

CHURCH MUSIC.

Dr. Talmage Discourses on Christian Melody.

God's Music Found in Everything—A Defense of Sacred Song—The Power of Vigorous Hymns—A Picture of the Grand Chorus of Heaven.

On the occasion of the dedication of the big organ in his tabernacle at Brooklyn last T. De Witt Talmage preached an appropriate sermon, taking his text from Genesis 1: 21: "His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ."

There has been much discussion as to where music was born. I think that at the beginning when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy, that the earth heard the echo.

Silence itself—perfect silence—is only a musical rest in God's great anthems of worship. Wind among the leaves, insects humming in the summer air, the rush of billow upon beach, the ocean far out sounding its everlasting psalm.

The day of judgment, which will be a day of uproar and tumult, I suppose will bring no dissonance. The notes of those who can calmly listen, although it is as when some great performer is executing a boisterous piece of music, he sometimes breaks down the instrument on which he plays, so it may be on that last day.

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Do not sit down on the bank of the hymn, but plunge in that the devil of care may be brought out of you. It also arouses to action. A singing church is always a triumphant church!

But I must not speak of some of the obstacles in the way of the advancement of this sacred music, and the first is that it has been impressed into the service of superstition. I am far from believing that music ought always to be positively religious. Refined art has opened places where music has been secularized, and lawfully so.

False religions have depended more upon the hymning of their congregations than upon the pulpit. The music of their dogmas. Tartini, the musical composer, dreamed one night that Satan snatched from his hand an instrument and played upon it something very sweet—a dream that has been the basis of the music of the church.

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THE QUEEN OF SPORTS.

Pleasures of Bicycling to the Wheelwards of Chicago.

Why Bicycling is Destined to Become the National Sport for Men and Women—A Health-Giving Exercise Amid Pleasant Surroundings.

Ever since the courts of various states have decided that the bicycle is a vehicle, its popularity has grown among the conservative portions of the American population. A few years ago bicycling was considered a fat practice by the would-be athletic young man.

Four spirits now do all the singing. But how long would Heaven be quiet? How long? "Hallelujah!" would cry some glorified Methodist from under the nave. "Praise the Lord," would sing the martyrs from among the thrones.

Now, in this church, we have resolved upon the plan of conducting the music by organ and choir. We do it for two reasons. One is that by throwing the whole responsibility upon the organ, the people, making the great multitude the choir, we might rouse more heartily. The congregation coming on the Sabbath day feel that they cannot delegate this part of the great service to any one else, and so they assume it.

Everywhere roads are beginning to be improved, thanks to the efforts of the wheeling fraternity, and soon it will be a great saving of time to reach places distant ten or fifteen miles from one's home by means of a bicycle instead of the electric cars or the "dummy" railway.

Two roads have cost the farmers of the United States millions of dollars. A highway which is unfit for bicycle travel is certainly unfit for heavier and more clumsy vehicles. Whenever, therefore, the wheelmen succeed in persuading their owners to make roads passable and durable, they render a service to the farming communities which, unfortunately, is not always appreciated by those most benefited.

Some of the most beautiful scenery in the world is to be seen in the West. It is a large city of the West that costs the farmer four cents to haul a bushel of wheat eight miles, and then it can be hauled only at the most favorable season of the year.

The popularity of the bicycle is probably due to the fact that anybody can learn to ride it. The balancing of the wheel is the hard thing to master, but after one has invested in a machine he will be enthusiastic enough to tame it.

The second lesson usually finds the rider able to balance his wheel. On the third day he will learn to mount, and on the fourth he is ready to take his first road ride.

In a large city the latter venture is something very serious. Hundreds of vehicles drawn by horses have to be encountered before a quiet and suitable spot for practice is reached. Young riders—both men and women—are, as a rule, extremely nervous, and whenever they see a team approaching they lose their presence of mind and run into the curb or take an ungraceful fall.

The second stage of unaccustomed riding is called the wobbling period. After a beginner has overcome his fear of horses, but before he has mastered his nervousness, he is apt to allow his wheel to go from one side of a street to the other when meeting an obstruction.

Has your vacation, rider, can't you tell me how I can get relief from this constant inclination to sneeze? Physician—Yes, sir. Sneeze—Chicago Tribune.

Customer—This coat doesn't fit, it's too tight across the breast. Tailor—You want to take about fifty dollars out of your pocket and have it done all right.—Puck.

Charles Youngblood (stock clerk)—Mr. Dudge, can I go on the road? Employer—I have no particular objection, Charles, if you prefer it to the sidewalk.—Jewellers' Circular.



TAKING A ROAD RIDE.

What's Good About It?

De Brooker—How about De Gurbitt? De Ledger—No. What's happened to him?

"Knocked flat?" "You don't say so?" Was he caught by the drop in wheels?"

There is a 3 inch display advertisement in this paper, this week, which has no words at all except one word. The same is true of each one of our appearing ads. Work from The Dr. Harter Medicine Co. The house name is "Creosol" on everything they make and publish. Look for it, and then the name of the word and they will return you books, beautiful photographs or samples free.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be given to the human body, and that it be adapted to the human and healthy in its nature and effects. Preserving the good health of the human body is the one perfect aim and most gentle duty known.

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