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CORRUPTION AND HYPOCRISY.

THE sensational orations of Talmage on the corruptions of New York receive deserved reprobation from many preachers and papers. The epithets which they are delivered fain rather to excite curiosity, and a prurient desire to learn in a chapel something that would not form a proper subject for conversation in a parlor. Laughter and applause greet his highly flavored exposures of midnight iniquity and crowded houses than listen to exposures of evil without a hint at a remedy. Here is what the "Independent" has to say on the "Inches of Hell," which is the title of Talmage's discourses:

"They are high spiced with adjectives of hellish intensity and molten with sulphurous denunciations. The attractions of the young men who have been to see the haunts of vice and want to know if they have been seriously described; those with a malicious imagination, and to whom it is a rare treat to get an exhibition of filth from the purple; the inexperienced whose youthful innocence is assailed and will not be satisfied without seeing with their own eyes what their minister went to see."

"We regard Dr. Talmage as about the worst possible type of a preacher that can be set before a theological audience."

"His influence exerted upon the English-speaking pulpit. His method is utterly vicious."

The N. Y. Herald hits the theological writer some pretty hard blows, but is forced to admit, in effect, that the dark pictures he draws of metropolitan wickedness are not unlike the infamous originals. Commenting upon the epidemics of crime which seems to be spreading, it says:

"We cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that most of the actors in the startling crimes lately committed in this city have been apprehended, and the board of police should clearly understand that the people are already discredited. Banks are gutted in open daylight, mugs are stabbed, in public places, stores are robbed in the glare of gaslight, and savagery is depicted in the very heart of the city, and yet no arrests are made. It is about time that this state of affairs was changed."

The Newman, commonly known in these parts as Leviticus xviii. 13, and who is now hired regularly in Gotham, daring to take the optimist side of the subject suggested by Talmage's revelations, has been giving for the encouragement and consolation of his wealthy hearers, the bright view of New York life. He speaks of the charities and benevolent institutions of the great city, but cannot deny the prevalence of evils within a stone's throw of church doors, that would horrify the Sunday worshippers. If he had not become familiar with sight and sound of crime, Newman says:

"The state of New York is indeed a picture of desolation, saloons, and the money annually spent in them (which is not less than \$30,000,000)—enough to give a home to each tenement family. Out of the 90,000 arrests last year, 162,000 were for intoxication and disorderly conduct. This fact is the most impressive temperance sermon which can be preached."

In this year there were 3,000 arrests for violence in this city. It is indeed a dark picture. It is equally sad to know that there are in our beautiful metropolis 23,000 out-door poor, 30,000 paupers, mostly immigrants, who are less than the children, and it is less easy to remember that there are not less than 20,000 women bereft of that which is priceless to womanhood."

The sick, weak, wretched, and maimed of the pampered sons and daughters of upper-rank through the columns of New York does not stop upon the poor. But Talmage tells a dastardly story. Hear him:

"Indeed is this an expression that the hands of hell were mainly supported by men of wealth and family. The luxurious places of iniquity were supported by men who came from the fashionable avenues of the city, whatever may have come from handsome houses in Brooklyn, or were cast from Cincinnati, Boston and Philadelphia. I could call the names of many of the so-called respectable men who do this, and I may yet do it before I get through with these sermons, but the fabric of society should fall to pieces. (Held speech)."

You will find in these places members of churches, public men who administer the laws, standing on the Democratic, Republican and Greenback platforms. You will find there stockbrokers from Wall Street, large importers from Liverpool, wool men, cotton brokers and all classes of men from the upper walks of life. We talk sometimes of preaching to the heathen. I tell you that there is more heathenism in this country than in any other. I am sorry to say that heathenism which abounds in the mire to the gilded luxury which wears camel's hair silks and pink lace diadems, nestled in a tumult that cost \$3,000, with a liveried driver ahead—and a robed and dandy behind. (Laughter and applause)."

In describing the causes of the existence and growth of these giant evils, he gives as one, "the indifference of the moral and Christian people of our cities." The truth is they are used to these things. When treated to such gloating pictures as Talmage's, a temporary interest is created similar to that produced by a spy novel. But a soon passes away, and while it is quite likely that not a few young persons may be induced to go and see for themselves the things which the preacher depicts in glowing tints, and thus fall into the snare set for the foot of the unwary, the evils will still flourish and extend, and eat their way into the heart of Christian society, untouched though widely talked about.

Bethel Utah will be mentioned; or the subject of plural marriage be broached, and instantly the same "Christians" who are indifferent to the abominations in their own immediate vicinity, festering close to their own domiciles, will want to do something, or have something

done, to root out and destroy "Mormonism" so that "it shall not even be remembered in the earth." Congress must be importuned, all the preachers in the land must be stirred up, and even the sword and the knife called for, to exterminate a body of people who marry and give in marriage in a way different from their neighbors, but under the regulations of a system claimed to be divine and framed in the interests of sexual purity.

It is wonderful how pious people are affected by imaginary evils at a long distance. They will subscribe liberally for the conversion and clothing of dark-skinned pagans, who may never receive any benefit either spiritual or temporal from the money gathered in, and pass by the starving, suffering, beggared heathen of their own cities, indifferent, scornful or despising. They will become enthusiastic over a crusade to deliver "Mormon" women—who would not exchange places with them—from the fancied horrors of polygamy, and laugh and clap their hands over Talmage's gaudy word-paintings of home immorality and sin.

Woe to the hypocrites of the latter times! Woe to the Pharisees of the nineteenth century! For the Almighty, who judges righteously and who understands the secret motives of their corrupt hearts, will sweep away their refuge of lies, and with the fire of his indignation, will utterly consume them and the bitterness which they foster, that it may no more smoke up to heaven, mingling with the incense from their altars, an insult and a mockery unto God and the angels!

PSYCHE AND THE SKULL.

A new painting, by our talented home artist, Geo. M. Ottinger, will be exhibited for a few days, at C. R. Savage's Art Gallery. It is a figure of Psyche sitting on a tomb and looking at a skull. In the background is a cornucopia adorned with flowers. The theme was suggested by the beautiful poem which was so great a favorite with the late President Abraham Lincoln, of which the following are the first and last stanzas:

He should the spirit of mortal be proud!
Like a swift winged meteor, a fast flying cloud.
A dash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man goes from life to his rest in the grave.

ITALY.

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