ORTHODOXY.

REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE AT CHAUTAUQUA.

The Celebrated Brooklyn Divine Answers the Question, "Is Orthodoxy Stale and Unreasonable?"-The Bible Divinely Inspired and Divinely Protected.

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., of Brooklyn, is present for the twelfth time at the national meeting of religious educators and students held yearly in this place. His sermon today, which was delivered to an audience imposing in numbers and intelligence, was from the following text, in the book of Jeremiah vi, 16: "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls," and answered the question: "Is Orthodoxy Stale and Unreasonablef" Following is a verbatim report

A great London fog has come down upon some of the ministers and some of the churches in the shape of what is called "advanced thought" in biblical interpretation, All of them, and without any exception, deny the full inspiration of the Bible. Genesis is an allegory, and there are many myths in the Bibie, and they philosophize and guess and reason and evolute until they land in a great continent of mud, from which, I fear, for all eternity they will not be able to extricate themselves.

The Bible is not only divinely inspired, but it is divinely protected in its present shape. You could as easily, without detection, take from the writings of Shakespeare "Hamlet" and institute in place thereof Alexander Smith's drama as at any time during the last fifteen hundred years a man could have made any important change in the Bible without immediate detection. If there had been an element of weakness or of deception or of disintegration, the book would long ago have fallen to pieces. If there had been one loose brick or cracked casement in this castellated truth, surely the bombardment of eight centuries would have discovered and broken through that imperfection. The fact that the Bible stands intact, notwithstanding all the furious assaults on all sides upon it, is proof to me that it is a miracle, and every miracle is of God.

"But," says some one, "while we admit the Bible is of God, it has not been understood until our time." My answer is that if the Bible be a letter from God, our Father, to man, his child, is it not strange that that letter should have been written in such a way that it should allow seventy generations to pass away and be buried before the letter could be understood? That would be a very bright father who should write a letter for the guidance and intelligence of his children, not understandable until a thousand years after they were buried and forgotten! While as the years roll on other beauties and excellencies will unfold from the Scriptures, that the Bible is such a dead failure that all the were deceived in regard to vast reaches of its garbled sheets into the waste basket. meaning, is a demand upon my credulity so great that if I found myself at all disposed to yield to it I should to-morrow merning apply at some insane asylum as unfit to go alone.

Who make up this precious group of advanced thinkers to whom God has made especial revelation in our time of that which he tried to make known thousands of years ago and failed to make intelligible? Are they so distinguished for unworldliness, piety and scholarship that it is to be expected that they would have have been chosen to fix up the defective work of Moses and Isaiah and Paul and Christ? Is it at all possible? I wonder on what mountain these modern exegetes were transfigured? I wonder what star pointed down to their birthplace! Was it the North star or the evening star or the Dipper? As they came through and descended to our world did Mars blush or Saturn lose one of its rings? When I find these modern wiseacres Almighty and to interlard it with their wisdom and to suggest prophetic and apostolic errata, I am filled with a disgust insufferable. Advanced thought, which proposes to tell the Lord what he ought to have said thousands of years ago, and would have said if he had been as wise as his Nineteenth century critics! All this comes of living away back in the eternities instead of 1888, 1 have two wonders in regard to these men. The first one is how the Lord got along with-out them before they were born. The second wonder is how the Lord will get along with-

out them after they are dead.
"But," say some, "do you really think the Scriptures are inspired throughout? Yes, either as history or as guidance. Gibbon and Josephus and Prescott record in their histories a great many things they did not approve of. When George Bancroft puts upon his brilliant historical page the account of an Indian massacre, does he approve of that massacre? There are scores of things in the Bible which neither God nor inspired men sanctioned. Either as history or as guidance the entire Bible was inspired of

