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The will of the late Jarvis Ford of St. Joseph, Mo., leaves \$20,000 for a free memorial library in that place, and \$10,000 to the municipal hospital.

Speaking of the difficulty student's experience in remembering the exact situation of the mitral and tricuspid valves of the heart, Prof. Huxley once remarked that he remembered that the mitral (so called from its resemblance to the headgear of the church dignitary) must be on the left side, "because a bishop could never be in the right."

Potatoes are now being imported from the Pacific coast to China. The first large shipment of potatoes from this country to the Walled Empire was reported a short while ago. The cargo left Tacoma, Wash., for Shanghai. The Chinese have drawn on the Pacific coast for breadstuffs in recent years, but this is the first sign that they have acquired a taste for potatoes.

A curious street car line is that between Atami and Yoshinohama, two coast towns in the province of Izie, Japan. The line is seven miles long, the rolling stock consists of a single car, and the motive power is furnished by a couple of muscular coolies, who push the car along wherever power is necessary. When the car comes to a down grade they jump on and ride.

Were the protection of our forests carried to the full extent, there would be no offender to come under the condemnation which Phillips Brooks thus expressed: "There is something wrong about a man that needlessly plucks off a new leaf-bud from a forest tree, even if he be where no human steps would have been sheltered by its shade and no human eye charmed with its beauty."

What Booker Washington is saying to the men of his own race, another clear voice is saying to the white folks: "What the south needs is respect for work. We must put on our overalls and use our hands." There is no sectionalism in such a lesson: it is law and gospel for all latitudes and longitudes. Industrial development offers both basis and security for all higher interests.

Glowing reports come from the sheep-raising district in southern Colorado. The Arkansas valley is under irrigation over an area of eighty-five miles long and ten miles wide, and will shortly become the greatest lamb-feeding center in the world. At the present time over 315,000 sheep and lambs are on feed there, and judging from the rate of increase there should be 500,000 in another year.

Among the noteworthy bequests for charitable purposes during the past year was that of a Navajo Indian, whose estate, valued at over \$20,000, was left for the establishment of a free medical dispensary, as "an aid in extinguishing cruel aboriginal superstitions in the tribe." The giver recognized the fact that, in an important sense, it is for the Indian to say what the future of the Indian shall be.

A \$1 bill bearing only a stamp and no wrapper for a written communication on mails from Chicago. The bill served as a wrapper for a written communication on a card, and was sewed to the card. On the outside of the bill was pasted a bit of white paper bearing a two-cent stamp and the address. Question was raised as to the right of sending money in this manner, but the bill in the end was allowed to go on its way.

It is contemplated to construct a railroad similar to the Jungfrau line to the summit of Mont Blanc. M. Vallot, the director of the Mont Blanc observatory, and M. Deperet, professor of mineralogy at the Lyons university, in conjunction with M. Fabre, a French engineer, have been engaged for some time past in surveying the sides of the mountain to ascertain a suitable route and the atmospheric conditions. The result of these investigations is the projection of a line probably starting from the village of Houches, on the Savoy side, to the summit, to have a total length of eleven miles.

After a recent contest it came out that in some instances the struggling athletes were sustained by the use of arsenic, strychnine and nitroglycerine. The winner in a close trial may triumph because the trainer has been judicious in administering tonic drugs. But does not the pharmaceutical road to victory seem less attractive than the old way which led through physical strength and skill unaided by the stimulants which medicine offers? There is a modernness about the possibility of being beaten by a sixtieth of a grain of strychnine, which to earlier athletes would have brought both wonder and regret.

A company at Ansonia, Conn., has just received the largest order for copper trolley wire ever placed in this country. The weight is more than 1,000,000 pounds and the destination is British India, where the wire will be used to equip one of the first trolley lines in that colony.

Revenge is a kind of wild justice, which the more man's nature runs to the more ought law to weed out; for as for the first wrong, it doth but offend the law, but the revenge of that wrong putteth the law out of office.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

PLEADS FOR A MORE DEMONSTRATIVE RELIGION.

The Duty of Christians to Speak Out Heartily on the Side of Righteousness and to Sing with Joyous Hearts God's Praise.

(Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) Washington, Feb. 10.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage calls for a more demonstrative religion and a hearty speaking out on the right side of everything; text, Mark 9:25. "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him."

