DR. TALMAGE TELLS OF A THIRTY MINUTES' GLIMPSE OF PARADISE.

A Sermon on the Beautiful but Oft Neglected Text from Revelation viii, 1, "There Was Silence in Heaven About the Space of Half an Hour."

BROOKLYN, Jan. 31.—Dr. Talmage has of late been preaching on texts of Scripture that seem to have been neglected, and here is a sermon on a beautiful text which probably was never before selected for a discourse. Revelation viii, 1, "There was silence in heaven about the space of half

The busiest place in the universe is heaven. It is the center from which all good influences start. It is the goal at which all good results arrive. The Bible represents it as active with wheels and wings and orchestras and processions mounted or charioted. But my text describes a space when the wheels ceased to roll, and the trumpets to sound, and the voices to chant. The riders on the white horses reined in their chargers. The doxologies were hushed and the processions halted. The hand of arrest was put upon all the splendors, "Stop, heaven!" cried an omnipotent voice, and it stopped. For thirty minutes everything celestial stood still. "There was silence in heaven for

From all we can learn it is the only time heaven ever stopped. It does not stop as other cities for the night, for there is no night there. It does not stop for a plague, for the inhabitant never says, "I am sick." It does not stop for bankruptcies, for its inhabitants never fail. It does not stop for impassable streets, for there are no fallen snows nor sweeping freshets. What, then, stopped it for thirty mintues? Grotius and Professor Stuart think it was at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem. Mr. Lord thinks it was in the year 311, between the close of the Diocletian persecution and the beginning of the wars by which Con stantine gained the throne. But that was all a guess, though a learned and brilliant guess. I do not know when it was and I do not care when it was, but of the fact that such an interregnum of sound took place, I am certain. "There was silence in heaven for half an hour." HONORED SILENCE.

And first of all we may learn that God and all heaven honored silence. The longest and widest dominion that ever existed is that over which stillness was queen For an eternity there had not been a sound. World making was a later day occupation. For unimaginable ages it was a mute universe. God was the only being, and as there was no one to speak to there was no utterance. But that silence has been all broken up into worlds, and it has become a noisy universe. Worlds in upheaval, worlds in congelation, worlds in conflagration, worlds in revolution. If geologists are right-and I believe they are-there has not been a moment of silence since this world began its travels, and the crashings. and the splittings, and the uproar, and the hubbub are ever in progress.

But when among the supernals a voice power of silence many of us have yet to learn. We are told that when Christ was arraigned "He answered not a word." That silence was louder than any thunder that evershook the world. Oftentimes, when we are assailed and misrepresentd, the mightthe mightiest thing to do is to do nothing. plish nothing but their own chagrin. Silence! Do right and leave the results with God. Among the grandest lessons the world has ever learned are the lessons of patience taught by those who endured uncomplainingly personal or domestic or so cial or political injustice.

Stronger than any bitter or sarcastic or revengeful answer was the patient silence. The famous Dr. Morrison, of Chelsen, accomplished as much by his silent patience as by his pen and tongue. He had asthma that for twenty-five years brought him out of his couch at two o'clock each morning. His four sons and daughters dead. The remaining child by sunstroke made insane. The afflicted man said, "At this moment there is not an inch of my body that is not filled with agony." Yet, he was cheerful, triumphant, silent. Those who were in his presence said they felt as though they were in the gates of heaven. Oh, the power of patient silence! Eschy lus, the immortal poet, was condemned to death for writing something that offended the people. All the plens in his behalf were of no avail, until his brother uncovered the arm of the prisoner and showed that his hand had been shot off at Salamis. That silent plea liberated him. The loudest thing on earth is silence if it be of the right kind and at the right time. There was a quaint old hymn, spelled in the old style, and once sung in the churches:

The race is not forever got By him who fastest runs, Nor the Fattel by those peopell
That shoot with the longest guns. My friends, the tossing Sea of Galile seemed most to offend Christ by the amount of noise it made, for he said to it, "Be still!" Heaven has been crowning kings and queens unto God for many centuries, yet heaven never stopped a moment for any such occurrence, but it stopped thirty minutes for the coronation of Silence. "There was silence in heaven for

