Eloquent Easter Discourse By Rev T. DeWitt Talmage.

Death a Mercy to the Human Race-As Flowers Follow the Vernal Equinox So Will Song and Happiness Follow the Winter of Death.

On Easter Sunday Dr. Talmage preached at Brooklyn upon the reservection. His text was from I. Samuel, xv. 32: "Surely the bitterness of death

sys. 32: "Surely the bitterness of death is past." He said:

So cried Agag, and the only objection I have to this text is that a bad man uttered it. Nevertheless, it is true, and in a higher and better sense than that in which it was originally uttered. Years ago a legend something like this was told me: In a hut lived a very poor woman by the hame of Misery. In front of her door was a pear tree, which was her only resource for a living. Christ, the Lord, in poor garb was walking through the earth and no one would entertain him. In vain he knocked at the door of palaces and of humble dwellings. Cold and hungry humble dwellings. Cold and hungry center of perception and sensation can-and insufficiently clad, as he was, none not endure more than it now indures. received him. But coming one day to Bas God can make a better brain, and the hut of this woman, whose name was He sends death to remove this inferior Misery, she received him and offered him a few crusts and asked him to warm himself at the handful of coals, and she destroy the idea of a resurrection of the sat up all night that the wayfarer might have a pillow to rest on. In the morning this divine being asked her as he departed what she would have him and new powers. Don't you see? So I do in the way of reward and told her that he owned the universe and would give her what she asked. All she asked was that her pear tree might be protected and that the boys who stole her fruit, once climbing the tree, might not be able to get down without her consent. So it was granted and all who

told the poor woman she must go with and part of the lower story, and only him. But she did not want to go, for, however poor one's lot is, no one wants to go with Death. Then she said to you will be when the Alhambra is com-Death: "I will go with you if you will pleted. first climb up into my pear tree and bring me down a few pears before I hindrance. We run against unprostart." This he consented to do, but pitious weather of all sorts. Winter bring me down a few pears before I start." This he consented to do, but having climbed into the tree, he could not again come down. Then the troubles of the woman began, for Death did not come. The physicians had no patients, the undertakers no business, the lawyers no wills to make, the people who waited for inheritances could not get them, the old men staid in all the professions and occupations so that there was no room for the young who were coming on, and the earth got overgrounded and from all the earth the cry went up: "O, for Death! Where is crowded and from all the earth the cry went up: "O, for Death! Where is weather never fick'e, and never too cold is true, we should trust the Lord and be Death?" Then the people came to the and never too hot and never too light thrilled with the fact that our own day

four persons every minute step off this that it will amount to a book the same planet. Thirty million people every year board this planet. As a steamer must unload before it takes another

steamer if a man, taking a stateroom, should stay in it forever? What would happen to a rail train if one who purchases a ticket should always occupy the seat assigned him? And what would happen to this world if all who came into it never departed from it? The grave is as much a benediction as the cradle. What sunk that ship in the Black sea a few days ago? Too many passengers. What was the matter with passengers. What was the matter with than it was to make your bod that steamer on the Thames, which, five or six or eight times while it was a few years ago, went down with 600 lives? Too many passengers. Now, this world is only or five bodies bestowed ten times more sengers. Now, this world is only a ship which was launched some 6,000 ago. So many are coming aboard it is necessary that a good many disembark. Suppose that all the people that have lived since the days of Adam and Eve were still alive. What a cluttered up place this world would be—no elbow room, no place to walk, no privacy, nothing to eat or wear, or if anything were left the human race would, like a shipthe human race would, like a shipwrecked crew, have to be put on small rations, each of us having perhaps only ing. Now, if Death clears the way for around any grave of all the world since a biscuit a day. And what chance all this, why paint him as a hobgoblin? would there be for the rising generations?