Here was a case of great domestic anguish. The son of the household was possessed of an evil spirit, which, among other things, paralyzed his tongue and made him speechless. When the influence was on the patient, he could not say a word—articulation was impossible. The spirit that captured this member of the household was a dumb spirit—so called by Christ—a spirit abroad today and as lively and potent as in New Testament times. Yet in all the realms of sermons I cannot find a discourse concerning this dumb devil which Christ charged upon in my text, saying, "Come out of him."

Destructive Superstitions. There has been much destructive superstition abroad in the world concerning possession by evil spirits. Under the form of belief in witchcraft this delusion swept the continents. Persons were supposed to be possessed with some evil spirit, which made them able to destroy others. In the sixteenth century in Geneva 1,500 persons were burned to death as witches. In one neighborhood of France 1,000 persons were burned. In two centuries 200,000 persons were slain as witches. So mighty was the delusion that it included among its victims some of the greatest intellects of all time, such as Chief Justice Matthew Hale and Sir Edward Coke, and such renowned ministers of religion as Cotton Mather, one of whose books, Benjamin Franklin said, shaped his life—and Richard Baxter, and Archbishop Cranmer and Martin Luther; and, among writers and philosophers, Lord Bacon. That belief, which has become the laughing stock of all sensible people, counted its disciples among the wisest and best people of Sweden, Germany, England, France, Spain and New England. But while we respect witchcraft, any man who believes the Bible must believe that there are diabolical agencies abroad in the world. While there are ministering spirits to bless there are infernal spirits to hinder, to poison and to destroy. Christ was speaking to a spiritual existence when, standing before the afflicted one of the text, he said, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, come out of him."

Dumb and Deaf Spirit. Against this dumb devil of the text I put you on your guard. Do not think that this agent of evil has put his blight on those who, by omission of the vocal organs, have had the golden gates of speech bolted and barred. Among those who have never spoken a word are the most gracious and lovely and talented souls that were ever incarnated. The chaplains of the asylums for the dumb can tell you enchanting stories of those who never called the name of father or mother or child, and many of the most devout and prayerful souls will never in this world speak the name of God or Christ.

Many a deaf mute have I seen with the angel of intelligence seated at the window of the eye, who never came forth from the door of the mouth. What a miracle of loveliness and knowledge was Laura Bridgman of New Hampshire, not only without faculty of speech, but without hearing and without sight, all these faculties removed by sickness when 2 years of age, yet, becoming a wonder at needlework, at the piano, at the sewing machine and an intelligent student of the Scriptures and confounding philosophers, who came from all parts of the world to study the phenomenon. Thanks to Christianity for what it has done for the amelioration of the condition of the deaf and dumb. Back in the ages they were put to death as having no right with such paucity of equipment to live, and for centuries they were classed among the idiotic and unsafe. But in the sixteenth century came Pedro Ponce, the Spanish monk, and in the seventeenth century came John Pablo Bonet, another Spanish monk, with dactylography, or the finger alphabet, and in our own country we have had John Braiddwood and Drs. Mitchell and Ackerly and Peet and Gallaudet, who have given to uncounted thousands of those whose tongues were forever silent the power to spell out on the air by a manual alphabet their thoughts about this world and their hopes for the next. We rejoice in the brilliant inventions in behalf of those who were born dumb. One of the most impressive audiences I ever addressed was in the far west, an audience of about 600 persons, who had never heard a sound or spoken a word, an interpreter standing beside me while I addressed them. I congratulated that audience on two advantages they had over the most of us—the one that they escaped hearing a great many disagreeable things and on the other fact that they escaped saying things they were sorry for afterward. Yet after all the alleviations a shackled tongue is an appalling limitation. But we are not this morning speaking of congenial mutes. We mean those who are born with all the faculties of vocalization and yet have been struck by the evil one mentioned in the text—

the dumb devil to whom Christ called, when he said, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him."

Silence Sometimes a Crime.