God. "But," says some one, "don't you think that the copyists might have made mistakes in transferring the divine words from one manuscript to another?" Yes, no doubt there were such mistakes; but they no more affect the meaning of the Scriptures than the misspelling of a word or the ungrammatical structure of a sentence in a last will and testament affect the validity or the meaning of that will. All the mistakes made by the copyists in the Scriptures do not amount to any more importance than the difference between your spelling in a document the word forty "forty" or "fourty." This book is the last will and testament of God to our lost world, and it bequeaths everything in the right way, although human hands may have damaged the grammar or made unjustifiable in-

terpolation. These men who pride themselves in our day on being advanced thinkers in biblical interpretation will all of them end in atheism, if they live long enough, and I declare here today they are doing more in the different denominations of Christians, and throughout the world, for damaging Christianity and hindering the cause of the world's betterment than five thousand Robert Ingersolls could do. That man who stands inside a castle is far more dangerous, if he be an enemy, than five thousand enemies outside the castle. Robert G. Ingersoll assails the castle from the outside. These men who pretend to be advanced thinkers in all the denominations are fighting the truth from the inside and trying to shove back the bolts and swing open the gates.

Now, I am in favor of the greatest freedom of religious thought and discussion. I would have as much liberty for heterodoxy as for orthodoxy. If I should change my theories of religion I should preach them out and out, but not in the building where I am accustomed to preach, for that was erected by people who believe in an entire Bible, and it would be dishonest for me to promulgate sentiments different from those for which that building was put up. When we enter any denomination as ministers of religion we take a solemn vow that we will preach the sentiments of that denomination. If we change our theories, as we have a right to

mange them, then there is a world several sometand nation in circumference, and there are humireds of halls and hundreds of sendne of music where we can ventilate our

I remember that in all our cities, in time f political agitation there are the Republiin bendquarters and the Democratic beadparters. Suppose I should go into one of hese heaviquarters pretending to be in sympathy with their work, at the same time election ering for the opposite party. I would soon find that the centrifugal force was greater than the centripetal! Now, if a man enters a denomination of Christians, taking a solemn oath, as we all do, that we will promulgate the theories of that denomination, and then the man shall proclaim some other theory, he has broken his oath, and he is an out and out perjurer. Never-theless, I declare for largest liberty in religi-ous discussion. I would no more have the attempt to rear a monument to Thomas Paine interfered with than I would have interfered with the lifting of the splendid monument to Washington. Largest liberty for the body, largest liberty for the mind, largest liberty for the soul.

Now, I want to show you, as a matter of advocacy for what I believe to be the right, the splendors of orthodoxy. Many have supposed that its disciples are people of flat skulls and no reading, and behind the age, and the victims of gullibility. I shall show you that the word orthodoxy stands for the greatest splendors outside of heaven. Behold the splendors of its achievements. All the missionaries of the Gospel the world round are men who believe in an entire Bible. Call the roll of all the missionaries who are enduring sacrifices in the ends of the earth for the cause of religion and the world's betterment, and they all believe in an entire Bible. Just as soon as a missionary begins to doubt whether there ever was a Garden of Eden, or whether there is any such thing as future punishment, he comes right home from Beyrout or Madras and goes into the insurance business! All the missionary socities this day are officered by orthodox men and are supported by orthodox churches.

Orthodoxy, beginning with the Sandwich Islands, has captured vast regions of barbarism for civilization, while beterodoxy has to capture the first square inch. Blatant for many years in Great Britain and the United States, and strutting about with a peacockian braggadocio, it has yet to capture the first continent, the first state, the first township, the first ward, the first space of ground as big as you could cover with the small end of a sharp pin. Ninety-nine out of every hundred of the Protestant churches of America were built by people who believed in an entire Bible. The pulpit now may preach some other gospel, but it is a heterodox gun on an orthodox carriage. The foundations of all the churches that are of very great use in this world today were laid by men who believed the Bible from lid to lid, and if I cannot take it in that way I will not take it at all; just as if I received a letter that pretended to come from a friend, and part of it was his and part somebody else's, and the other part somebody else's, and it was a sort Christian scholars for eighteen hundred years of literary mongrelism, I would throw the