you have carried enough burdens, and and standing on a bank of dark waters? shed enough tears, and suffered enough Why have children so frightened at his measured the sepulcher and found it carried the state by about 10,000 pluday was 43.3 feet. There has been a injustices, and felt enough pangs, and name that they dare not go to bed alone, fourteen and a half feet long, eight feet rality. The republicans have carried been clouded by enough doubts, and and old men have their teeth chatter surrounded by enough mysteries. We lest some shortness of breath hand them tomb and seems to have been built to among them, but McEnery, the rival talk about the shortness of life, but if over to the monster? All the ages have hold five bodies. But I rejoice to say democratic candidate, will be second in we exercised good sense we would real-we exercised good sense we would real-been busy in maligning Death, hurling that the tomb was empty, and the door point of votes. The McEnery tze that life is quite long enough. If repulsive metaphors at Death, slanderwe are the children of God, we are at a hangaet, and this world is only the first course of the food, and we ought to be glad that there are other and better and glad that there are other and better and bloom well may all nations with song. glad that there are other and better and

birds have both the earth and air for for its own, there are creatures of God

something better.

ble for man to make inprovement in almost anything and Gol not be able to make improvements it man's physical machinery? Shall cand boat give way to limited express tran? Shall slow letter give place to tegraphy, that places San Francisco and New York within a minute of cummunication? Shall the telephone take the sound of a volcesixty miles and instaitly bring back another voice, and God, who made the man who does these things, not be able

present body?" O, no. It will be the suppose the dullest human brain after sent. So it was granted and all who climbed the tree were compelled to stay there.

After a while Death came along and nature has only the foundation lad,

Then there are the climatological Death?" Then the people came to the poor woman and begged her to let Death descend from the tree. In sympathy for the world, she consented to let Death come down on one condition, and that was that he should never molest or take her away, and on that condition Death was allowed to come down, and he kept his word and never removed her, and for that reason we always have Misery with us.

In that allegory some one has set in and never too hot and never too light and never too light and never too lot and never too lot and never too light and never too light and never too light and never too light and never too lot and never too light and never too lot and never too light and ne In that allegory some one has set forth the truth that I mean to present on this Easter morning, which celebrates the resurrection—that one of the grandest and mightiest mercies of the earth is our divine permission to quit it. Sixtything.

All scientists tell us that the human

body changes entirely once in seven preliminaries of the resurrection and God does not make anything for re-Why call him the king of terrors? Why think of him as a great spook? Why In the ordinary length of human life sketch him with skeleton and arrows,

richer courses of food to be handed on. bloom, well may all nations with song, Death also makes room for improved and congratulation, and garlands, celephysical machinery. Our bodies have brate the resurrection of Christ and our wondrous powers, but they are very own resurrection when the time is gone limited. They are beasts that can out- by, and the trumpets pour through the run us, outlift us, outcarry us. The flying clouds the harmonies that shall wake the dead. By the empty niche of travel, yet we must stick to the one. In Joseph's mausoleum, by the rocks that this world, which the human race takes parted to let the Lord come through, let our ideas of changing worlds be forthat can far surpass us in some things. ever revolutionized. If what I have that slept." Death removes this slower and less been saying is true, how differently we adroit machinery and makes room for ought to think of our friends departed. The body they have put off is only as Do not think that this body is the entering a hall lighted and resounding

gists and with all ccientists and with him into the brilliant reception? What the psalmist that "wa are fearfully and would your departed do with their Central California Subjected to a Shoel wonderfully made." But I believe and I know that God can and will get us better physical equipment. Is it possiing room? Gone into the light. Gone into ing room? Gone into the light Gone into the music! Gune into the fistivity! Gune among kings and queen and con-querors! Gone to meet Elijaa und hear querors! Gone to meet Elijah and hear him tell of the chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire and the sentation of mounting the sapphire steps! Hene to meet with Moses and hear him cacribe the pile of black basalt that shook when the law was given! Gone to meet Paul and hear him tell how Felix trembled, and how the ship went to pieces in the breakers, and how thick was the darkness in the Manastine was the darkness in the Manertine dungeon! Gone to meet John Kuts and John Wesley and Hannah More and Frances Havergal. Gone to meet the kindred who preceded them! Way, I should not wonder if they had a street family group there than they ever had here. O, how many of them can be got together again? together again?

