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THE PREACHER MAKES A POINT BLANK QUERY.

Jehu's Question to Jehonadab-It Was Not More Appropriate for That Hour and Place than it Is for This Hour and Place-An Eloquent Discourse.

In Thy Heart Right?
In his sermon last Sunday Rev. Dr.
Talmage spoke directly to the hearts of all who have not yet definitely accepted the free offer of salvation in Christ Jesus. The subject was "A Point Blank Ques-tion," the text being II. Kings x., 15, "Is thine heart right?"

With mettled horses at full speed, for he was celebrated for fast driving, Jehn, the warrior and king, returns from battle. But seeing Jehonadab, an acquaint-ance, by the wayside, he shouts: "Whoa! Whoa!" to the lathered span. Then lean-ing over to Jehonadab, Jehu salutes him in the words of the text-words not more appropriate for that hour and that place than for this hour and place, "Is thine

heart right?"
I should like to hear of your physical health. Well myself, I like to have everybody else well, and so might ask: Is your eyesight right, your hearing right? your nerves right, your lungs right? Is your entire body right? But I am busy to-day taking diagnosis of the more important spiritual conditions. I should like to hear of your financial welfare. I want everybody to have plenty of money, ample apparel, large storehouse and comforta-ble residence, and I might ask: Is your business right, your income right? Are your worldly surroundings right? But what are these financial questions com-pared with the inquiry as to whether you have been able to pay your debts to God; as to whether you are insured for eternity as to whether you are ruining yourself by the long credit system of the soul? I have known men to have no more than one loaf of bread at a time, and yet to own a government bond of heaven worth more than the whole material universe.

The question I ask you to-day is not in regard to your habits. I make no inquiry about your integrity, or your chastity, or your sobriety. I do not mean to stand on the outside of the gate and ring the bell, but coming up the steps I open the door and come to the private apartment of the soul, and with the earnestness of a man that must give an account of this day's work I cry out, O man, O woman immortal, is thine heart right?

First we need a repenting heart. If for the last ten, twenty, or forty years of life we have been going on in the wrong way. it is time that we turned around and started in the opposite direction. If we offend our friends, we are glad to apologize. God is our best friend, and yet how many of us have never apologized for the wrongs we have done Him!

There is nothing that we so much need to get rid of as sin. It is a horrible black monster. It polluted Eden. It killed Christ. It has blasted the world. Men keep dogs in kennels, and rabbits in a warren, and cattle in a pen. What a man that would be who would shut them up in his parlor! But this foul dog of sin and these herds of transgression we have entertained for many a long year in our heart, which should be the cleanest, brightest room in all our nature. Out with the vile herd! Begone, ye befoulers of an immortal nature!

Turn out the beasts and let Christ come in! A heathen came to an early Christian who had the reputation of curing diseases. The Christian said "You must have all your idols destroyed."

The heathen gave to the Christian the key to his house, that he might go in and destroy the idols. He battered to pieces saw, but still the man did not get well. The Christian said to him: "There must be some idol in your house not yet destroyed." The heathen confessed that there was one idol of beaten gold that he could not bear to give up. After awhile when that was destroyed, in answer to the prayer of the Christian the sick man got

Many a man has awakened in his dving hour to find his sins all about him. They clamber up on the right side of the bed and on the left side, and over the head board, and over the footboard, and horribly devour the soul.

"Repent, the voice of celestial cries.

Nor longer dare delay. The wretch that scorns the mandate dies And meets a fiery day.'

Again, we need a believing heart. A good many years ago a weary one went up one of the hills of Asia Minor, and with logs on his back cried out to all the world, offering to carry their sins and sorrows. They pursued him. They slapped him in the face. They mocked him. When he groaned, they groaned. They shook their fists at him. They spat on him. They hounded him as though he were a wild beast. His healing of the sick, his sight giving to the blind, his mercy to the outcast silenced not the revenge of the world. His prayers and benedictions were lost in that whirlwind of execration: "Away with him! Away with him!"

