him if it is not a somewhat remarkable fact that the

Bible, after so many years, sticks to-gether and that there are more copies

of it in existence than ever before. Ask

him if he knows of any better civiliza-

tion than Christian oivilization and

whether he thinks the teachings of

Confucius of Christ are preferable. Ask

him if he thinks it would be a fair thing

in the Creator of all things to put in

this world the human race and give

them no direct communication for their

guidance and, if they did wrong, tell

them of no way of recovery. I think if

being taken away instantaneously, had

died in his bed after wooks and months

in obsequies at which not one word of

Holy Scripture was read, or at Fresh

benediction was pronounced. I do not

noss there would have been a retrac-

The renowned infidel, Mr, Baker, af-

in publishing large and olaborate books

that he had wrought for the most of his

lifotime. I wrote him in congratulation

for his soul's sake that he had turned

back from infidelity, but that I thought he could not undo the work of a lifetime

and that he had talked so long on the

wrong side I did not think he could do

in depreciation of the Scriptures, in the

tion, but I think there would

of the sacrament was a sacrilege.

And weary seekers of the best

To find that all the sages said

Is in the book our mothers read.

cannot afford to get mad. It hurts me so." And if sinful anger damages the so." And if sinful anger damages the body how much more it rives the disposition. There are thousands of men clerks in stores who would been mem-One art of fraud told of in big headbers of great business firms, and underlines in the morning papers rightfully arouses the nation's wrath. It is the mechanics who would have been boss carpontors, and attornoys who would interest of every good man and good woman who reads of the crime to have have been leading advocates, and preachers to congregations who are stary. it exposed and punished. Let it go uning them to death who might have had scathed, and you put a premium of scathed, and you put a premium of appreciative surroundings, who have fraud, you depress public morals, you been kept back and kept down by uninduce those who are on the fence be- governable tempers. The outbreak last-tween right and wrong to get down on ed only a little while, but it impeded a the wrong side, and you put the busi- lifetime. ness of the world on a down grade. The

But let me confess at this crisis of my

sermon that there is not an injunction in

tive than indiscriminate hate. First of

all, it frenzies the nervous gangli. Those

is given to frequent obullitions of temper

that he is an unbalanced man. A busi-

ness man of our acquaintance said: "I

Surpassing all other characters in the constabulary and penitontiary must do | world's biography stands Jesus Christ, their work. But while the merciless wrathful against sin, merciful to the and the godless cry: 'Good for him! sinner. Witness his behavior toward I am glad he is within the prison the robed ruffians who demanded capidoors!" be it your work to find out if that tal punishment for an offending woman is worth saving and what were the man-denunciation for their sinful hypocrisy, pardon for her sweet peni-tonee. He did not speak of Herod as causes of his moral overthrow. Perhaps he started in business life under a tricky firm, who gave him wrong notions "his majesty" or "his royal highness," of business integrity; perhaps there was but dared to compare him to a cunning a combination of circumstances almost a combination of circumstances almost fox, saying, "Go ye and tell that fox." unparalled for temptation; perhaps But, alert to the cry of suffering, he finds ten lepers, and to how many of the ten awful invalids did he give con there were alleviations; perhaps he was born wrong and nover got over it; perhaps he did not realize what he was do valesconce and health? Ton. Rebuking, and if you are a merciful man you ing Pharisaism in the most compressed will think of other porhaps which, sentence in all the vosabulary of anathough they may not excuse, will ex thema-"Yo serpents, ye generation tonuate. Perhaps he has already re of vipers, how can ye escape the dam-pent and is washed in the blood of the nation of hell?"—yet looking upon Lamb and is as sure of heavon as you Poter with such tenderness that no are. What an opportunity you have now word was spoken-and not a word was for obeying my text. You were angry at the misdemeaor, but you are hopeful needed, for the look spoke louder than "And the Lord looked upon for the recovery of the recalcitrant. Peter, and went out and wept bittorly. Blessed all prison references! Blessed | Oh what a look it must have been to are those governors and presidents who break down the swarthy fisherman are glad when they have a chance to apostle! It was such a hart look, such pardon! Blessed the forgiving father a loving look, such a forgiving look! wlo welcomes home the prodigal! Blessed the dying thief whom the Lord Was there in any other being since time began such a combination of wrath took with him to glory; saying. "This against wrong and compassion for the day shalt thou be with me in paridisol' There is another evil that we ought to abhor, while we try to help the vie | away the sins of the world!" Hear im, and that is infidelity. It snatches