I was told at Johnstown, after the flood, that many people who had been for months and years bereft, for the time, got comfort when the awful flool came, to think that their departed ones were not present to see the catastrophs As the people were floating down on the house tops, they said: "O, how glad I am that father and mother are not here," or "how glad I am that the ported seriously injured was Rev. O. O. children are not alive to see this hor- Felkner, of San Jose, who was struck ror!" And ought not we who are down here amid the upturnings of this life be glad that none of the troubles which submerge us can ever affright our friends ascended? Before this I warrant our departed ones have been intro-

duced to all the celebrities of Heaven. Some one has said to them: "Let me introduce you to Joshua, the man who by prayer stopped two worlds for several hours. Let me make, you acquainted with this group of three heroes-John Huss, Philip Melancthon and Martin Luther. Aha! here is Fenelon! Here is Archbishop Leighton! Here are Latimer and Ridley! Here is Matthew Simpson! Here is poet's row-James Montgomery and Anna Barbauld and Horatius Bonar and Phoebe Palmer and Lowell Mason." Were your departed ones fond of music? What oratorios led on by Handel and Haydn. Were they fond of pictures? What Raphaels pointing out skies with all colors

cannot always be tuning our violins for the celestial orchestra. We must get our wings out. We must mount. We cannot afford always to stand out here in the vhstibule of the house of many mansions while the windows are illuminated with the levee angelic and we can hear the laughter of those forever free, and the ground quakes with the bounding feet of those who have entered upon eternal play. Ushers of Heaven! Open the grates! Spring them clear back on fused. eternal play. Ushers of Heaven! Open the gates! Swing them clear back on cargo, and as the passengers of a rail train must leave it in order to have another company of passengers enter it, so with this world.

What would happen to an ocean steamer if a man, taking a stateroom, when the steamer if a man, taking a stateroom, should stay in it forward? What would happen to an ocean steamer if a man, taking a stateroom, when the state of the seven that if you are 28 years of age you have had six bodies. If you are 70 years of age you have had six bodies. If you are 70 years of age you have had six bodies. Do you not, my unbelieving friend, think if God could be said to be a seven the gates! Swing them clear back on their pearly hinges! Let the celestial music rain on us its cadences. Let the hanging gardens of the king breathe on us their aromatics. Let our redeemed ones just look out and give us one glance of their glorified faces. Yes! there they are now! I see them. But I cannot stand the vision. Close the gates, or our eyes will be quenched with the

our eyes will be quenched with the overpowering brightness. Hold back the song, or our ears will never again care for earthly anthem. Withdraw the perfume or we shall swoon in the fragrance that human nostril was never made to breathe.

All these things are suggested as we stand this Easter morn amid the broken rocks of the Saviour's tomb. Indeed I know that tomb has not been rebuilt, for I stood in December of 1889 amid the ruins of that, the most famous sepulcher of all time. There are thousands of tombs in our Greenwood and Laurel Hill and Mount Auburn with more polished stone and more chorate masonry and more foliaged surroundings, but as death entered it." I could not breathe easily for overmastering enotion as I parish. walked down the four crumbling steps till we came abreast of the niche in governor, R. L. Tannehill. which I think Christ was buried. I high, nine feet wide. It is a family about six parishes, claiming Concordia the stage will rise to 47 feet or more. And the rupture of those rocks, and the snap of that government seal, and the is unprecedented. crash of those walls of limestone, and the step of the lacerated but triumphantfoot of the risen Jesus we to-day celebrate with acclaim of worshiping thousands while with all the nations of Christer dom and all the shining hosts of Heave we chant: "Now is Christ risen from the

O weep no more your comforts slain, The Lord is risen he lives again.

dead and become the first fruits of thea

DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE.

That Frightens the People and Destroys

Much Property. SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.-The heaviest earthquake experienced in California since 1868 occurred shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The country within 200 miles of San Francisco was visited by a shock which varied in intensity at different points. In this city a number of large buildings trembled perceptibly, but the only one to sustain damage was the old church which until lately had been occupied by the academy of sciences, the front wall of which gave way, tearing away the balconies.

The town of Vacaville in the heart of the beautiful Vaca valley, sixty miles from here, was the center of the disturbance. Vacaville is a town of 2,700 people and on its main street were a number of brick buildings.