Ah, it was not merely the two pieces of wood that he carried. It was the transgressions of the race, the anguish of the ages, the wrath of God, the sorrows of hell, the stupendous interest of an unending eternity. No wonder his back bent. No wonder the blood started from every pore. No wonder that he crouched under a torture that made the sun faint, and the everlasting hills tremble, and the dead rush up in their winding sheets as he "If it be possible, let this cup pass But the cup did not pass.

There he hange! What has that hand done that it should be thus crushed in the palm? It has been healing the lame and wiping away tears. What has that foot been doing that it should be so Incerated? It has been going about doing good. Of what has the victim been guilty? Guilty of saving a world. Tell me, ye heavens and earth, was there ever such another criminal? Was there ever such a crime?

On that hill of carnage, that sunless day, amid those howling rioters, may not your sins and mine have perished? I believe it. Oh, the ransom has been paid! Those arms of Jesus were stretched out so wide that when he brought them together again.

they might embrace the world. Oh, that I might, out of the blessoms of the spring or the flaming foliage of the autumn, make one wreath for my Lord! Oh, that all the triumphal arches of the world could be swung in one gateway, where the King of Glory might come in! Oh, that all the harps and trumpets and organs of earthly music might in one anthem speak His praise!

But what were earthly flowers to Him who walketh amid the snow of the white lilies of heaven? What were arches of earthly masonry to him who hath about his throne a rainbow spun out of everlast ing sunshine? What were all earthly music to him when the hundred and forty and four thousand on one side, and the cherubim and seraphim and archangels stand on the other side, and all the space between is filled with the doxologies of eternal jubilee—the hosanna of a redeemed earth, the halleluish of unfallen angels, song after song rising about the throne of God and of the Lamb? In that pure, high place let him hear us. Stop, harps of heaven, that our poor cry may be heard. O my Lord Jesus, it will not hurt thee for one hour to step out from the shining throng. They will make it all up when thou goest back again. Come hither, O blessed one, that we may kiss thy feet. Our bearts, too long withheld, we now surrender into thy keeping. When thou goest back, tell it to all the immortals that the lost are found and let the Father's house ring with the

music and the dance.

They have some old wine in heaven not used except in rare festivities. In this world those who are accustomed to use wine on great occasions bring out the beverage and say: "This wine is thirty years old." or "forty years old." But the wine of heaven is more than eighteen centuries old. It was prepared at the time when Christ trod the wine press alone. When such grievous sinners as we come back, methinks the chamberlain of heaven cries out to the servants: "This is unusual joy. Bring up from the vauits of heaven that old wine. Fill all the tankards. Let all the white robed guests drink to the immortal health of those newborn sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty." "There is joy in heaven among the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth," and God grant that that one may be you!

Again, to have a right heart it must be a forgiving heart. An old writer says: "To return good for evil is Godlike. Good To return good for evil is Godlike. Good for good is manlike. Evil for good devilike." Which of these natures have we? Christ will have nothing to do with us as long as we keep any old grudge. We have all been cheated and lied about. There are people who dislike us so much that if we should come describe the second should come down to poverty and disgrace they would say: "Good for him! Didn't I tell you so?" They do not understand us. Unsanctified human nature says: "Wait till you get a good crack at him. place give it to him. Flay him alive. No quarter. Leave not a rag of reputation. lump on him with both feet. Pay him in his own coin-sarcasm for sarcasm, scorn for scorn, abuse for abuse." friends, that is not the right kind of heart. No man ever did so mean a thing toward us as we have done toward God. And if we cannot forgive others, how can we expect God to forgive us? Thousands of men have been kept out of heaven by an unforgiving heart.