No church of very great influence today but was built by those who believed in an entire Bible. Neither will a church last long built on a part of the Bible. You have noticed, I suppose, that as soon as a man begins to give up the Bible he is apt to preach in some hall, and he has an audience while he lives, and when he dies the church dies. If I thought that my church in Brooklyn was built on a quarter of a Bible, or a half Bible, or three-quarters of a Bible, or ninetynine one-hundredths of a Bible, I would expect it to die when I die; but when I know it is built on the entire Word of God, I know it will last two hundred years after you and I sleep the last sleep. Oh, the splendors of an orthodoxy which with ten thousand hands and ten thousand pulpits and ten thousand Christian churches, is trying to save the

world! In Music hall, Boston, for many years stood Theodore Parker battling orthe giving it, as some supposed at that time, its death wound. He was the most fascinating man I ever heard or ever expected to hear, and I came out from hearing him thinking, in my boyhood way: "Well, that's the death of the church." On that same street, and not far from being opposite, stood Park Congregational church, called by its enemies "Hell Fire Corner." Theodore Parker died and his church died with him; or, if it is in existence, it is so small you cannot see it with the naked eye. Park Congregational church still stands on "Hell Fire Corner," thundering away the magnificent truths of this glorious orthodoxy just as though Theo-dore Parker had never lived. All that Boston, or Brooklyn, or New York, or the world ever got that is worth baving came through the wide aqueduct of orthodoxy from the throne of God.

Behold the splendors of character built up by orthodoxy. Who had the greatest hu-man intellect the world ever ever knew! In physical stature insignificant; in head and shoulders above all the giants of the age. Orthodox from scalp to heel. Who was the greatest poet the ages ever saw, acknowledged to be so both by infidels and Christians? John Milton, seeing more without eyes than anybody else ever saw with eyes. Orthodox from scalp to heel, Who was the greatest reformer the world has ever seen, so acknowledged by infidels as well as by Christians? Martin Luther. Orthedox from scalp to heel.

Then look at the certitudes. O man, believing in an entire Bible, where did you come from! Answer: "I descended from a perfect parentage in Paradise, and Jehovah breathed into my nostrils the breath of life.

I am a son of God." O man, believing in a half and half Bible, be leving in a Bicle in spots, where did you come from! Answer: It is all uncertain; in my ancestral line away back there was an ourang-outang and a tadpole and a pollywog, and it took millions of years to get me evoluted." O man, believing in a Bible in spots, where are you going to when you quit this world? Answer: "Going into a great to be, so on into the great somewhere, and then I shall pass through on into the great anywhere, and I shall probably arrive in the nowhere." That is where I thought you would fatch up. O man, believing in an entire Bible, and believing with a'l your heart, where are you going to when you leave this world? Answer: "I am going to my father's house; I am going into the companionship of my loved ones who have gone before; I am going to leave all my sins, and I am going to be with God and like God for-ever and forever." Oh, the glorious certi-

tudes of orthodoxy!

Behold the splendors of orthodoxy in its announcement of two destinies.

Palace and penitentiary. Palace with gates on all sides, through which all may enter and live on celestial luxuries world without end, and all for the knocking and the asking. A palace grander than if all the Alhambras and the Versailles and the Windsor castles and the Winter gardens and the imperial abodes of all the earth were heaved up into one architectural glory. At the other end of the universe a penitentiary, where men who want their sins can have them. Would it be fair that you and I should have our choice of Christ and the palace and other men be denied their choice of sin and eternal

degradation? Palace and penitentiary. The first of no use unless you have the last. Brooklyn and New York would be better places to live in with Raymond Street jail and the Tombs and Sing Sing and all the smallpox hospitals emptied on them than heaven would be if there were no hell. Palace and penitentiary. If I see a man with a full bowl of sin, and he thirsts for it, and his whole nature craves it, and he takes hold with both hands and presses that bowl to his ips, and then presses it hard between his teeth, and the draught begins to pour its sweetness down his throat, shall we snatch away the bowl, and jerk the man up to the gate of heaven, and push him in if he does not want to go and sit down and sing psalms forever! No. God has made you and me so completely free that we need not go to heaven unless we prefer it. Not more free to soar than free to sink.