They were all either badly damaged or totally destroyed, as well as a number of brick residences in the town and vicinity. Many of the walls fell outward into the street which was filled with debris, but which workmen at once began to clear away. Many of the walls were of frail character and succumbed easily to the shock. Very slight damages occurred to frame houses. The only person in Vacaville or vicinity reby falling debris and sustained severe bruises. Several persons had narrow escapes from injury.

Dixon and Winters, towns of about 1.000 inhabitants, located respectively antheast and northwest of Vacaville and within a few miles of the latter lace, were also scenes of considerable destruction. The Masonic hall at Hixon, a two story brick block, was ruined and its falling walls shittered the two adjoining houses. A fire that broke out caused some danger at Winters, but the danger was lessened by an abundant water supply. The house of John T. Hiffel, near Vacaville, was destroyed by fire, caused by an overturned lamp, the oc-At Winters the inhabitants were for a

time panic stricken, owing to the severity of the shock. Forty guests were a the Bliss house at Winters, the walls of which collapsed, but no one

Vacaville, owing to the de

# LOUISIANA ELECTION.

The Anti-Lottery Deposeratic Ticket Elected-Only Five Tickets in the Field.

NEW ORLEANS, April 20.—The election yesterday in Luisiana was one of
the most important ever held here. The
records world for governor and other people voted for governor and other state officers for a full legislature, sen-

and more foliaged surroundings, but as trict attorney, for lieutenest governor, I went down the steps of the supposed and Thomas South Adams of the Farm-

Fourth-The republican ticket headed by John E. Breaux, of Point Coupee

Fifth-The people's party ticket, for Advices so far received say Foster has

The McEnery majority in the city has sidering, and the scratching in the city

Massachusetts Republicans Banquet. Boston, April 20.-The dinner of the Republican club of Massachusetts, at Music hall last evening, was the largest political gathering of the season and Simpkins, president of the club, presided. brought again from the dead our Lord commission; ex-Senator Hill, of Colo-

A SECOND SHAKE.

Many California Towns Badly Damaged By the Second Selsmic Convols SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—There was a recurrence of an earthquake wave in the central portion of the state yesterday forenoon which was perceptible in this city and was noticeable as far east as Reno. Telegraph reports show that it was felt as far north as Red Bluff and in the San Joaquin valley south. The shock was not as severe as that of Monday night, and the only damage done Winters, Woodland, Dixon and Vacaville, which had been wrecked by Monday's shock. The shock was sharper at Sacramento than any previous one, and causes some excitement at the state capital. A plaster figure over the portice of the capitol was thrown down.

A survey of the damages at six towns in the Vaca and Sacramento valleys show that the buildings injured were of frail character, the construction of which would not have been permitted in any city with building regulations, and a number of which would have collapsed in the event of a severe storm of any character.

At Winters another slight shock was felt at 9:45, completing the destruction of the Masonic hall, Bertholet's twostory stone building and generally de- | ple, will serve as an opportunity for molishing goods, fixtures, etc. One friction between the whites and Inman was badly hurt by a falling wall. I dians, and that everything possible Three brick and stone farm houses west should be done to keep the Indians of town were injured.

At Davisville another shock was felt. It was of brief duration, lasting no more than five seconds, yet in severity it seemed to exceed that of Monday.

At Dixon severe shocks completed the wreck which was before threatened. Only two or three brick buildings in town are safe, and fortunately possess thick walls. No one was injured, but there were many narrow escapes.

At Esparto several shocks occurred completely leveling the brick portion of the town. Every brick chimney was thrown to the ground and the wooden buildings wrenched out of shape. W. H. Shultte, engineer, was seriously if not fatally injured by a portion of the walls of his blacksmith shop falling on him. Levy & Schwab's brick store is almost a complete wreck, the entire fore wall and part of the east and west walls being down. Barnes' hotel suffered a severe loss, making a hole 8x6 in the east wall. The bricks crashed through the roof and the floor of the balcony and the cement walks were torn out of shape. Mrs. J. H. Davidson was taken out of the debris of Levy & Schwab's store unconscious. A baby in her arms was unhurt. Reports from the surrounding country show great destruction to property. Teams broke and ran away, wrecking valuable vehicles and injuring stock.