There has been apothiazation of silence. Someone has said silence is golden, and sometimes the greatest triumph is to keep your mouth shut. But sometimes silence is a crime and the direct result of the baleful influence of the dumb devil of our text. There is hardly a man or woman who has not been present on some occasion when the Christian religion became a target for raillery. Perhaps it was over in the store some day when there was not much going on and the clerks were in a group, or it was in the factory at the noon spell, or it was out on the farm under the trees while you were resting, or it was in the club-room, or it was in a social circle, or it was in the street on the way home from business, or it was on some occasion which you remember without my describing it. Someone got the laugh on the Bible and caricatured the profession of religion as hypocrisy, or made a pun out of something that Christ said. The laugh started, and you joined in, and not one word of protest did you utter. What kept you silent? Modesty? No. Incapacity to answer? No. Lack of opportunity? No. It was a blow on both your lips by the wing of the dumb devil. If someone should malign your father or mother or wife or husband or child, you would flush up quick and either with an indignant word or doubled up fist make response. And yet here is our Christian religion which has done so much for you and so much for the world that it will take all eternity to celebrate it, and yet when it was attacked you did not so much as say: "I differ. I object. I am sorry to hear you say that. There is another side to this." You Christian people ought in such times as these to go armed, not with earthly weapons, but with the sword of the spirit. You ought to have four or five questions with which you could confound any man who attacks Christianity. A man 90 years old was telling me how he put to flight a scoffer. My aged friend said to the skeptic, "Did you ever read the history of Joseph in the Bible?" "Yes," said the man, "it is a fine story and as interesting a story as I ever read." "Well, now," said my old friend, "suppose that account of Joseph stopped half way?" "Oh," said the man, "then it would not be entertaining." "Well, now," said my friend, "we have in this world only half of everything, and do you not think that when we hear the last half things may be consistent and that then we may find that God was right?"

Silence Gives Consent. Oh, friends, better load up with a few interrogation points! You cannot afford to be silent when God and the Bible and the things of eternity are assailed. Your silence gives consent to the bombardment of your Father's house. You allow a slur to be cast on your mother's dying pillow. In behalf of the Christ, who for you went through the agonies of assassination on the rocky bluff back of Jerusalem, you dared not face a sickly joke. Better load up with a few questions, so that next time you will be ready. Say to the scoffer: "My dear sir, will you tell me what makes the difference between the condition of woman in China and the United States? What do you think of the sermon on the mount? How do you like the golden rule laid down in the Scriptures? Are you in favor of the Ten Commandments? In your large and extensive reading have you come across a lover character than Jesus Christ? Will you please to name the triumphant deathbeds of infidels and atheists? How do you account for the fact that among the out and out believers in Christianity were such persons as Benjamin Franklin, John Ruskin, Thomas Carlyle, Babington Macaulay, William Penn, Walter Scott, Charles Kingsley, Horace Bushnell, James A. Garfield, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Admiral Foote, Admiral Farragut, Ulysses S. Grant, John Milton, William Shakespeare, Chief Justice Marshall, John Adams, Daniel Webster, George Washington? How do you account for their fondness for the Christian religion? Among the innumerable colleges and universities of the earth will you name me three started by infidels and now supported by infidels? Down in your heart are you really happy in the position you occupy antagonistic to the Christian religion? When do you have the most rapturous views of the next world? Go at him with a few such questions, and he will get so red in the face as to suggest apoplexy, and he will look at his watch and say he has an engagement and must go. You will put him in a sweat that will beat a Turkish bath. You will put him on a rout compared with which our troops at Bull Run made no time at all. Arm yourself, not with arguments, but with interrogation points, and I promise you victory. Shall such a man as you, shall such a woman as you, surrender to one of the meanest spirits that ever smoked up from the pit—the dumb devil spoken of in the text?

Public Recognition of God. Do not let the world deride the church because of all this, for the dumb devil is just as conspicuous in the world. The great political parties assemble at the proper time to build platforms for the candidates to stand on. A committee of each party is appointed to make the platform. After proper deliberation, the committees come in with a ringing report, "Whereas," and "Whereas," and "Whereas." Pronouncements all shaped with the one idea of getting the most votes. All expression in regard to the great moral evils of the country ignored. No expression in behalf of temperate living, for that would lose the vote of the

liquor traffic. No expression in regard to the universal attempt at the demolition of the Lord's day. No recognition of God in the history of nations, for that would lose the vote of atheists. But "Whereas," and "Whereas," and "Whereas." Nine cheers will be given for the platform. The dumb devil of the text puts one wing over the one platform and the other wing over the other platform. Those great conventions are opened with prayer by their chaplains. If they avoided platitudes and told the honest truth in their prayers they would say: "O Lord, we want to be postmasters and consuls and foreign ministers and United States district attorneys. For that we are here, and for that we will strive till the election next November. Give us office or we die. Forever and ever, amen." The world, to say the least, is no better than the church on this subject of silence at the wrong time. In other words, is it not time for Christianity to become pronounced and aggressive as never before? Take sides for God and sobriety and righteousness. "If the Lord be God, follow him; if Baal, then follow him." Have you opportunity of rebuking a sin? Rebuke it. Have you a chance to cheer a disheartened soul? Cheer it. Have you a useful word to speak? Speak it.