Here is some one who says: "I will forgive that man the wrong he did me about that house and lot. I will forgive that man who overreached me in a bargain. will forgive that man who sold me a shodly overcoat. I forgive them-all but one. That man I cannot forgive. The villain-I can hardly keep my hands off him. If my going to heaven depends on my forgiving him, then I will stay out." Wrong feeling. If a man lie to me once, I am not called to trust him again. If a man betray me once, I am not called to put confidence in him again. But I would have no rest if I could not offer a sincere prayer for the temporal and everlasting velfare of all men, whatever meannesses and outrage they have inflicted upon me. If you want to get your heart right, strike a match and burn up all your old grudges and blow the ashes away. "If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your

An old Christian black woman was going along the streets of New York with a basket of apples that she had for sale. A rough sailor ran against her and upset the basket and stood back expecting to hear her scold frightfully, but she stooped down and picked up the apples and said, "God forgive you, my son, as I do." sailor saw the meanness of what he had done, and felt in his pocket for his money, insisted that she should take it all. Though she was black, he called her mother and said: "Forgive me, mother. I will never do anything so mean again." Ah, there is a power in a forgiving spirit to overcome all hardness. There way of conquering men like that of bedowing upon them your pardon whether

they will accept it or not. Again, a right heart is an expectant heart. It is a poor business to be building castles in the air. Enjoy what you have now. Don't spoil your comfort in house because you expect a larger one. Don't fret about your income when it is \$3 or \$4 per day because you expect to have after awhile \$10 per day, or \$10,000 a year because you expect it to be \$20,000 a year. But about heavenly things the more we think the better. Those castles are not in the air, but on the hills, and we have a deed of them in our possession. I like to see a man all full of heaven. He talks heaven. He sings ieaven. He prays heaven. He dreams heaven. Bome of us in our sleep have had the good place open to us. We saw the pinnacles in the sky. We heard the click of the hoofs of the white horses on which the victors rode and the clapping of the cymbals of eternal triumph. And, while in our sleep we were glad that all our sorrows were over and burdens done with, the throne of God grew whiter and this is known.

To have a right heart you need to be filled with this expectancy. It would make your privations and annoyances more bearable.

In the midst of the city of Paris stands a statue of the good but broken hearted Josephine. I never imagined that marble could be smitten into such tenderness. It seems not lifeless. If the spirit of Jose phine be disentabernacled, the soul of the empress has taken possession of this figure. I am not yet satisfied that it is stone. The puff of the dress on the arm seems to need but the pressure of the finger to indent it. The figures at the bottom of the puff of the arm to the pressure of the finger to indent it. robe, the ruffle at the neck, the fur lining on the dress, the embroidery of the satin, the cluster of lily and leaf and rose in her hand, the poise of her body as she seems to come sailing out of the sky, her face calm, humble, beautiful but yet sad attest the genius of the sculptor and the beauty of the heroine he celebrates. Looking up through the rifts of the coronet that encircles her brow, I could see the sky beyond, the great heavens where all woman's wrongs shall be righted, and the story of endurance and resignation shall be told to all ages. The rose and the lily in the hand of Josephine will never drop their petals. Believe not the recent sianders upon her memory. The children of any move towards change is reported God, whether they suffer on earth in pal-aces or in hovels, shall come to that glorious rest. O heaven, sweet heaven, at come over while the original of the thy gate we set down all our burdens and griefs. The place will be full. Here there are vacant chairs at the hearth and at the side. Still, this country is about a year table, but there are no vacant chairs in backward in actually accepting the new leaven—the crowns all worn, the thrones idea. A few folk who bring over their all mounted. Some talk of heaven as though it were a very handsome church, where a few favored spirits would come in and sit down on finely cushioned seats all by themselves and sing fisalms to all the fashion do likewise, but the fashion deernity. No, no. "I saw a great multitude that no man could number standing cepted affair till at least a year later. before the throne. He that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and it was 12,000 furlongs"-that 1,500 miles-in circumference. Ah, heaven is not a little colony at one corner of God's dominion, where a man's entrance depends upon what kind of clothes he has on his back and how much money he has in his purse, but a vast enfpire. God grant that the light of that blessed world may shine upon us in our last moment.