HEAVEN AN ACTIVE PLACE. Learn also from my text that heaven must be an eventful and active place, from the fact that it could afford only thirty minutes of recess. There have been events on earth and in heaven that seemed to demand a whole day or whole week or whole year for celestial consideration. If Grotius was right and this silence occurred at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, that scene was so awful and so prolonged that the inhabitants of heaven could not have done justice to it in many weeks. After fearful besiegement of the two fortresses of Jerusalem-Antonic and Hippicus-had been going on for a long while, a Roman soldier mounted on the shoulder the temple a firebrand, and the temple was all affame, and after covering many sacrifi ces to the holiness of God, the building it self became a sacrifice to the rage of man. The hunger of the people in that city during the besiegement was so great that as some outlaws were passing a doorway and the door, threatening the mother of the household with death unless she gave them some food, and she took them aside and showed them it was her own child she

was cooking for the ghastly repast. Six hundred priests were destroyed on Mount Zion because the temple being gone there was nothing for them to do. Six thousand people in one cloister were consumed. There were one million one hundred chousand dead, according to Josephus. Grotius thinks that this was the cause of silence in heaven for half an hour. If Mr. Lord was right and this silence was during the Diocletian persecutions, by which eight hundred and forty-four thousand Christians suffered death from sword and fire and banishment and exposure, why did not heaven listen throughout at least one of those awful years? No! Thirty minutes! The fact is that the celestial programme is so crowded with spectacle that it can afford only one recess in all eternity and that for a short space.

While there are great choruses in which all heaven can join, each soul there has a sard." And I say to you, my hearers, God signing. It is remarkable how this has story of divine mercy peculiar to itself and only by his convicting and converting grace taken the place of other industries open to it must be a solo. How can heaven get through with all its recitatives, with all its cantos, with all its grand marches, with all its victories? Eternity is too short to utter all the praise. In my text heaven spared thirty minutes, but it will never again spare one minute. In worship in | handle so much is an immeasurable word. earthly churches, when there are many to Knowing that we could not understand take part, we have to counsel brevity, but | that word the Bible uses it only once. We how will heaven get on rapidly enough to say, "Forever and ever;" but how long is let the one hundred and forty-four thousand get through each with his own story, and then the one hundred and forty-four million, and then the one hundred and forty-four billion, and then the one hun dred and forty-four trillion. TRIUMPHS OF ALL TIME TO BE COMMEMO

RATED. Not only are all the triumphs of the past | St. John is more impressive when we take to be commemorated, but all the triumphs only thirty minutes of it at a time. Now heart tonics. Cures fluttering, short to come. Not only what we now know of | we have something that we can come near. | breath, etc.

A VIEW OF HEAVEN. God, but what we will know of him after everlasting study of the Deific. If my text had said there was silence in heaven for thirty days, I would not have been startled at the announcement, but it indicates thirty minutes. Why, there will be so many friends to hunt up; so many of the greatly good and useful that we will want to see; so many of the inscrutable things of earth we will need explained; so many exciting earthly experiences we will want to talk over, and all the other spirits and

all the ages will want the same, that there will be no more opportunity for cessation.

How busy we will be kept in having pointed out to us the heroes and heroines that the world never fully appreciatedthe yellow fever and cholera doctors who died, not flying from their posts; the female nurses who faced pestilence in the lazarettos; the railroad engineers who staid at their places in order to save the train though they themselves perished.

Hubert Goffin, the master miner, who, landing from the bucket at the bottom of the mine, just as he heard the waters rush in, and when one jerk of the rope would have lifted him into safety, put a blind miner who wanted to go to his sick child in the bucket and jerked the rope for him to be pulled up, crying, "Tell them the water has burst in and we are probably his foot on the throne has on the round of lost, but we will seek refuge at the other end of the right gallery;" and then giving the command to the other miners till they digged themselves so near out that the people from the outside could come to their rescue. The multitudes of men and women whe got no crown on earth we will want to see when they get their crown in heaven. I tell you heaven will have no more half

Besides that, heaven is full of children. They are in the vast majority. No child on earth that amounts to anything can be kept quiet half an hour, and how are you going to keep five hundred million of them quiet half an hour. You know heaven is much more of a place than it was when that re cess of thirty minutes occurred. Its population has quadrupled, sextupled, centupled. Heaven has more on hand, more of rapture, more of knowledge, more of intercommunication, more of worship. There is not so much difference between

Brooklyn seventy-five years ago, when there were a few houses down on the East river and the village reached up only to great city is now-yea, not so much differ ence between New York when Canal street was far up town and now when Canal street is far down town, than there is a difference between what heaven was when my text was written and what heaven is now. The most thrilling place we have ever been in is stupid compared with that, and if we now have no time to spare we will then have no eternity to spare. Silence in heaven only half an hour!