Defying the mightiest government of the world, the Roman government, yet rubbing his hand just below the forehead of the blind mand until the optic nerve of him who was born sightless is ercated, and the sunlight has two new paths to tread. Best illustration the world ever saw of anger without sinanger against the abominations which have mauled and blasted the earth from its deepest cavern to its highest cliff, but so much pity for the sinning and suffering nations that he allowed them to transfix him upon two pieces of wood nailed across each other on a day that was dark as the night; the windows of heaven shut because the immortals could not bear to look down upon the assassination of the loveliest being or, without pillow or blanket, slept on the mountains.

Like him, let us hate iniquity with complete hatred; but, like him, may we help those who are overthrown and be willing to suffer for their restoration. indication that they are not believers Then, although at the opening of this in the Christian religou. No sane man discourse our text may have seemed to will take his own life if he believes in ommand us to do an impossible thing. we will at the close of this sermon, with a prayer to God for help, be more rigid and determined than ever before toward all the erring and work so hard for their rescue that we will rel z; that we have scale the Alpine, the Himala-yan, height of my text. which onjoins,

"Be ye angry and sin not." What Mother Taught Me. A olorgyman, who is stationed at one of our largest insane asylums, relates the following incident: One Sabbath as I was leaving the hall in which I had as usual preached to a large number of these unfortunates, for whom I always felt a deep compassion, knowing that most of them are incapable of appreciating the words I speak, one of the men, with a friendly grin on his expressionless face, stopped me at the door and said in a whisper, "I can pray too." The words surgrised me, for this poor not got into any labored argument about the truth of Christianity. He may beat you at that. He has a whole fellow was regarded as a perfect idiot. He had forgotton everything: his name his ago-about none of these he could give the least information. So I asked somewhat doubtfully, "What can you pray?" He answered proudly, "What mother taught me." "And what did mother teach you?" I further asked. He folded his hands and devoutly began:

> "Lord Jesus, who dost love me, O spread Thy wings above me, And shield me from alarm!"

H) recited the whole stanza without mistake. Then the vague staring exprossion returned into his face, and he was again the same unfortunate imbecile that he had always been. He had forgotten all-he could not recall a single occurrence of his whole life, only 'what mother taught him" to pray had not been crased from his poor mind. Oh, that all mothers would know and consider what power God has put into thoir words!

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Died of Charbon. table. Irving's life of Oliver Goldsmith says that the great poet lost £30, all his carnings, in a short tour to see the world. Gibbon, the author of "I'he Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," came to his own decline and fall through gaming practices and in a says that the great poet lost £30, all his carnings, in a short tour to see the world. Gibbon, the author of "I'he Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," came to his own decline and love. "Be ye angry and sin not."

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the Bible more difficult to obey than the Says Chopping Wood is a Sure Cure words of the text. While it applauds a wholesome indignation, it warms against Discuses Other Matters sinful angor. And there is in all the roalm of passion nothing more destruc-