The first time I crossed the Atlantic the roughest time we had was at the mouth of Liverpool harbor. We arrived at nightfall and were obliged to lie there till the morning waiting for the rising of the tide before we could go up to the city. How the vessel pitched and writhed in the wa-ter! So sometimes the last illness of the Christian is a struggle. He is almost through the voyage. The waves of temp-tation toss his soul, but he waits for the morning. At last the light dawns, and the tides of joy rise in his soul and he sails up and casts anchor within the vale.

Is thy heart right? What question can compare with this in importance? It is a business question. Do you not realize that you will soon have to go out of that store; that you will soon have to resign that partnership; that soon among all the millions of dollars' worth of goods that are sold you will not have the handling of a yard of cloth, or a pound of sugar, or a pennyworth of anything; that soon, if a confiagration should start at Central park and sweep everything to the Battery, it would not disturb you; that soon, if every cashier should abscond and every insurance company should fall, it would not affect you? What are the questions that stop this side the grave compared with the questions that reach beyond it? Are you making losses that are to be everlasting? Are you making purchases for eterni-Are you jobbing for time when you might be wholesaling for eternity? What question of the store is so broad at the base, and so altitudinous, and so overwhelming as the question, "Is they heart right?" Or is it a domestic question? Is it some-

thing about father or mother or companion or son or daughter that you think is comparable with this question in importance? Do you not realize that by universal and inexorable law all these relations will be broken up? Your father will be gone, your mother will be gone, your com-panion will be gone, your child will be gone, you will be gone, and then this su pernal question will begin to harvest its chief gains or deplore its worst losses, roll up into its mightiest magnitude or sweep its vast circles. What difference now does it make to Napoleon III. whether he triumphed or surrendered at Sedan? Whether he lived at the Tulleries or at Chisel-Whether he was emperor or hurst? exile? They laid him out in his coffin in the dress of a field marshal. Did that give him any better chance for the next world than if he had been laid out in plain shroud? And soon to us what will be the difference whether in this world we rode or walked, were bowed to or maltreated, were applauded or hissed at, were welcomed in or kicked out, while laying hold of very moment of the great future and burning in all the splendor or grief and overarching and undergoing all time and all eternity is the plain, sim ple, practical, thrilling, agonizing, over whelming question, "Is thy heart right? Have you within you a repenting heart, an expectant heart? If so, I must write upon your soul what George Whitefic wrote upon the window pane with hadiamond ring. He tarried in an elegant house over night, but found that there was no God recognized in that house. Before he left his room in the morning with his ring he wrote upon the window pane. "One thing thou lackest." After the guest was gone the housewife came and looked at the window, and saw the in-scription, and called her husband and her children, and God, through that ministry of the window glass, brought them all to Jesus. Though you may to-day be surrounded by comforts and luxuries and feel that you have need of nothing, if you are not the children of God, with the signet ring of Christ's love, let me in-scribe upon your souls, "One thing thou lackest."

A red-polled cow at Whittlingham, England, has yielded milk continuously

WOMEN GIVE MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY WEAR.

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Gossip from Gay Gotham

ALF of what has been and now in being said about a general change of fashions at this season is unreliable, or at least premature. Time was when fashions were not even reported from the European capitals until about a year behind band.

Now, however, come over while the original of the model is really the newest on the other gowns appear in the latest novelty, and a very few advanced folk who believe in having new stuff cut well ahead of the fashion do likewise, but the fashion Then its beauty is recognized, it becomes the right thing, the fashion last popular becomes suddenly "out," and

we are in the swing, though a year late. A jacket bodice that combines greens in cloth and velvet appears beside



IN SATIN - A WISE CHOICE FOR THE THEATER.

the initial and is worn above a skirt of dark green cloth that is godet in back, plain in front and trimmed at the bottom by a narrow band of wool seal topped by jet. The bodice is in Eton style of dark green velvet. Its long, pointed revers are of plaid silk and reach far below the waist line. Collar and vest are also of plaid silk, and sleeves are of the cloth with long velvet cuffs garnished at the wrist with three buttons.