A HALF HOUR'S IMMORTALITY. My subject also impresses me with the immortality of a half hour. That half hour mentioned in my text is more widely known than any other period in the calendar of heaven. None of the whole hours of heaven are measured off, none of the years, none of the centuries. Of the millions of ages past and the millions of ages to come not one is especially measured off in the Bible. The half hour of my text is made immortal. The only part of eternity that cried, "Hush!" and for half an hour heaven was still, silence was honored. The full was measured by the minute hand of my

Oh, the half hours! They decide everything. I am not asking what you will do with the years or months or days of your life, but what of the half hours. Tell me the history of your half hours and I will iest thing to say is to say nothing, and | tell you the story of your whole life on earth and the story of your whole life in Those people who are always rushing into eternity. The right or wrong things you now only showing you heaven at the dull-print to get themselves set right accome can think in thirty minutes, the right or est half hour of all the eternities. Come wrong things you can say in thirty minutes, the right or wrong things you can do in thirty minutes are glorious or baleful. inspiring or desperate. Look out for the fragments of time. They are pieces of

> It was the half hours between shoeing horses that made Elihu Burritt the learned blacksmith; the half hours between professional calls as a physician that made Abercrombie the Christian philosopher; the half hours between his duties as schoolmaster that made Salmon P. Chase chief justice: the half hours between shoe lasts that made Henry Wilson vice president of the United States; the half hours between canal boats that made James A. Garfield president.

> The half hour a day for good books or had books, the half hour a day for prayer or indolence, the half hour a day for helping others or blasting others, the half hour before you go to business and the half hour after your return from business-that makes the difference between the scholar and the ignoramus, between the Christian and the infidel, between the saint and the demon, between triumph and catastrophe, between heaven and hell. The most tremendous things of your life and mine were certain half hours.

The half hour when in the parsonage of a country minister 1 resolved to become a Christian then and there; the half hour when I decided to become a preacher of the Gospel: the half hour when I first realized that my son was dead; the half hour when I stood on the top of my house in Oxford street and saw our church burn; the half hour in which I entered Jerusalem; the half hour in which I ascended Mount Calvary; the half hour in which I stood on Mars hill; the half hour in which the dedicatory prayer of this temple was made, and about ten or fifteen other half hours are important events of your existence, but those half hours, like the half hour of my

text, will be immortal. I do not query what you will do with the Twentieth century, I do not query what you will do with 1892, but what will you do with the next half hour? Upon that hinges your destiny. And during that some of you will receive the Gospel and make complete surrender, and during that others of you will make final and fatal re jection of the full and free and urgent and impassioned offer of life eternal. Oh, that the next half hour might be the most glorious thirty minutes of your earthly ex-

Far back in history a great geographer stood with a sailor looking at a globe that of another soldier hurled into the window of | represented our planet, and he pointed to a place on the globe where he thought there was an undiscovered continent. The undiscovered continent was America. The geographer who pointed where he thought there was a new world was Martin Behaim, and the sailor to whom he showed it was Columbus. This last was not satisfied inhaled the odors of food, they burst open | till he had picked that gem out of the sea and set it in the crown of the world's geography. Oh, ye who have been sailing up and down the rough seas of sorrow and sin, let me point out to you another continent, yea, another world, that you may yourselves find a rapturous world, and that is the world a half hour of which we now study. Oh, set sail for it! Here is the ship and here are the compasses.