### INDIANA DEMOCRATS.

Hoosier Démocrats Nominate a State Ticket and Indorse Cleveland and Tariff

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 22.-The largest democratic convention in the history of Indiana met at 10:30 o'clock. Every county in the state was represented by a full delegation.

Senator Turpie was chosen chairman of the convention. The platform indorses a radical reform of the tariff; a sufficient circulation of gold, silver and paper to meet the demands of the people; favors the election of senators by the people, the Australian ballot, and liberal pensions to soldiers; indorses Cleveland as the logical candidate of the party, and in case of the inexpediency of his nomination favors Gov. Gray. Senator Voorhees, Hugh Dougherty, Charles J. Jewett and Samuel E. Morss were chosen delegates at large to the national convention.

Claude Matthews, of Clinton, the "farmer's candidate," was nominated for governor on the second ballot, and Mortimer Nye, of Laporte, for lieutenant-governor.

The following candidates were then nominated by acclamation and the convention adjourned: Secretary of state, William R. Myers; auditor of state, John Oscar Henderson; treasurer of state, Albert Gall; attorney general, Alonso Greensmith; reporter supreme court, Sidney R. Moon: superintendent of public instruction, Harvey D. Voreis, and state statistician, William A. Peele.

### GOVERNMENT PREDICTIONS. Reports From Washington Are to the Effeet That the Mississippi Will Rise Very High About the Middle of May.

Washington, Aprl 22.-Recent heavy rains are causing the rivers to rise rapidly in the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. The stages of water in the lower Mississippi river, already high and rising, will be added to greatly in the next two weeks.

The situation as regards the possitomb of Christ on my return from ors' Alliance for secretary of state.

Mount Calvary I said to cover the This is the tomb of an tombs. Around this headed by A. H. Leonard, of Shreve port.

The situation as regards the possibility of an overflow of the lower Mississippi is critical. The river at St. Louis has risen 3.7 feet in the last three days and is now at a stage of 25.5 feet. It is likely to continue rising for the next two days and will reach 28 feet. The lower Mississippi river at Mem-

phis will rise to the highest known stage, 35.6 feet, or even higher, by May 6. At Helena, Ark., the stage yesterrise of 3 feet in ten days. By May 10

At Arkansas City the river, which is at 45.6 feet, will continue to rise until May 15, when the stage will approximate the highest water known-about 49.5 feet. At Greenville, Miss., the stage of the river, which is 40.2 feet, will reach a stage of about 43 feet by May 15. At Vicksburg, Miss., the stage of water is 44.5 feet. It will reach by May 15 about 48 feet.

The Sisseton Opening. WATERTOWN, S. D., April 22.-The land office still continues full of business, though the filings yesterday were not quite up to the average. The list thus was sounded the opening gun of of rejected entries is enlarging and the campaign in this state. Hon. John and causes much grumbling, but nothing worse. The large army Others present were Senator Dolph, of of squatters have not yet put in Oregon; Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, chair, their appearance at the land office to "And now may the God of peace, who man of the United States civil service file. When they do some of them will be fighting mad to find filings ahead of Do not think that this body is the entering a nan inglited and resoluting brought again from the dead our Lord commission; ex-senator lift, of Solo-best that God can do for us. God did with musical bands, you leave your hat and cloak in the cloakroom. What not half try when He contrived your bodily mechanism. Mind you, I believe bodily mechanism. Mind you, I believe with all anatomists and all physiological physiologic

MONEY FOR INDIANS.

stary Nobie Asks For More Money For the Cheyenne and Arapahoe India WASHINGTON, April 19.-Secretary Noble, in a letter submitted by the secretary of the treasury, asks that an additional appropriation of \$50,000 be made for the support of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians in Oklahoma territory for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893. He says:

"I deem this a matter of the very utmost importance. It appears to me to was to the buildings in the towns of have oeen a serious mistake to have made so low an estimate at first, and if this additional amount is not appropriated we shall have very scrious trouble with these Indians when the want of rations is felt. Another year it may be different, but this year all the rations formerly allowed will be needed."