It is said that hand-painted muslins and tissues will be used over silks for elaborate evening gowns. That sounds well, and in case a woman can do the painting herself there is no reason in the world why she should not have one of these gowns. Otherwise they must be counted among the extravagances of an extravagant season. But satin will be the chief material for evening wear, no other fabric so beautifully adapting itself to the rich folds of the pleated trains to be worn. A theater dress of hortensia colored satin is the artist's next contribution, its slightly trained skirt being pleated at sides and back. The waist hooks invisibly in back and has a deep 1830 yoke of the same shade of silk mulk lined with silk. It is alike back and front, showing two box pleats at the sides of the deep point formed by the trimming, which is a band of darker velvet liberally embroidered with wax beads and spangles. The sleeve puffs begin below the shoulders and are held by bands of



SHOULDER SLOPE WIDELY EXTENDED. embroidered velvet, and are finished at the elbows with ribbon bows. The ends of the ribbon belt reach nearly to the hem of the skirt. Belts with long ribbon ends are now plentiful, and their effect is very graceful, furnishing a relief from the severity of the round

whiter and whiter till we opened our eyes and saw that it was only the sun of earthly morning shining on our pillow. GOWNS AND GOWNING belt so long worn. Very pretty ones for the girl who still wears a shirt of earthly morning shining on our pillow. walst and a plain skirt are of wide plaid silk ribbon. The plaid is in the brightest colors and is often the only touch of color about the gown. This is one of the little novelties that are really dressy and not a bit common

> Puffs on the sleeves are being set lower, but at the same time the line one to conjure with, but it would not following without angle the line of the have been so had he done no be shoulder itself is still recognized as work than the 'Fables.' It is a pky that artistic and generally becoming. In they were ever published. Fortunately deed, the best taste seems in favor of for his reputation it can stand a great exaggerating the effect of width across deal of strain," says Richard Henry the shoulder by the lengthening of the Stoddard. shoulder line, but the deflection of its angle by any violent and arbitrary change of direction is avoided. A de-



SET A-SPARKLE BY ITS TRIMMING. flection downward, however, is not offensive, while the hump upward that was endured with complacency a little while ago is not to be tolerated. An unusually long extension of the shoulder slope is effected in the next costume sketched, which is of violet peau de sole made with a plain, wide skirt. The waist has fitted lining and a fancy yoke, where the silk is shirred, as shown, and is ornamented with wide jet gailoon. In black the silk is merely gathered to the yoke with only a little fulness. The sleeves have oblong epaulettes of passementerie and jet finishing with jet fringe in bac. and front, and the stock collar and draped belt are of a darker shade

Magnificent trimming of all descriptions is offered, and spangles and tinsel are combined with as much artistic regard for color and effect as was ever bestowed on Jawels. The result is that ation than was ever before granted to such trimming deserves more considerit, and that a beautiful gown is not vulgarized but enhanced in effect by the employment of such ornamentation. The scheme of trimming displayed in the next picture employs like richness and is elaborately contrived, but the result is entirely tasteful, with no suggestion of being overdone. The



A POPULAR COLLAR FINISH.

material is a slik in one of the newly fashionable blues. The waist has a wide center boxpleat ornamented with three fancy buttons and all the rest is covered with deep cream guipure outlined with black buttonhole twist. At either side of the center pleat runs a black gauze ribbon spangled with jet, and the same is used for the tabs, which extend all around.

Jacket effect is produced by collars that hang in front of a pair of wide flat tabs and that take the lines of the loose fronts of a short jacket. Under these tabs the puffery and flummery of the bodice goes on appearing in blouse fashion between the tabs. All this puffery may be of any color and material without the least regard to the color and material of the tabs, but the sleeves may match the tabs and the collar may match the skirt. Collars like that in the final picture give a dainty finish and are much used. This one is of white satin appliqued with black braid, and finished in front with tabs of pleated chiffon. This collar and its tabs constitute, with a belt and big bow of black satin, the entire scheme of trimming for this dress which is made of changeable crepor showing black and green.