Nearly all the neterodox people I know beieve all are coming out at the same destiny; without regard to faith or character we are all coming out at the shining gate. There they are, all in glory together. Thomas Paine and George Whitefield, Jezebel and Mary Lyon, Nero and Charles Wesley, Charles Guiteau and James A. Garfield, John Wilkes Booth and Abraham Lincolnall in glory together! All the innocent men, women and children who were massacred, side by side with their murderers. If we are all coming out at the same destiny, without regard to character, then it is true. I turn away from such a debauched heaven.
Against that caldron of piety and blasphemy, philanthropy and assassination, self sacrifice and beastliness, I place the two destinies of the Bible forever and forever and orever apart. Behold also the splendors of the Christian

orthodox deathbeds. Those who deny the Bible, or deny any part of it, never die well. They either go out in darkness or they go out in silence portentons. You may gather up all the biographies that have come forth since the art of printing was invented, and I challenge you to show me a triumphant death of a man who rejected the Scriptures, or rejected any part of them. Here I make a great wide avenue. On the one I put the deathbeds of those who believed in an entire Bible. On the other side of that avenue I put the deathbeds of those who rejected part of the Bible, or rejected all of the Bible. Now, take my arm and let us pass through this dividing avenue. Look off upon the right side. Here are the deathbeds on the right side of this avenue. "Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" "Free grace!" "Glory, glory!" "I am sweeping through the gates washed in the blood of the Lamb!" "The chariots are coming!" "I mount, I fly!" "Wings, wings!" "They are coming for me!" "Peace, be still!" Alfred Cookman's deathbed, Richard Cecil's deathbed, Commodore Foote's deathbed, your father's deathbed, your mother's deathbed, your sister's deathbed, your child's deathbed. Ten thousand radiant, songful deathbeds of those

who believed an entire Bible. Now take my arm and let us go through that avenue and look off upon the other side. No smile of hope. No shout of triumph. No face supernaturally illumined. Those who reject any part of the Bible never die well. No beckoning for angels to come. No listening for the celestial escort. Without any exception they go out of the world because they are pushed out; while on the other hand the list of those who believed in an entire Bible and gone out of the world in triumph is a list so long it seems interminable. Oh, is not that a splendid influence, this orthodoxy, which makes that which must otherwise be the most dreadful hour of life-the last hour -positively paradisaical!

Young men, old men, middle aged men, take sides in this contest between orthodoxy and heterodoxy. "Ask for the old paths, walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." But you follow this crusade against any part of the Bible-first of all you will give up Genesis, which is as true as Matthew; then you will give up all the historical parts of the Bible; then after a while you will give up the miracles; then you will find it convenient to give up the Ten Commandments; and then after a while you will wake up in a fountainless, rockless, treeless desert swept of everlasting sirocco. If you are laughed at you can afford to be laughed at for standing by the Bible just as God has given it to you and miraculously preserved it.

Do not jump overboard from the stanch old Great Eastern of old fashioned orthodoxy until there is something ready to take you up stronger than the fantastic yawl which has painted on the side "Advanced Thought," and which leaks at the prow and leaks at the stern and has a steel pen for one oar and a glib tongue for the other oar, and now tips over this way and then tips over that way, until you do not know whether the passengers will land in the breakers of despair or on the sinking sand of infidelity and atheism.