the veins gets thick and sluggish and the secretion become stagnant, the mind gets diseased and morbid, the emotions are out of tune and the man actually believes he would find rest and poace in doath. It is strange that any man of education or refinement would entertain such an unreasonable hope. What did the schoolteacher of Dothan accomplish by killing Dr. McNeil and himself? Where is the schoolteacher now? When two enemies fight a duel and both are killed, how do their spirits meet in the other world? Do they shake hands or renew the fight, for, of course, they are not in heaven? What does the young man accomplish by killing his sweetheart and then himsell? Are they not then forever separated? What does anybody gain by suicide? As Hamlet says: "Is it not better to bear the ills we have than fly to o hers that we know not of?" Why not run away from yourself? Run to the woods-keep on running-jump the branches, swim she rivers, get wet, get tirod-work in the garden, dig, hoe, ohop wood, mount a horse and ride furiously—anything to divort the discussed mind from its train of thought. My good old father was afflicted with rhoumatism and when he felt the acute, agonizing pains coming on he would rouse up and limp away and make for the farm, and would walk faster and faster as the pains increased, and would actually make them ashaned and they would leave him for a day or two. To keep the mind in a good, normal conditon the body must be exer-Sedentary occupation are not healthy for men, and even woman should fly around the house with a broom or wash the windows occasion ally, or dig among the flowers. It will not do for them to sit and sow all the time. I am sorry for these unmaried girls who have to run the machine all the day long and got no healthy exor wrongdoor? "Lion of Judah's tribe!" oise except for the ankle bones. When Hear that! "Lamb of God who taketh they get married and the babies come along they are pretty safe, for little children give a mother division enough. A mother with a babe in her arms never thinks of suicide. | Even if her hasband is cruel to her or is a drunkard, she will live on and on for the sake of the child. We note that most of the suicides occur among the young men and are caused from intemperance or disappointed love or failure to make money fast, or being eaught in em rezzlement (lias stealing) Ochollo killed himself because he found out that he had wrongfully killed his wife, and Shakespeare says "he was great of heart." I recken he was, considering that he was a Moor and did dot believe in a heareafter. It was the best thing and the most heroic thing that he could do. It was the very intensity of griof and repentance and has no paralthat over walked the shore of the lakes | lel in modern suicides, for most all of them are selfish or tovengeful. It was like the Harikiri of Saul, or of the an-cient generals when defeated in battle. The most alarming feature about these suicides of our young men'is the

hoaven and hell and a future state rowards and punishments. He will be afraid to. The influence of modern fie-

tion on the youthful mind has much to against that which is wrong, while at do with it, for a great deal of it is the same time we shall feel so kindly tainted with atheism and infidelity. Even some of the standard writers, such as Hume and Disraeli had lefe their bad impression. The latter threw a dark shadow over life and says that youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle and old age a regret.

Is it not far botter to take a more hopeful view of life and say like the poet, Horace Smith: 'The World is very lovely! Oh, my Ged,

I thank thee that I live. Or, to say like Longfellow-"Life is real—life is earnest, And the grave is not its goal."

It is easy to diagnose a poet's temperament of a philosopher's by his writings-some are gloomy and some are bright and cheerful. I was ruminating about these young men who have just graduated at my alama mater and the other home colleges, and wondering how many of them would prove a success in life and twenty years honce exclaim with the poet, "Oh, my God, I thank Thee that I live." Fiftyour years ago I was at Athens, in the class of' 47 and of the forty-two then living there are now but half a dozen left. Many of them lived and died and made no signs. Some of them saw trouble and some made good citizens-good husbands and fathers; and just so history repeats itself all along the generations. It grieved me that I could not attend the centennial and commune with the alumni and rejoice with the

young and feel leaely with the old. Then there is old college and new col ege, and the chapel and the campus and the two halls that are still unchanged. I wonder how many bys have occupied the old room that Briscose and I lived in for two long years I saw it in the picture and felt like it was still my room. The ailanthus tracs (by a misnomer called the tree of heaven) grow close to our windows and extended their nauseating odors to dormitory where we slept, and the boys all along the line complained, but the faculty said it would soon pass away, and the trees were imported from Ohina, the Celestial Empire, and they were called the trees of heaven. So one dark night the boys (not 1) got axes and girdled them and they died and went to heaven in Unina, where they came from. For some months I roomed in now college, and so did our tutor. who was cross and never smiled, for he was as old bachelor-peace to his ashes. He wouldent let me nor Chess Howard play on the flute after study hours at night, nor let Ben Moseley nor Dick Farmer play on the fiddle. Said it annoyed him, and so some of the boys (not 1) got some o'd cannon balls from the armory and away in the dead hour of night, when deep sleep falleth upon a man or a tutor, they rolled a six-pounder along the long hall 200 feet right by his door, which was about another boy slipped out and rolled it open and \$40,000 is said to have been back again, and the rolling and rumb. ling was kept up for a time until there happened just what they thought would happen. The tutor had opened a crack in his door, and when he heard