Be Up and Doing. Be out and out, up and down for righteousness. If your ship is afloat on the Pacific ocean of God's mercy, hang out your colors from the mast-head. Show your passport if you have one. Do not smuggle your soul into the harbor of heaven. Speak out for God! Close up the chapter of lost opportunities and open a new chapter. Before you get to the door on your way out shake hands with someone and ask him to join you on the road to heaven. Do not drive up to heaven in a two wheeled "sulky" with room only for one, and that yourself, but get the biggest gospel wagon you can find and pile it full of friends and neighbors and shout till they hear you all up and down the skies. "Come with us, and we will do you good, for the Lord hath promised good concerning Israel." The opportunity for good which you may consider insignificant may be tremendous for results, as when on the sea Captain Haldane swore at the ship's crew with an oath that wished them all in perdition, and a Scotch sailor touched his cap and said, "Captain, God hears prayer, and we would be badly off if your wish were answered." Captain Haldane was convicted by the sailor's remark and converted and became the means of the salvation of his brother Robert, who had been an infidel, and then Robert became a minister of the gospel, and under his ministry the godless Felix Neff became the world renowned missionary of the cross, and the worldly Merle d'Aubigne became the author of "The History of the Reformation" and will be the glory of the church for all ages. Perhaps you may do as much as the Scotch sailor who just tipped his cap and used one broken sentence by which the earth and the heavens are still resounding with potent influences. Do something for God, and do it right away or you will never do it at all.

Time flies away fast. The while we never remember; How soon our life here Grows old with the year That dies with the next December!

NEW STYLE OF LIFEBOAT. Invention of Charles Mayo Launched at South Chicago. A new form of lifeboat, which it is believed will result in the saving of many lives at sea, was launched at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the yards of the Cuthbert Boat Building company, Ninety-second street and the Calumet river. It is the invention of Charles Mayo, formerly of the British navy, and employed in the Cuthbert yard. The lifeboat is constructed in the shape of a barrel, being about twenty feet long and composed of two cylinders, one inside of the other. The width is the same as an ordinary lifeboat, and the capacity of the craft is given as fifty persons. The space between the two shells will be filled with compressed air, to supply the occupants when the hatches are battened down in a heavy sea. The inner shell is pivoted at the ends and weighted at the bottom, so that it will maintain an upright position, no matter how heavy the sea. This will prevent the occupants from being injured by being thrown about the inside through the tossing of the waves. The outer shell is made of sheet iron, in much the same way that metallic lifeboats are built. The inner shell is of aluminum, with automatic aluminum hatches, which will close instantly when one enters the boat. In its present form the boat is intended for use as a lifeboat on vessels, but it is believed that improvements can be made on it so that it will be available for use by life saving crews. Each boat will weigh about 3,000 pounds and can be carried on davits like an ordinary lifeboat and lowered to the water in the same way.

A Seedless Apple. A seedless apple—the philosopher's stone of the fruit-tree propagators—has recently been produced, it is reported. The seedless or navel orange was within a few years almost displaced the old orange, and undoubtedly a seedless apple should also be superior to its seedy progenitor. It is well known that it takes a large amount of vitality to mature fruit seeds, and seedless varieties should be less exhausting on the trees and more productive, while at the same time being of better quality.

Empress Tree of Rapid Growth. Probably the largest specimen empress tree—paulownia imperialis—in America is in Independence square, Philadelphia. It is one of the first lot introduced into America about 50 years ago, and was a gift to the city by the late Robert Blist, one of America's famous nurserymen. It is now eleven feet in circumference, equaling in girth some of the old American elms that were in the plot before the revolution. The wood is in great demand in Japan.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VIII, FEB. 24—MATT 26: 36-46.

