

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"DIVINE MISSION OF THE NEWSPAPER." HIS SUBJECT.

A Fair Statement of the Conditions That Surround Newspaperdom—The Average Daily or Weekly Paper Is an Instrument for Great Good.



WASHINGTON, March 22, 1896.—"Newspaper Row," as it is called here in Washington...

What is a preacher to do when he finds two texts equally good and suggestive? In that perplexity I take both.

The question then most frequently asked: What is the news? To answer that cry in the text for the newspaper...

The newspaper did not suddenly spring upon the world, but came gradually. The genealogical line of the newspaper is this: The Adam of the race...

But I discourse now on a subject you have never heard—the immeasurable and everlasting blessing of a good newspaper.

Thank God for the wheel full of eyes. Thank God that we do not have—like the Athenians—to go about to gather up and relate the tidings of the day...

We would have better appreciation of this blessing if we knew the money, the brain, the losses, the exasperations, the anxieties, the wear and tear of hearts involved in the production of a good newspaper.

To publish a newspaper requires the skill, the precision, the boldness, the vigilance, the strategy of a commander-in-chief. To edit a newspaper requires that one be a statesman, an essayist, a geographer, a statistician, and in acquisition, encyclopediac.

First of all, newspapers make knowledge democratic and for the multitude. The public library is a hay-mow so high up that few can reach it, while the newspaper throws down the forage to our feet.

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Rev. Dr. George W. Miller, now of St. Andrew's Methodist church, New York, has accepted a call to succeed Rev. Dr. Richard Harcourt of Grace church, Baltimore.

into the middle of the Atlantic and told to learn how to swim. Our only complaint is when sin is made attractive and morality dull, when vice is painted with great headlines and good deeds are put in obscure corners.

It would work a vast improvement if all our papers—religious, political, literary—should for the most part drop their impersonality. This would do better justice to newspaper writers.

Once more I remark, that a good newspaper is a blessing as an evangelistic influence. You know there is a great change in our day taking place. All the secular newspapers of the day—for I am not speaking now of the religious newspapers—all the secular newspapers of the day discuss all the questions of God, eternity and the dead, and all the questions of the past, present and future.

When I see the printing press standing with the electric telegraph on the one side gathering up material, and the lightning express train on the other side waiting for the tons of folded sheets of newspapers, I pronounce it the mightiest force in our civilization.

RELIGION AND REFORM.

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The Church of Messiah, Brooklyn, Dr. Charles R. Baker, rector, has maintained for several years a circulating library for the blind, probably the only one in the United States.

Hul Kin is the first Chinaman to be ordained as a Christian minister in the eastern part of the United States.

Rev. Benjamin Waugh has retired from the editorship of the London Sunday Magazine, his work in connection with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children leaving him no leisure for other labors.

Dr. Alexander Charles Garrett, bishop of northern Texas, has just been elected bishop of the newly created diocese of Dallas, Texas.

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The love that never speaks until it does it on a grave-stone, keeps still too long.

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.



LAST week a manufacturer of filled cheese, whose factories are in Northern Illinois, appeared before the ways and means committee in Washington and made a lengthy argument in favor of his product.

He says also that the manufacturer of filled cheese has made it possible for the farmer to get much more for his milk than he otherwise would.



Above we show a cow of the Simmenthaler breed, called also Black Freiberg cattle. In a recent issue we

His argument further was that it was not necessary to have a law that would tax the product. Now, we know that it is impossible to control any product unless that product be taxed enough to pay the expenses of government supervision.

His argument that the tax will increase the cost of the article to the consumer can be met by the statement that much of this cheese is sold to the consumer for full cheese prices.

Cleanliness and Better Cultures. A great deal of attention is now being paid to the question of butter cultures.

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Some January Egg Records. (From the Farmers' Review.) In answer to our request of two weeks ago we have received the following reports on what the hens are doing.

Mr. V. Wessinger, Livingston County, Michigan.—This is my first winter's experience with poultry. I began feeding about the middle of December, and at that time they were not laying at all.

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Mr. Martha Fraley, Brown County, Kansas.—Up to the first of February I sold 50 dozen of eggs, as shown by my books.

Joe Haynes, Cass County, Illinois.—I have fourteen Buff Cochins hens, from which I received 161 eggs in January.

Rigid Stanchions.

The above is the subject for many warm discussions at dairymen's conventions. There is a strong sentiment against them, and the ones that still hold to them do so more because it is a custom that has come down from the forefathers rather than because it is the best way to confine the cows.

Now, the animal that is tied in a rigid stanchion cannot scratch itself, no matter how acute the discomfort may be. Especially must this be irritating at the time when the animals shed their hair.

Cotton-seed Meal for Horses.

Most of the readers of the Farmers' Review are not in localities where cotton-seed meal or hulls can be had readily for feeding purposes.

I feed scraps from the table, also corn and some wheat. My hens are fat and healthy.

Single Comb White Leghorns. I have raised poultry quite extensively for ten years. My fowls have been single-comb White Leghorns mostly.

Ver straw, corn meal and mill feeds. On this one horse gained in weight and the other lost in weight. In the second period the corn meal and mill feed was reduced one pound for each horse, and instead two pounds of cotton-seed meal was added to the ration.

Selling Direct to the People.

The middle man is a necessity for nearly every business, and when he is content with a fair profit on his sales and deals honestly with all parties there is little reason for trying to get rid of him.

Sultan Fowls.

Can you inform me where I can purchase a sitting of eggs from the Sultan fowls? Or could I purchase a pair of fowls? What should they cost, and what would a sitting of eggs cost?

Plenty of Room in Canada.—Canada lacks only 237,000 square miles of being as large as the whole continent of Europe.

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