boys (not I) wanted, for they had another one in the fire getting hot. In due time they took it in the shovel and sent it slowely down the ally, and it stopped not far from his door. Quickly he stopped out and the light from his room showed him the ball. He seized it with his right hand and straightway The increasing prevalence of suioides indicates an unhealthy condition dropped it and used some language of mind and body and I have thought that if the man would quit thinking hat was unbecoming, and retreated to his room. The next day his hand was about his troubles and go to chopping tied up in a white handkerchief, which wood or digging in the garden, or even was a kind of flag of truce, for he was go hunting and got up a good circulamuch more considerate to us and seem tion he would feel better and conclude od to like music. I never perpetrated much mischiof while in college, but I to live on a while longer. The body affects the mind and when the blood in was an apt scholar to look on and enjoy all the fun. Chess Howard was an expert, and could play ball better than anybody, especially a hot cannon ball. Chess came to see us some time ago

and after while asked me and my wife to give them some music. And so she seated horself at the piane and I took my flute and asked what he would like And he said play that good old piece that we used to call "Sallie Baxter" when we went seronding in Athens. So we played it, and before we were aware of it Chess had slipped his own flute out of his pocket and was toothing along behind me Sallie was our col-legs sweetheart, but we dident get her, for a Bird flow there and she followed him off to Baltimore and is living there yet. But we never thought of suicide. But I forboar. It is sweet and it's sad

to recall the memories of '45, '46 and '47, and I would have felt lost and ionely in Athons. It was college then. It is a great university now, and many changes have come over it, and we old veterans have to keep up with the procession whether we like the modern methods or not. They have got inter collegiate baseball in the curriculum now and I reckon it is to keep the boys rom committing suicide. It diverts onometry and calculus and conic secions. Progress is the order of the day in colleges as in everything clae. Oac hundred and fifty years ago old Dr. Johnson said to Boswell, "In our great schools there is less flogging than for morly. Consequently, loss is learned there. So what the boys get at one end and they loss at the other." Now there s no flogging anywhere, and the teachers and professors are thankful if they escape it from the boys. Bill Arp.

CONDITION OF CROPS.

Weekly Weather and Crop Report of Director Bauer.

The following is the weekly bulletin of the condition of the weather and the crops issued Wednesday by Director Bauer of the South Carolina section of the United States weather bureau's elimate and erop service:

The week ending Monday, July veraged slightly warmer than usual with a maximum temperature of 102 at Batesburg on the 25th, and a min imum of 60 at Cheraw on the 27th. The temperature was generally favorable for the growth and development of field crops, and there was about the normal amount of sunshine, High winds caused some damage to corn on the 25th.

There were numerous, scattered showers throughout the week, generally light, but heavy in places, witha a max-imum rainfall of 2.0 inches in Pickens county. Cultivation made fair progress where the rainfall was light, but much land remains too wet to cultivate, and many fields continue to be grassy, although much grass was killed during the week. There are complaints of the ground becoming very hard as it dries. Damage by hail occurred in Abbeville, Bamberg, Barnwell, Newberry and ported from a few other points. There are numerous reports of corn and cotton fields being abandoned on account of their foul condition and the cost and difficulty of cleaning them.

There was a general improvement in the condition of cotton, greatest on red lands that could be worked, and in the sea island section, while on sandy lands the plants continue to die to some extent, and generally are not thriving. Cotton is unusually small for the season, but has begun to bloom in places, although yet it is fruiting sparsely. The general condition of cotton continues to be unpromising. On

low-lying lands is decidedly off color. The condition of corn varies greatly, although generally poor over the eastern half of the State, where it is being laid by. Upland corn looks well over the western counties, but in bottoms it was almost entirely destroyed and is now being replanted to some extent. Planting stubble lands in corn

is also undorway.