In other words, make this half hour, be ginning at twenty minutes of twelve by my watch, the grandest half hour of your

life and become a Christian. Pray for a regenerated spirit. Louis XIV, while walking in the garden at Versailles met Mansard, the great architect, and the architect took off his hat before the king. "Put on your hat," said the king, "for the the architect, the rest of the evening kept

can make a Christian, but he is ready this very half hour to accomplish it. A WAY OF STUDYING HEAVEN Again, my text suggests a way of study ing heaven so that we can better understand it. The word "eternity" that we "forever and ever?" I am glad that my text puts under our eye heaven for thirty minutes. As when you would see a great picture you put a sheet of paper into a scroll and look through it, or join your forefinger to your thumb and look through the circle between, and the picture becomes more intense, so this masterpiece of heaven by er to grasping, and it is a quiet heaven. When we discourse about the multitude of heaven it must be almost a nervous shock to those who have all their lives been crowded by many people and who want a quiet heaven.

For the last thirty-five years I have been much of the time in crowds and under public scrutiny and amid excitements, and I have sometimes thought for a few weeks after I reach heaven I would like to go down in some quiet part of the realm with a few friends and for a little while try comparative solitude. Then there are those whose hearing is so delicate that they get no satisfaction when you describe the crash of the eternal orchestra, and they feel like saying, as a good woman in Hudson, N. Y., said, after hearing me speak of the mighty chorus of heaven, "That must be a great heaven, but what will become of my poor head?" Yes, this half hour of my text is a still experience.

"There was silence in heaven for half an hour." You will find the inhabitants all at home. Enter the King's Palace and take only a glimpse, for we have only thirty minutes for all heaven. "Is that Jesus?" "Yes." Just under the hair his instep another mark of a wound made by a spike, and a scar on the palm of the right hand, and a scar on the palm of the left hand. But what a countenance! What a smile! What a grandeur! What a loveliness! What an overwhelming look of kindness and grace! Why, he looks as if he had redeemed a world! But come on. for our time is short. Do you see that row of palaces? That is the Apostolic row. Do you see that long reach of architectural glories? That is Martyr row. Do you see that immense structure? That is the big-

gest house in heaven; that is "the House of Many Mansions." Do you see that wall? Shade your eyes against its burning splendor, for that is the wall of heaven, jasper at the bottom and amethyst at the top. See this river rolling through the heart of the great metropolis? That is the river concerning which those who once lived on the banks of the Hudson, or the Alabama, or the Rhine, or the Shannon "We never saw the like of this say, for clarity and sheen." That is the chief river of heaven-so bright, so Sands street, as compared with what this wide, so deep. But you ask, "Where are the asylums for the old?" I answer, "The inhabitants are all young." "Where are the hospitals for the lame?" "They are all agile." "Where are the infirmaries for the blind and deaf?" "They all see and

hear." "Where are the almshouses for

the poor?" "They are all multimillion-"Where are the inebriate asy aires." lums?" "Why, there are no salcons." 'Where are the graveyards?" "Why, they never die." Pass down those boule vards of gold and amber and sapphire and see those interminable streets built by the Architect of the universe into homes, over the threshold of which sorrow never steps, and out of whose win dows faces, once pale with earthly sickness, now look rubicund with immortal health. "Oh, let me go in and see them?" you say. No, you cannot go in. There are those there who would never consent to let you come up. You say, "Let me stay here in this place where they never sin, where Two doors East of the Howthey never suffer, where they never part." No, no! Our time is short; our thirty minntes are almost gone. Come on! We must get back to the earth before this half hour of heavenly silence breaks up, for in your mortal state you cannot endure the pomp and splendor and resonance when this half

hour of silence is ended. The day will come when you can see heaven in full blast, but not now. I am on! There is something in the celestial appearance which makes me think that the half hour of silence will soon be over. Yonder are the white horses being hitched to chariots, and yonder are scraphs finger ing harps as if about to strike them into symphony, and yonder are conquerors taking down from the blue halls of heaven the trumpets of victory.

Remember, we are mortal yet, and can not endure the full roll of heavenly harmonies and cannot endure even the silent heaven for more than half an hour. Hark! the clock in the tower of heaven begins to strike and the half hour is ended Descend! Come back! Come down till your work is done! Shoulder a little longer your burdens! Fight a little longer your battles! Weep a little longer your griefs! And then take heaven not in its dullest half hour, but in its mightiest pomp, and instead of taking it for thirty minutes take it world without end.

