

THE TALMAGE SERMON

"A SERAPHIC DIET" THE SUBJECT LAST SUNDAY.

The Text Being Selected from Psalms 78:25: "Man Did Eat Angels' Food"—The Ecstatic State in Which We Forget the Necessity for Earthly Food.



OMEWHAT risky would be the undertaking to tell just what was the manna that fell to the Israelites in the wilderness; of what it was made and who made it. The manna was called angels' food, but why so called? Was it because it came from the place where angels live, or because angels compounded it, or because angels did eat it, or because it was good enough for angels? On what crystal platter was it carried to the door of heaven, and then thrown out? How did it taste. We are told there was in it something like honey, but if the saccharine taste in it had been too strong, many would not have liked it, and so it may have had a commingling of flavors—this delicacy of the skies. It must have been nutritious, for a nation lived on it forty years. It must have been healthful, for it has been so inspiringly applied to the products of the earth. Corporeity, as well as mentality, and spirituality, characterizes us. The style of diet has much to do with our well-being. Light and frothy food taken exclusively results in weak muscle and semi-invalidism. The taking of too much animal food produces sensuality. Vegetarians are cranks. Reasonable selection of the farinaceous and the solid ordinarily produces physical stamina.

But we have all occasionally been in an ecstatic state where we forgot the necessity of earthly food. We were fed by joys, by anticipations, by discoveries, by companionships that dwelled the dining hour into insignificance, and made the pleasures of the table stupid and uninviting. There have been cases where from seemingly invisible sources the human body has been maintained, as in the remarkable case of our invalid and Christian neighbor, Mollie Fancher, known throughout the medical and Christian world for that she was seven weeks without earthly food, fed and sustained on heavenly visions. Our beloved Dr. Irenaeus Prime, editor and theologian, recorded the wonders concerning this girl. Prof. West, the great scientist, marvelled over it, and Willard Parker, of world-wide fame in surgery, threw up his hands in amazement at it. There are times in all our lives when the soul asserts itself, and says to the body, "Hush! Stand back! Stand down!" I am at a banquet where no chaffers gleam, and no viands smoke, and no culinary implements clatter. I am feeding on that which no human hand has mixed, and no earthly oven has baked. I am eating "angels' food." If you have never been in such an exalted state, I commiserate your leaden temperament, and I dismiss you from this service as incompetent to understand the thrilling and glorious suggestiveness of my text when it says: "Man did eat angels' food."

Now, what do the supernaturalists live on? They experience none of the demands of corporeity, and have no hindrance or environment in the shape of bone and muscle, and flesh, and hence that which may delectate our palate, or invigorate our poor, dying frames would be of no use to them. But they have a food of their own. My text says so. There may be other courses of food in the heavenly menu that I am not aware of, but I know of five or six styles of food always on celestial tables: whether cherubim, and seraphim, and archangel gather for heavenly repast; the mystery of redemption; celestialized music; the heavenly picturesque; sublime and colloquy; eternal enterprises; saintly association; Divine companionship; celebrative jubilation. There is one subject that excites the curiosity and inquisitiveness of all these angels. St. Peter says, "Which thing the angels desire to look into?" That is why Christ exchanged a palace for a barn? Why did he drop a scepter from his right hand to take a spar into his left side? Why quit the anthem of the worshipping heavens to hear the crooning of a weary mother's voice? Was a straw better than a garland? "Could it not have been done in some other way?" says angel the first. "Was the human race worth such a sacrifice?" says angel the second. "How could heaven get along without him for thirty-three years?" says angel the third. "Through that assassination may sinful man rise into our eternal companionship?" says angel the fourth. And then they all bend toward each other and talk about it, and guess about it, and try to fathom it, and prophesy concerning it. But the subject is too big, and they only nibble at it. They only break off a piece of it. They only taste it. They just dip into it. And then one angel cries: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" And another says, "Unsearchable!" And another says, "Past finding out!" And another says, "Alleluia!" And then they all fill their cups of gold with the "new wine of the kingdom." Unlike the beakers of earth, which poison, these glow with immortal health, the wine pressed from the grapes of the heavenly school, and they all drink to the memory of manger and cross, shattered sepulchre and Olivet ascension. Oh, that rapturous, inspiring, transporting theme of the world's ransom! That makes angels' food. The taking of that food gives stronger pulse to their gladness; adds several mornings of radiance to their foreheads; gives vaster circle to the sweep of their wings on mission interconstellation. Some of the crumbs of that angels' food fall all around our wilderness camp to-day, and we feel like crying with Paul, "Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" or with exclaiming Stephen, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" or with many an enraptured soul, "None but Christ! None but Christ!" Pass around this angels' food.

GRAND OLD PARTY.

CLEVELAND AS THE SAVIOR OF HIS COUNTRY.

What Does He Think of His Job?—The American Bimetallist Meets the English Politician—The Laborer is Feeling on Reflection.

From the earliest days of his public career Mr. Cleveland has been disposed to take a gloomy view of the conditions that confronted him. This gloominess would seem almost to have been an electioneering dodge, indicating, of course unintentionally, that he would be the savior of his country. We have failed, however, to notice any retrogression in prosperity until he was placed with his own party in full control of the administration of the nation's affairs.