Over the greater portion of the tebacco regions the plants are backward and small, but in Korshaw county tobacco is doing well. Cutting and ouring made slow progress in Florence county, and has not been begun in other sections. Rice is generally thriv ing. Wheat and oats are being threshed, and many correspondents roport the yields the best in years. Oats were greatly damaged by rain after outting, but the damage to wheat was slight.

Minor crops are generally in a thriving condition, but peaches and plums are rotting extensively as they ripen. Apples continue to drop. Pastures and gardens, with some exceptions, are ine. On the whole, there is a marked improvement in the crop prospects, but they are still reported discourag-

Hanged Him to a Tree.

Robert White, a negro, was lynched Tuesday near Tallahasse, Elmore county Ala., Robert White and brother, Winston, were tenants on the farm of a Mr. Goodwin and their chickens annoyed a truck farmer named Thomas. The latter killed all the fowls belonging to the Whites. Monday night the two negroes attacked Thomas and fired several shots at him, but doing no damage. Thomas returned the fice and slightly wounded Winston White, Ropert White was arrested and while on the way to Watumpka a mob took him from the officers and hanged him to

that the gold miners who have outside, which he did and was soon been operating a hydraulic plant afterwards dragged from his house and in the Catawba river have made | shot to doath while in his wife's arms. rich with gold. An assay of a quantity of this sand recently made, shows a yield of \$350 per ton. This is an extraordinal and sales and sales are sales. During the trial Hamilton on oross examination of oross oxam ination of confession also the guilty, and I ought to be hung until dead." By his confession also the others were convicted. the discovery that the black During the trial Hamilton on cross exam ton. This is an extraordinary rich yield, and if all the sand in the company's workings holds up to it, the result will be a least 2 500 were present. The four ne- six inch guns not mounted in separate veritable bonanza.

Weather conditions have been favorable for farming operations and much effective work is being done to a the ball coming for the fifth time he slipped out suddenly and stopped it are being seeded down in peas and a with his foot and picked it up and took it in his room. That was just what the oral.

TAFT TAKES CHARGE

Judge Taft Installed as Civil Covernor of Philippines.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Governor Taft Hopes Filipinos

Will Soon by Glad They are Not Free, Gen. Chaffee

Relieves M'Arthur.

Civil government in the Philippines was auspiciously inaugurated Thursday. Commissioner Taft was escorted by Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Chaffee from the palace to a great temperary tribune on the opposite side of the Plaza Placio. Standing on a projecting centre of the tribune, Mr. Taft took the oath of office as civil governor of the Philippine islands. The oath was ad ministered by Chief Justice Arnello. Gov. Taft was then introduced by Gen. MacArthur, the gun of Fort Santiago being fired by way of a salute.

A feature of the inaugural address of

Gov. Taft was the announcement that on Sept. 1, 1901, the commission would be increased by the appointment of three native members, Dr. Warde De-tavers, Benite Legarda and Jose Luza riaga. Before the 1st of September, departments will be instituted as follow, the heads being members of the United States Philippine commission:

Interior-Worcester. Commerce and Police-Wright. Justice and Finance-Ide. Public Instruction-Mosos.

Of the 27 provinces organized, Gov. Taft said the insurrection still exists in fivo. This will cause the continuance of the military government in those sections, Sixteen additional provinces are reported without insurrection, but as yet they have not been organized. Four provinces are not ready for civil government. Gov. Tafe said that with the concentration of troops in large garrisons it would be necessary for the people to assist the police in the preservation of order. Ficet launches will be procured, he said, which will facilitate communication among the provinces, as well as aid the postal and revenue depart-

In connection with educational offorts, Gov. Taft said that adults should be educated by an observation of American methods. He said that there was a reasonable hope that congress would provide a tariff, suitable to as sist in the development of the Philippines and not a mere application of the United States tariff.