Golden Text—"Not My Will but Thine Be Done"—Luke 22: 42—Jesus in Gethsemane—The Bitter Cup of Sorrow.

36. "Then cometh Jesus with them," from the upper room in Jerusalem. The journey was probably between half-past eleven and midnight. "Unto a place called Gethsemane." The word "Gethsemane" signifies "an oil press." "Sit ye here at the entrance of the garden, while I go and pray yonder," deep into the garden shades. Eight of the disciples remained here, as an outer guard against surprise and interruption, like the picket guards of an army.

37. "He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee," James and John. These were the first three who had seen his glory on the Mount of Transfiguration, and were best prepared to sympathize with him. "And began to be sorrowful and very heavy." Note the various expressions used to describe his sorrow.

38. "Exceeding sorrowful," encompassed with sorrow, as with an atmosphere, or like a besieging army. He had a clearer vision of what lay before him. "Even unto death." The sorrow was so heavy that it seemed as if it would crush him to death.

39. "And he went a little farther." Beyond the three, into a still more retired spot, "about a stone's cast" (Luke), yet probably so near that they could hear the recorded words of his prayer. "And fell on his face. Mark, 'fell on the ground'; Luke, 'knelt down'; i. e., as in the East, with the head bowed forward to the ground. 'O my Father.' The fatherhood of God is the basis of our hope. 'If it be possible.' Observe the variation in expression. Matthew says, 'If it be possible'; Mark, 'All things are possible'; Luke, 'If thou be willing.' The spirit of the prayer is seen by combining the accounts. Then 'let this cup pass from me.' 'This hour,' in Mark. So that he need not drink it. 'Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.' 'But as thou wilt.' 'What in your loving wisdom you see to be wise and best. This is my prayer and desire.'

40. "And he cometh" to the place where he had left the three to watch. He did this three times during this awful hour, apparently to come into touch with their human sympathy as they should watch and pray with him. "And findeth them asleep." Luke, the physician, gives the cause: it was from sorrow. "Saith unto Peter, who had been so confident; who was the leader, with the most alacrity of all. 'Could ye not watch with me one hour? How, then, can you endure as you think you can the terrible, long hours to come? It was a kindly warning to Peter against over-confidence.'

41. "Watch, keep awake, be on your guard; let every faculty be on the alert. 'And pray.' Let your hearts be open to heaven and its influences as well as to earth. Use every possible means of help and defense in this your hour of need. 'That (in order that) ye enter not into temptation.' The enemy was close at hand. Spiritual dangers and temporal dangers, far beyond their conception, were secretly preparing to assail them. 'The spirit of the higher spiritual nature, with its will, conscience, affections, 'indeed is willing'; is ready, eager, desirous to do what is right. 'But the flesh is weak; the body, the physical nature, with all its natural tendencies and susceptibilities.'

42. He came . . . again. Even his warning did not prevent them from again falling asleep.

43. Then cometh he, for the third time. Saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest. Not a sarcasm, no reproach, but a kindly permission of love. Jesus had fought the battle and won. He had returned, and had simply to wait for further developments. The hour is at hand, the last act of the tragedy is about to begin. "Thus this heaven-sent eagle, though loving his young ones dearly, yet pricks and beats them out of the nest. The best, as bees, are killed with the honey of flattery, but quickened with the vinegar of reproach."—John Trapp.

46. Rise, let us be going; not to escape, but to confront the traitor and his band. How sublimely does the heroism of our Lord reveal itself! He is at hand that doth betray me. Instead of naming Judas, the Lord described him, and, in the description, verified his own former predictions regarding himself.—Morison.

A Tragedy Recalled. A sensational, but almost forgotten, tragedy, which took place in the early years of the present century, will be recalled to mind by the dispersal, in London, of a portion of the correspondence of the late Sir Isaac Heard, Garter King-at-Arms, which includes an interesting series of autograph letters and manuscripts of the notorious John Bellingham, who assassinated Mr. Spencer Perceval, the Prime Minister, in the lobby of the House of Commons in 1812. The murderer was a disappointed merchant, who dealt in Russia produce, and one long letter, containing no fewer than eleven pages, and addressed to the Marquis of Wellesley, gives full details as to his claim against the Emperor of Russia. Another one of the series has reference to the trial at which he was subsequently condemned to death, and another is from Lord Granville, who was at that time British Ambassador at St. Petersburg.

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