The large hats mean big bows of rib-



"Select Conversations with an Uncle" is the title H. G. Wells has given to a series of discursive chats, which often degenerate into monologues, with an old gentleman who has come back from South Africa, where he attained a certain affluence, and now expresses his views upon British society and the British woman. The essays are all amusing, and there is a thin thread of story running through the series. An idea of the range of the conversations may be gathered from these headings, taken at random: "The Theory of the Perpetual Discomfort of Humanity," "The Art of Being Photographed," "On Social Music," "On a Tricycle," and "The Pains of Marriage."

"In view of the attempt made by a few publishers in Canada to take from the English authors the great advantage derived from American copyright, the report of the duties collected by the Dominion Government on the reprints of British copyrights will be interesting. In 1890, it was £970, a sum far short of the money paid for one successful work by the Americans; in 1892, it was £573; in 1893, it was £864; while last year it only reached £276. For this paltry sum English authors are asked to give up what now constitutes a fourth of their entire profits all they derive from the United States." And if they did, it might be a good thing for American authors.

In his own name, as befitting more serious work, Donald G. Mitchell has been laboring at a series of books on English literature and history, and now, in his 74th year, it is completed. This has been accomplished by the publication of "Queen Anne and the Georges" in the series on "English Lands, Letters and Kings." The book is made up of chats on the literary lights since the close of the Elizabethan period, and they read so pleasantly that one can scarcely believe that they were origin ally lectures delivered at a woman's college as we learn from the dedication to Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who was first chapter begins with a consideration of Berkeley, "an Irish bishop," and discusses Richard Bentley, Isaac Watts, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu. and Pope; and in the succeeding pages come wise and appreciative words about Richardson and Fielding, Dr. Johnson, Boswell and Goldsmith, Miss Burney and Hannah Moore, Sheridan, Chatterton and Sterne, Cowper, Maria Edgeworth, Beckford and Burns, Rogers, Coleridge, Lamb and Wordsworth, with many lesser lights noted in be-

None to comfort.

since she ceased calving, five years ago, her record being 13,734 quarts of milk of the first quality. No other case like

How to Induce Respiration.

A method of inducing respiration by means of ice applied to the lips has been discovered by Dr. Berthold Beer. a German physician. The mucous membrane of the lips and of the mouth is rubbed slowly with a piece of ice, the rhythm of the motion corresponding as much as possible to that of normal respiration. In the cases observed by Dr. Beer the result was a return of respiration, very strong at first, but with the continued application of the ice becoming very regular, quiet and deep. The ice used in this way is said to have, moreover, a general sedative effect, and the author has employed this quieting action with success in the treatment of cerebral troubles. Dr. Foges, of Vienna, has obtained equally favorable results with this treatment in two cases of asphyxia. In all cases it is a method that may be employed for several hours at a time, as it is barmless for the patient and easy for the physician. It also offers other advantages owing to its sedative action.

Relative Strength of Wood and Steel Dr. Robert H. Thurston, in a recent article, discusses various materials in which comparisons of interest are made. At the outset he gives the following generally accepted .: gures: Cast iron weighs 444 pounds to the cubic foot and an inch square bar will gustain a weight of 16,500 pounds; bronse, weight 525 pounds, tenacity 86,000; wrought iron, weight 480, tenacity 50,-000; hard "struck" steel, weight 490, tenacity 78,000; aluminum, weight 168, tenacity 26,000. A bar of pine just as heavy as a bar of steel an inch square will hold up 125,000 pounds, the best ash 175,000 and some hemlock 200,000 pounds Wood is bulky It occupies ten or twelve times the space of steel.

Indicates a Coming Republic. The brutal butchery of 100 invalid insurgent soldiers by the Spanish troops at a hospital in Santiago de Cubs is about the surest indication of a coming Cuban republic that has been developed by the rebellion thus far.— Philadelphia Times.