According to Gov. Taft there is an unexpended balance in the insular treasury of \$3,700,000 and annual insome of \$10,000,000 The governor said that any possible friction between civil and military sub-

ordinates should be discouraged. The patriotism of the leading Filipines was commended. In conclusion Civil Governor Taft reiterated a hope expressed by the president that in the future the inhabitants would be grateful for the American Philippine victories and that hey would be indissolubly linked in ties of affection with the common

country. The reading of President McKinley's message of congratulation was enthusi-astically cheered. The entire front of the tribune, a block long, was decorated with flags and several hundred offloors with their families and friends tion of which has been completed som Civil Governor Taft and Military Govorner Chaffee occupied the centre, with the other generals on their right. Rear Admiral Kempff and his staff were on their left. The United States commissioners and the justices of the supreme court were immediately in the rear with the foreign consuls. The mass of the people stood in the park opposite. The Filipino leaders were there, but there were more Americans than Filipines

present. The president's message is as fol-Taft, Manila:

"Upon the assumption of your new duties as civil governor of the Philippines, I have great pleasure in send ing congratulations to you and your associate commissioners and my thanks for the good work already accomplished. I extend to you my full confidence and best wishes for still greater success in the large responsibilities now devolved upon you, and the assurance not only for myself but for my countrymon of good will for the people of the islands and the hope that their participation in the government which it is our purpose to develop among them may lead to their highest ad

vancement, happiness and prosperity. "(Signed) William McKilnley."
The transfer of the military authority to Gen. Chaffee was carried out in the presence of the generals, in Gen. MacArthur's office. There was no formality. Gen. MacArthur presented the new commander to the generals and

remarked:
"I boqueath to you all my troubles." All the high civil and army stillers accompanied Gen. MacArthur to the river front, where he formally embarked. Gen. Chaffee then returned to the palace and received the public.

Four Negroes Hanged.

At Vernon, Fla., four negroes were hanged Friday morning for murder. The names of the negroes were: Belton Hamilton, John Simmons, Jim Harrison and Will Williams. Williams, Harrison and Hamilton had been convioted of killing a helpless negro and almost killing his wife. It was adduced in the evidence that the three had warned their victim. Jeff Davis, to leave a certain turpentine camp. Davis obeyed instructions at once but was forced to return on account of lack of transportation of his household goods. He came back on Ost. 2 last and was at once spotted by his onemies who surrounded him inchis home, and station-ing themselves behind convenient trees proceeded to riddle the cabin with rifle balls. Davis was told to put his gun be hung until doad." By his confession also the others were convicted.

John Simmons had killed anothe negro.
The town of Vernon is without railroad armer of the new battleships will be a connection and long rides of 16 miles belt eight to nine inches thick. A pewere made by all classes of people. At culiar feature of the new ships will be gross were made to ascend the gallows at one time at 10:55 a. m., and after short statements from each, who claimed to be on the read to heaven. The

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THE HYGIENE OF THE BIBLE.

Scientific Sanitary Regulations Anticipated in the Mosaic Law.

The religion taught by Moses, that of prolonging life and the enjoyment of it. "You shall observe these laws," Moses taught, "that you may live long." He did not command to believe this or that, nor did he point to reward and punishment in the life to reward and punis duct in his life and ordsined punish. ment for the violation of these laws. Nor must we overlook the fact that religion as defined by the laws of Moses involved all laws for the government of man as incividual and as member and integral part of the State. All laws were promuigated in the name of God, the laws of days of rest and fostivity as well as sanitary regulations.

