

ATTRACTIVE SERMON. MACHPELAH; OR, EASTER THOUGHTS.

Preached by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., Sunday, April 6.—The Full Text Here Reported.—The Resurrection Idea a Most Blessed Thought to All Christians.

Brooklyn, April 6.—The Academy of Music was appropriately decorated today for Easter service, and the regular artists of the Brooklyn Tabernacle were assisted by eminent musical performers.

He pruned these, O God, for the son of thy love, For Jesus who died and is now gone above. The subject of Dr. Talmage's sermon was "Machpelah; or, Easter Thoughts." It was based on the words in Gen. xxiii, 17, 18: "And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Manasse, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border round about, were made sure unto Abraham."

Following is the sermon in full: MACHPELAH. Here is the first cemetery ever laid out. Machpelah was its name. It was an arboreal beauty, where the wound of death was banded with foliage.

Our own country consents to be second to none in respect to the lifeless body. Every city and town and neighborhood of any intelligence or virtue has, not many miles away, its sacred enclosure, where affection has engaged sculptor's chisel and florist's spade and artificer in metals.

Among preachers of the gospel, Bethune and Thomas De Witt, and Bishop Doane, and Tyng, and Abner the missionary, and Bescher and Buddington, and McClintock and Inskip, and Bangs and Chapin, and Noah Schenck and Samuel Hanson Cox. Among musicians, the renowned Gottschalk and the holy Thomas Hastings.

Among inventors, Elias Howe, who, through the sewing machine, did more to alleviate the toils of womanhood than any man that ever lived.

tamarisk of the tropics, walnut and willow, ivy and hawthorn, ash and elder, pine and yew. If such floral and botanical beauties are the wild growths of the fields, think of what a garden must be in Palestine! And in such a garden Jesus Christ slept after, on the soldier's spear. His last drop of blood had congealed. And then see how appropriate that our cemeteries should be floralized and tree-studded. In June, Greenwood is Brooklyn's garden.

THE RESURRECTION IDEA. "Well, then," you say, "how can you make out that the Resurrection day will beautify the cemeteries? Will it not leave them a plowed-up ground? On that day there will be an earthquake, and still not this split the polished Aberdeen granite, as well as the plain slab that can afford out the two words, 'Our Mary' or 'Our Charles'?"

Our bodies change every seven years, and yet, in one sense, it is the same body. On my wrist and the second finger of my right hand there is a scar. I made that at 12 years of age, when, disposed of at the presence of my warts, I took a red hot iron and burned them off and burned them out.

Another consideration makes the idea of resurrection easier. God made Adam. He was not fashioned after any model. There had never been a human organism, and so there was nothing to copy.

THE REST OF THE GRAVE. They will come up rested. The most of them lay down at the last very tired. How often you have heard them say, "I am so tired!"

THE NOVEL QUESTION. At this Easter service I ask and answer what may seem a novel question, but it will be found, before I get through, a practical and useful and tremendous question: What will resurrection day do for the cemeteries?

You find all the royal family of flowers there, some that you supposed indigenous to the far north, and others indigenous to the far south—the daisy and hyacinth, crocus and anemone, tulip and water lily, geranium and ranunculus, magnolia and sweet morning-glory.

any recuperation from the storehouse from which he was constructed without our going back into the dust? That original, life-giving material having been added to the body as it once was, and all the defects left behind, what a body will be the resurrection body!

Factor's care up to be rough places, and those who toil in them have their garments grimy for that, when they turn out for us beautiful musical instruments or exquisite upholstery? What though the grave is a rough place, it is a resurrection body manufactory, and from it shall come the radiant and resplendent forms of our friends on the brightest morning of the world saw ever.

THE PERFECT RESURRECTION BODY. We need not tell in what season that day will come. If it should be winter, those who come up will be more lustrous than the snow that covered them. If in the autumn, those who come up will be more gorgeous than the woods after the frosts have perished them.

HE IS RISEN INDEED. This Easter tells us that in Christ's resurrection, if we are his, and the resurrection of all the pious dead, is assured, for he was "the first fruits of them that sleep."

THE EIGHTH ONE TO GO. Eight representatives have died since the election of members of the Fifty-first congress—four from that party.

Safe for the Night. The Winter palace, 10 p. m. The Car—Have you looked well under the bedclothes?

A Wise Head. First College Boy—What are you going to go in for—wealth or fame? Second College Boy—Both. I'm going to be a ball player.—New York Weekly.

JOAN OF ARC MEMORIALS



Two costly structures to be built by the French people. The French people are at present a unit, at least on one thing, and that is the determination to honor the memory of the Maid of Orleans by the erection of two remarkable structures.

A Man with a Charmed Life. Lawrence Long, a young man who resides at Jeffersonville, Ind., had at least three escapes from death of a most remarkable nature.

Emin to Remain in Africa. "The charm of Africa," that mysterious spell which lures back to the jungles and the forests of the dark continent every explorer who has once set foot upon its soil, remains potent in the case of Emin Pasha.

Sixty Years a Sailor. During his sixty years of naval service Vice Admiral Stephen Clogg Rowan, who died recently at Washington, participated in many exciting events.

The Eighth One to Go. Eight representatives have died since the election of members of the Fifty-first congress—four from that party.

"A humanitarian bull fight" was one of the recent attractions at Birmingham, England. Convenient recesses were provided in which the bull fighters might take refuge whenever the bull's wrath was aroused.

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