YOUR FIRST HALF HOUR IN HEAVEN. But how will you spend the first half hour of your heavenly citizenship after you have gone in to stay? After your prostration before the throne in worship of im who made it possible for you to get there at all, I think the rest of your first half hour in heaven will be passed in receiving your reward if you have been faithful. I have a strangely beautiful book containing the pictures of the medals struck by the English government in honor of great battles; these medals pinned over the heart of the returned heroes of the army on great occasions, the royal family present; the Crimean medal, the Victoria cross, the Waterloo medal. In your first half hour in heaven in some

way you will be honored for the earthly struggles in which you won the day. Stand up before all the royal house of heaven and receive the insignia while you the chief times of my life. You may forget are announced as victor over the droughts the name of the exact years or most of the and freshets of the farm field, victor over the temptations of the Stock exchange, victor over professional allurements, victor over domestic infelicities, victor over mechanic's shop, victor over the storehouse, victor over home worriments, victor over physical distresses, victor over hereditary depressions, victor, over sin and death and hell. Take the badge that celebrates those victories through our Lord Jesus Christ Take it in the presence of all the galleriessaintly, angelic and divine!

Thy saints in all this glorious war Shall conquer though they die. They see the triumph from afar. And seize it with their eye.

They Don't Mind the Cold. It is not unusual to see a half dozen half grown boys skylarking in Thirty-third street, hatless, coatless, barefooted and barelegged, though the mercury may be fooling around zero. They work in a big wallpaper factory near by and the play hour is between 12 and 1. When you are hustling along with a heavy ulster but-toned to your chin and thinking of something hot inside and then suddenly come across these strapping barefooted lads racing over the frozen streets, dodging among the trucks and shouting, it makes the cold chills run up and down your spine. The cheeks of these boys are fairly aglow with ruddy health, and the frosty paving stones seem to make no more impression on their bare feet than on the iron shod horses. Such a grand thing is youth! Clothing and warmth are but relative terms after all.—New York Herald.

Women Crowding Two Lines of Work. judging from her correspondence and ob-servation all the girls that ambition or necessity compels to be self supporting go evening is damp and cold." And Mansard, into journalism or designing. Having been taught art in the schools or studied it in on his hat. The dukes and marquises special schools, and having failed to paint standing with bare heads before the king the great picture for which the world expressed their surprise at Mansard, but | waits, they write from all parts of the the king said, "I can make a duke or a marquis, but God only can make a Man-methods of taking up the business of description."

women.—New York Sun A Mystery Explained. The papers contain frequent notices of rich, pretty and educated girls eloping with negroes, tramps and coachmen. The well-known specialist, Dr. Franklin Miles, says all such girls are more or less hysterical, nervous, very impulsive unbalanced; usually subject to headache neuralgia, sleeplessness, immoderate cry ing or laughing. These show a weak and nervous system for which there is no remedy equal to Restorative Nervine Trial bottles and a book containing many marvelous cures, tree at A. G. Daley's who also sells and guarantees Dr. Miles celebrated New Heart Cure, the finest of Baltimore and Ohio Time Table. IN EFFECT NOV. 15, 1891.

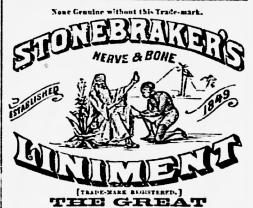
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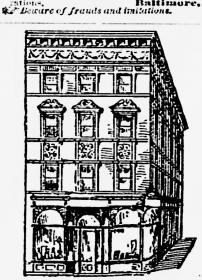
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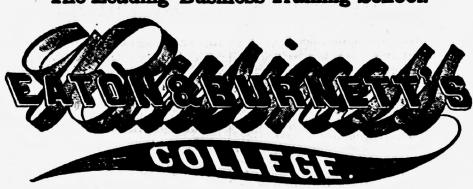
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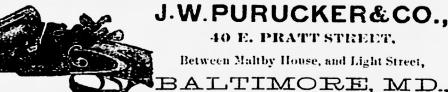
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