Commissioner Morgan, in a letter which accompanies the documents. calls attention to the inopportune occasion chosen for the reduction of the rations, as the allotments to these Indians are nearly completed, and the adjacent country will soon be opened to settlement to the whites, "which,owing to the fact that nearly all the Chevennes are discontented with the sale of the surplus lands, and believe it was not authorized by a majority of their peogood-natured and friendly."

The amount estimated for the support of these Indians during the next fiscal year was fixed at \$65,000, instead of \$125,000 heretofore allowed them, for the reason that under their late agreement with the United States the sum of \$1,000,000 was placed to their credit in the United States treasury, to draw interest of 5 per cent. per annum, the interest, \$50,000, to be paid to them in cash per capita.

#### EXPLODING POWDER.

Another Powder Mill Explosion By Which

MOUNT ARLINGTON, N. J., April 19 .-The works of the American Forcite Powder company on the shores of Lake Hopatcong, a mile below here, blew up at 3 o'clock yesterday and seven men were blown to atoms. The names of five of the men killed are as follows: J. D. Smith, superintendent, married and leaves a wife and child; Jacob Cartson, aged 35 years, married and leaves five children; William Pierce, aged 23 years, leaves a widow and two children; James Vagh, aged 26 years, unmarried: A. Jobson, aged 30 years, unmarried. Another body has been recognized as that of a Swede, whose name is unknown. Two men were injured. One of them, Benjamin Cassano, is terribly burned and mangled. He will die.

The explosion occurred a few minutes after 3 o'clock and five buildings were shattered. What caused the explosion will never be known. The works conisted of a number of scattered about a distance of 300 feet from each other. Most of the buildings were used in the mixing process in which one man was employed. The other buildings on the side of the mountain are used for the storing of dynamite, nitro-glycerine and detonators. The works have been frequently the scenes of explosions, but never to such an extent as yesterday.

# WYOMING RUSTLERS.

The Excitement Continues Over the Wyooming Cattle War-Determined Rus-

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 19.-There is no news from the rustler country. The Buffalo wire is still down. A number of refugees from Johnson county have arrived in Cheyenne, but they bring nothing in the way of news except that that the country is terrorized by roving bands of armed rustlers.

A Gillette, Wyo., special says Col. Van Horne left Fort McKinney yesterday with Hesse, Ford and Elliot, three of the cattlemen demanded by the Johnson county rustlers. He was in command of three troops of cavalry, and his destination was Fort Douglas. Trouble is feared, as a thousand armed rustlers, under M. A. Ryder, a young Methodist preacher of rare power and nerve, are lying in wait for the troops and swear they will get possession of the prisoners and hang them, if they have to kill Van Horne and his men to do so. It is thought that Van Horne has changed his course and will bring his prisoners to Fort Russel, near here, where the Seventeenth infantry is stationed. No word has been received from the troops. Many wires are down, and it is thought they have been cut by rustlers.

TIED TO AN UNRULY COW. Charges of Barbarous Treatment to His Wife, Children and an Old Man Made

Against a Penusylvanian. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 19.-The agents of the Humane society have subpænaed many witnesses for the hearing of Albert Zitman, who is alleged to have treated his children and an old German living at his house so barbarously. New stories of his cruelty develop daily. Previous to his arrest it now transpires that the farmers in the neighborhood were afraid to do or say anything about his conduct, Zitman being known as a man of vile and revengeful disposition. It is said that not long since, wanting to take one of his cows to a neighboring town and being unable to manage it, he tied his wife by a long rope to its horns and let the animal draw her about over the rocks and through the bushes until one of the woman's legs was broken and the cow nearly tired out. The investigation is anxiously awaited.

A Bank Officer Accused of Theft. GRAND FORKS, N. D., April 19.-Carl Nelson, assistant cashier of the Union National bank, is under arrest charged with the defalcation of many thousand dollars. He claims that everything is correct, and is at work straightening out the books.

Justice Lamar Convalescent. WASHINGTON, April 19.-Justice Lamar, who has been very seriou sly ill, is now convalescent and able to walk about the house. He has not been out of doors since his illness and will not go out until the weather becomes set-