Of course, as sheriff of Buffalo, Mr. Cleveland's opportunities were limited to the execution of that office. While his advancement as a public man has since been rapid, his power was curtailed by congress until 1893. His worthiest efforts at reform had been but "the dead hopes of pioneers and the despair of those who fall in the march." The long restrained desire to save the country from going to the dogs was released just two years ago when, as the champion of the people's rights, he acquired full power to save them from being "trampled to death beneath an iron heel."

That "iron heel" was the policy of protection under which the people appeared to have prospered to an unusual degree. But the campaign clamor that originated with Mr. Cleveland, and which was eagerly seized upon by every politician in his party, that the iron "heel" was trampling the people to death, alarmed them to such an extent that unlimited power was given the Democrats to save us. To their credit, he said, they began the work of "tariff reform" as the most important measure. During the nine months of delay before they were agreed upon the best mode of salvation the "iron heel" got in its deadly work, and many a business and many a man's wages were "trampled to death" beneath it; and the "iron heel" is still trampling.

It is fortunate for the Democratic party that the workingman cannot get a crack at it for about a year and a half. And to the extent that it is fortunate for the Democratic party it is unfortunate for the country at large. It is one of the stock arguments on the Democratic stump that the men on the payrolls of the manufacturers are the only workingmen benefitted by a protective tariff, and that the carpenter and the bricklayer would be very much better off if they could buy what they need in the markets of the world—that is, in every other market except that stocked by the products of American labor. This sounded plausible and it took a very stern lesson to teach the workingmen that protection protects all labor alike and that a blow at the men employed in the so-called protected industries is a blow at every man who works for wages. But the lesson has been learned, and since then the tin bucket brigade has on every available occasion marched to the polls and registered its protest against the policy that has hung up so many dinner buckets on the wall.

It seems to be a simple proposition that under free trade nothing but ocean freights, which are being lowered every year, stand between American and foreign workmen. No one argues that home labor is not better paid than foreign labor. Protection, buying at home, keeps labor in demand, enhances wages, encourages the development of industries. Free trade, buying abroad, where labor is cheapest, leaves home labor unemployed and wages, of course, go down. Protection increases the demand and free trade the supply for home labor. When the workman in the so-called protected industries is at work at good wages, there is building for the carpenter and the bricklayer to do, and there is a market for the products of the farm as well as the factory. The workingman has found out that a cheap foreign market is a mighty expensive thing when he cannot buy, and that a higher home market is cheap when he has work. The American laborer has had lots of food for reflection during the past year or two, and that's about all the food he has had.—Kansas City Journal.

He West Is for Silver. The defeat of Senator Dolph was a just retribution for his course on the gold question. He did not represent the views of his constituents, and they very wisely and properly refused to send him back to misrepresent them any farther. The financial question is the most important that concerns the people of the West, and for that matter the whole country, and it was not becoming in a Western senator to take a position on that question which accorded not with the views of his own people, but with those of the bankers and brokers of Wall street.—Denver Republican.

His Golden Monument. Posterity will have reason to remember Mr. Cleveland about \$100,000,000 worth, that being about the size of the tax he levies upon the future to make good the inefficiencies of the present. It is like the case of the penniless debtor who, after giving a three days' note for an overdue obligation, breathed a sigh of relief and murmured: "Thank heaven, that's settled."—New York Tribune.

Has Lived and Learned. When Mr. Cleveland first entered national politics he knew little or nothing about duck hunting, but such has been his assiduity, his pertinacity and his willingness to accept advice and learn from experienced sportsmen that he is now easily the greatest duck hunter in the whole list of American presidents.—New York World.

For Annexation. The annexation of Hawaii is favored by pretty much everybody in this country except Grover Cleveland and Walter Q. Gresham. Those gentlemen take a different view of the matter. They want the monarchy restored and the United States annexed to Hawaii.—New York Tribune.

Trot Out the Cash. A Democratic organ has discovered that a \$50 suit of clothes can now be had for \$25. Will the organ in question continue its investigations and find out and tell people where to get the \$25?

A Private Snap. The government has bought a new light-house tender, and it is to be hoped that she will be even more comfortable and convenient for Mr. Cleveland when he goes duck shooting.

And They Might Forget to Come Back. What a banquet London bankers would give Cleveland and Carlisle if they could get them over. Shades of Lucullus! Why, the Wilson affair would be entirely forgotten.

Still They Come. France has formally barred our American cattle. And thus the Democratic policy of opening the markets of the world goes marching on.

Veterans and Bond Dealers. The Cleveland administration splits hairs in dealing with the old soldier, and allows bond syndicates to make their own terms.

the overthrow of the so-called liberal party in Great Britain. It has ceased to represent the people in several ways, especially in the matter of finance. Bimetallism is popular with the British masses, and with the return of the conservatives international bimetallism would be possible. As thought transference is a scientific fact, if all American bimetallists concentrate their minds on that which is nearest their hearts—and pockets—who knows what may happen?—Kate Field's Washington.

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