I am in full sympathy with the advancements of our time, but this world will never advance a single inch beyond this old Bible. God was just as capable of dictating the truth to the prophets and apostles as he is capable of dictating the truth to these modern apostles and prophets. God has not learned anything in a thousand years. He knew just as much when he gave the first dictation as he does now, giving the last dictation, if he is giving any dictation at all. So I will stick to the old paths. Naturally a skeptic and preferring new things to old, I never so much as today felt the truth of the entire Bible, specially as I see into what spectacular imbecility men rush when they try to chop up the Scriptures with the meat ax of their own preferences, now calling upon philosophy, now calling on the church, now calling on God, now calling on the devil. I prefer the thick, warm robe of the old religion-old as God-the robe which has kept so many warm amid the cold pilgrimage of this life and amid the chills of death. The old robe rather than the thin, uncertain gauze offered us by these wiseacres who believe the Bible

On July 27, 1814, at 72 years of age, expired Isabella Graham. She was the most useful woman of her day amid the poor and sick, at the head of the orphan asylums and Magdalen asylums, and an angel of mercy in hospital and reformatory. Dr. Mason, one of mightiest men of his day, said at her funeral that she was mentally and spiritually the most wonderfully endowed person he ever met. She was an impesonation of the most orthodox orthodoxy. Her last word was peace. As a sublime peroration to my sermon I will give an extract from her last will and testament, showing how one who believes in an entire Bible may make a glorious exit.

An extract from a will: "My children and my grandchildren I leave to my covenant God, the God who hath fed me all my life with the bread that perisheth and the bread that never perisheth, who has been a Father to my fatherless children and a husband to their widowed mother thus far. And now receiving my Redeemer's testimony, I set to my seal that God is true; and believing the record of John that God hath given to me eternal life, and this life is in his Son, who, through the eternal Spirit, overcomes without spot unto God, and being consecrated a priest forever, hath with

se, support and carry me safely through death, and present me to his Pather, complete in his own rightsousness, without spot r wrinkle. Into the hands of this redeem-

ing God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost I commit my redeemed spirit. - Isabella Graham. Let me die the death of the righteous, and and let my last end be like hers. "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

NEWSPAPER NOTORIETY.

Gossip Concerning the Pair Sex-Personal Notes and Items. A young woman near Troy, N. Y., is mak ing a fortune selling Dutch cheese

An Ohio young lady's name is Emancipa tion Proclamation, Her friends call her

Mrs. Langtry's fortune is said to exceed \$500,000. Her father was only worth about \$150 when he died the other day.

Frances Hodgson Burnett has yellow bair, cut short, large blue eyes, a fair complexion, and a plump and well proportioned figure. Perhaps the best paid woman writer in

this country is Mrs. Southworth, who re-

ceives an income of \$7,000 a year from The New York Ledger. Mary E. Bryan, one of the new writers from the south, earns an income of \$6,000 by her pen. Old silver baired beaux who were wont in the years agone to sigh over the love ditties

of N. P. Willis will experience a return of their old heart flutterings when they rend that the poet's daughter, Mrs. Dr. Eddy, occupies a position in Harvard college. Miss Rapp, queen of the Harmony or Economy society, located on the Ohio river,

near Allegheny City, is over 90 years old, and in an excellent state of preservation, The community was founded by George Rapp in 1804. There are said to be surviving forty of the original members of the The general manager of The San Francisco

Breeder and Sportsman is Miss A. L. Wilson, of Cynthiana, Ky. She is reputed to be one of the best informed women in America on pedigrees and the history of trotting horses. Very few men, indeed, are so well posted on turf matters, and she is besides an able and graceful writer.

The Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, who is now 61 years old, makes her home at El Mora, a suburb of Elizabeth, N. J. She lives in a pretty red cottage surrounded by trees on the outside, and filled with rugs, old furniture and books on the inside. Mrs. Blackwell spends the most of her time in her study, where she does a great deal of writing. It was her pen, it is said, that built this attractive little bome in New Jersey.

The case of Emma Bonn, who was brutally ssaulted six years ago in Christian county, Ills., is still fresh in the public recollection. In consequence of her injuries she lay at death's door for several years, and the sympathy of the whole country went out to her in her patient suffering. Now comes the pleasing news that she has fully regained her health, weighs 165 pounds and carries roses on both cheeks.