The greater knowledge we have gained

through our ability of deciphering the

libraries of cunciform tablets and lucroglyphic medicine books convinces us that many of the sanitary laws contained in the Pentateuch have been observed by the Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians and other Semitic na tions provious to the existence of the Israelitish nation, but no nation has lived in such close conformity with these laws as the Jows, and by the overwhelming majority of them are strictly observed to this day. When ever we find in the Mossic olde a law prohibiting the drinking or eating the blood of animals because blood is the nephesh, the life, we may assume that the law giver knew the intrinsic essence and proporties of blood, the rapid chemical change which takes place there in after death, the ptomaine poisoning of which it is the cause, the poison which it gathers from the deceased bodily organs and which are transferred to human body when taken as animal food. We may safely assume, therefore, that the ritual mode of slaughtering practiced by the Jews since time immemorial has been found the best safe guard against the transfer of disease from the meat of ani mals used for food, and which also accounts for their greater immunity from epidemics which decimated large populations among whom they lived The fact is well established that tu

go of modern times, is largely due to the transference of the germ from the meat and milk of diseased animals. Before modern hygienic regulation ever insisted upon the introduction of any mode of inspecting meat of animals previous to its offer in the public mar ket for consumption the Jews had made it obligatory upon those who were authorized to perform the slaughtering of animals to examine closely and carefully the careass, to see whether the lungs were sound, whether the vital organs were free from disease, so that health was not endangered by the consumption. The slaughtering and in-specting of animals was not intrusted to the first comer. It was performed by persons trained and educated for the office; they had to pass an examination as to their knowledge of anatomy of animals and of the ritual laws prescribed for the performance of their duty. The Talmud, a work the redacsixteen hundred years ago, contains extensive treaties on the subject and discloses a wonderful knowledge of the anatomy of the animal.

berculosis, which is the greatest scour-

thorough inspection of the carcass of the bovine killed for the use of man required by the religious law, but even fowls were examined and if any inter-nal injury was found of a character that would have produced their natural death, the animal was declared unfit for food. As a protection against deletorious effect of microbes and bacteria, though not known by their technical names, it was commanded to thorough ly rinso berries and all fruits, leguminous and other vegetables, in water to purify them from all parasites and the dust particles which made them dangerous to health before eating them when raw. It is only in modern days that we have discovered the trichinea in hog meat, which at least proves that some good reason existed in those ancient days for forbidding the use of swine flesh.

Another rule, probably of simple cleanliness, required the washing of hands before partaking of any meal and the rinsing of the mouth after rising from the table. The legislators evidently had a shadowy idea of the infinitesimal cocci, animalculæ, spiriliæ and bacciii, which float around and give the pathologists and biologists so much trouble. However, the rule was part of the hygienic system and served well its purpose. It may referentially be remarked here that "discussion" was the great characteristic feature of the Jows. The Talmud, which records the disputes among the various schools of learning from the time of the great Sanhedrim to the year 600 of the presont era, furnishes evidence of the constant flow of discussion on the most vital questions of life, of health and sickness, of religion and practices during that early period, and the "disoussion" has ever flowed on to this day, so that opinions among the Jews as to the binding character of ceremonies and

more than ever.

England's New Warships. A special from London says: In the house of commons Friday, Arnold Forstor, the secretary of the admiralty, announced that the year's shipbuilding progress included three battleships of a new improved class, six cruisers of the Monmouth class and ten improved terpedo boat destroyers. The battleships will be of 16,500 tons and 20 feet longer trap was spring and the four were plunged into space, remaining suspended for 50 minutes. Only one neck was broken, and the others having died from strangulation.

mament will consist of for forward fire, two 12 inch guns, two 9 2 inch guns and two 6 inch guns. Aft fire, of the same sus of the Fermidable character. It is thought these ships will compare favorably with anything healthing. It is thought these ships will compare favorably with anything building by any European power. The new ships will

be named the King Edward, the Dominion and the Commonwealth, to comemorate the great support to king and country by the two great branches of the kindred race. The cruisers will be of a speed of 23 knots. Their armament will be heavier than the Monmouth's. great law-giver, lays greatest stress It is believed that the cruisers which upon proper nife-conduct as the means are about to be built will be equal to repairs.

> Couldn't Be Done Ostensible Head of the Family,-Maria, there was a book agent around to-day who wanted to sell me a work on etiquette and good behavior. Teaches it in six lessons. I told him I'd ask you if you thought we wanted

> Real Head--It's a humbug, John. It can't be taught in six lessons. I've been trying to teach it to you for 16 years, and haven't succeeded yet. Chicago Tribune.

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