Mrs. Hannah Neilson is the manager of a successful dairy school in Denmark. She traveled extensively, learning how to make the finest kind of cheese peculiar to each country. She now has hundreds of pupils, eluding counts and barons from all over Europe. She has taken a number of premiums, and at her silver wedding she was presented with a silver cup by the Royal Danish Agricultural society as an acknowledgment of her share in the progress of Dan-

Mrs. Thurber, whose name has so often appeared in the papers in connection with American opera scheme, is a woman with whom a chat is always entertaining. She talks in a low voice, leaning her cheek on one hand, and until she has quite got through with what she has to say her listener may as well possess his soul in patience. Mrs. Thurber is passionately devoted to music, and at one time before her marriage she sang in the choir of a well known church. Her children, of whom she has several very bright ones, are taught music under the direction of a pianist of some celebrity whose exclusive services Mrs. Thurber has retained and who lives in her house. The failure of the American or National opera scheme was, naturally enough, a blow to Mrs. Thurber, but her buoyant disposition soon recovered from it and today she is very enthusiastic about the Conservatory of Muzic over whose fortunes she presides.

"A curious feature of fashionable life today," said Irene Ackerman, the actress, "is the mania of every woman to do something." The phrase "fash-ionable butterfly" has as utterfly gone out as "bucks" and "dandy." The first step in this direction was the charities, and those are now "common." A woman, to get away from the background, must do something special. Young Mrs. Pierre Lorillard is accredited with a novel. Mrs. Poultney Bigelow has taken to story writing. Mrs. Robert Goelet exhibited a portrait of a child with the Society of American Artists. Young Mrs. Havemeyer has just published her first literary sketch. Mrs. Zoe Dana Underhill has recently had a short story in Harper's Weekly. These ladies must not be classed with the amateurs and debutantes who play their pretty games at ele-cution, in private theatricals, in art and music, nor with those maturer ladies who read solid papers at the Causeries de Lundi, and before their respective Dante and Shakespeare societies. Nor are they to be compared with those who write and publish books at their own expense. Their aim is far more serious. They place themselves before that tribunal which measures values, and when they are successful they pocket their checks just like other people.

Probably no woman in the world is the subject of more frequent and more absurd stories than Mrs. John W. Mackay, the wife of the California millionaire. A favorite yarn is to the effect that she once kept a miner's boarding house in Virginia City, and that her future husband was one of the boarders. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Mackay never kept a boarding house either at the place mentioned or elsewhere, and never met Mr. Mackay at all until he had acquired the greater part of his wealth and was living at the best hotels of the country. Moreover, Mrs. Mackay comes from an exceedingly good family. Her father was Col. Hungerford, an officer in the United States army during both the Mexican war and the rebel-lion. At the end of the war he was personally complimented by President Lincoln and received a medal at his hands. Mrs. Mackay was educated at St. Catharine's academy, at Benicia, Cal., and her first husband was Dr. Edmund Bryant, of Brooklyn. She was widowed at 19 and met Mr. Mackay shortly afterward at her father's house. The match was a love match, and the union has always been a peculiarly happy one. Her daughter by the first marriage, as is well known, recently married Prince Colonna, of Italy, and her sister some time ago married Count Telhis own blood entered into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for me. I also believe that he will perfect what concerns on account of their education. fener, of Rome. Mrs. Mackay has two or

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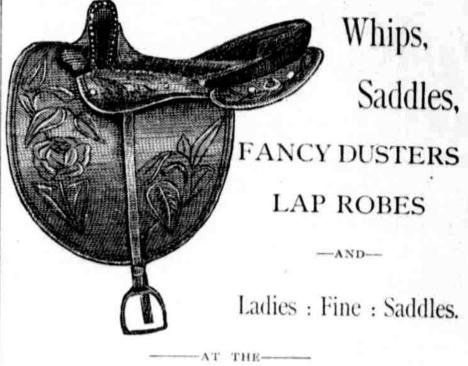
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