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BROOKLYN, Sept. 24.-At the Brooklyn Tabernacle this forenoon Rev. Dr. Talmage preached a sermon of unusual interest to a vast audience, the subject being "The Nineteen Hundredth Anniversary-A Proposition Concerning It." The text was taken from Isaiah ix, 6, "To us a child is born."

That is a tremendous hour in the history of any family when an immortal spirit is incarnated. Out of a very dark cloud them descends a very bright morning. One life spared and another given. All the balls of gladness ring over the cradle. I know not why any one should doubt that of old a star pointed down to the Saviour's birthplace, for a star of joy points down to every hon-

orable nativity.

A new eternity dates from that hour, that minute. Beautiful and appropriate is the custom of celebrating the anniversary of such an event, and clear on into the eighties and nineties the recurrence of that day of the year in an old man's life causes recognition and more or less congratulation. So, also, nations are accustomed to celebrate the anniversary of their birth and the anniversary of the birth of their great heroes or deliverers or benefactors, The 22d of February and the 4th of July are never allowed to pass in our land without banquet and oration and bell ringing and cannonade. But all other birthday anniversaries are tame compared with the Christmas festivity, which celebrates the birthday described in my text.

A CONTINENTAL CHORUS. Protestant and Catholic and Greek churches, with all the power of music and garland and procession and doxology, put the words of my text into national and continental and hemispheric chorus, "To us a child is born," On the 25th of Docem-ber each year that is the theme in St. Paul's and St. Peter's and St. Mark's and St. Isaac's and all the dedicated cathedrals, chapels, meeting houses and churches clear round the world. We shall soon reach the nineteen hundredth anniversary of that happiest event of all time. This century is dying. Only seven more pulsations and its heart will cease to beat. The fingers of many of you will write at the head of your letters and the foot of your important

documents, "1900." It will be a physical and moral sensation unlike anything else you have before experienced. Not one hand that wrote "1801" at the induction of this century will have cunning left to write "1991" at the induction of another. The death of one century and the birth of another century will be sublime and suggestive and stupendous beyond all estimate. To stand by the grave of one century and by the cradle of another will be an opportunity such as whole generations of the world's inhabitants never

I pray God that there may be no sickness or casualty to hinder your arrival at that goal, or to hinder your taking part in the valedictory of the departing century and the salutation of the new. But as that season will be the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of a Saviour's birth I now nominate that a great international jubilee or exposition be opened in this cluster of cities by the seacoast on Christmas day, the 25th of December, 1900, to be continued for at least one month into the year 1901. This century, closing Dec. 31, 1900, and the new century beginning Jan. 1, 1991, will it not be time for all nations to turn

aside for a few weeks or months from everything else and emphasize the birth of the greatest being who ever touched our planet, and could there be a more appropriate time for such commemoration than this culmination of the centuries which are dated from his nativity? You know that all history dates either from before Christ or after Christ, from B. C. or A. D. It will be the year of our Lord 1900 passing into the year 1901. We have had the Centennial at Philadelphia, celebrative of the one hundredth anniversary of our nation's birth. We have had the magnificent expositions at New Orleans and Atlanta and Augusta and St. Louis.

We have the present World's exposition at Chicago, celebrative of the four hundredth anniversary of this continent's emergence, and there are at least two other great celebrations promised for this country, and other countries will have their historic events to commemorate, but the one event that has most to do with the welfare of all nations is the arrival of Jesus Christon this planet, and all the enthusiasm ever any of our American cities would be eclipsed by the enthusiasm that would celebrate the ransom of all nations, the first step toward in the highest, and on earth peace, good will

ITS PRACTICAL ASPECTS. The three or four questions that would be asked me concerning this nomination of time and place I proceed to answer. What practical use would come of such international celebration? Answer-The biggest stride the world ever took toward the evangelization of all nations. That is a grand and wonderful convocation, the religious congress at Chicago. It will put intelligently before the world the nature of false religions which have been brutalizing the nations, trampling womanhood into the dust, enacting the horrors of infanticide, kindling funeral pyres for shricking victims and rolling juggernauts across the mangled bodies of their worshipers.

But no one supposes that any one will be converted to Christ by hearing Confucianism or Buddhism or any form of heathenism eulogized. That is to be done afterward. And how can it so well be done as by a celebration of many weeks of the birth and character and achievements of the wondrous and unprecedented Christ? To such an exposition the kings and queens of the earth would not send their representatives-they would come themselves. The story of a Saviour's advent could not be

told without telling the story of his mission. All the world would say, Why this ado, this universal demonstration? What a vivid presentation it would be when, at such a convocation, the physicians of the world should tell what Christ had done for hospitals and the assuagement of human pain, and when Christian lawyers declare what Christ has done for the establishment of good laws, and Christian con-

querors should tell what Christ had done in the conquest of nations, and Christian rulers of the earth would tell what Ch. " had done in the government of earthly minions. Thirty days of such celebra would do more to tell the world who C is than any thirty years. Not a land one but would hear of it and discuss it.

an eye so dimmed by the superstition of ages but would see the illumination. The difference of Christ's religion from all others is that its one way of dissemination is by a simple "telling"-not argument, not skillful exegesis, polemics or the science of theological fisticuffs, but "telling." "Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy king cometh!" "Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead." "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." "When he is come, he will tell York, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Hoboken, us all things." A religion of "telling." And in what way could all nations so well be told that Christ had come as by such an international emphasizing of his nativity? All India would cry out about such an affair, for you know they have

their railroads and telegraphs, "What is going on in America?" All China would cry out. "What is that great excitement in America?" All the islands of the sea would come down to the gangplanks of the arriving ships and ask, "What is that they are celebrating in America?" It would be the mightiest missionary movement the world has ever seen. It would be the turning point in the world's destiny. It would waken the slumbering nations

with one touch. Question the Second-How would you have such an international jubilee conducted? Answer—All arts should be mar-shaled, and art in its most attractive and impressive shape. First, architecture, architecture, -----

While all academies of music and a churches and all great halls would be needed, there should be one great andi torium erected to hold such an audience as has never been seen on any sacred occasion in America. If Scribonius Curio at the cest of a kingdom could build the first two vast amphitheaters, placing them back to back, holding great audiences for dramatic representation, and then by wonderful machinery could turn them round with all their audiences in them, making the two auditoriums on amphitheater, to witness a gladiatorial contest, and Vespasian could construct the Coliseum with its 80 columns and its tri umplis in three orders of Greek architectare and a capacity to hold 87,000 people scatcd and 15,000 standing, and all for pur

ous Christ a structure large enough to hold 50,000 of its worshipers? A CONGREGATION OF 50,600 PEOPLE. If we go groping now among the ruined imphitheaters of Verona and Pompeii and Capua and Puzzuoli and Tarraco, and then stand transfixed with amazement at their immense sweep that had from 50,000 to 1(0,000 spectators gathered for carousal and moral degradation, could not Christianity afford one architectural achievement that would hold and inthrall its 50,000 Christian disciples? Do you say no human voice could be heard throughout such a building? Ah! then you were not present when at the Boston peace jubilee Parepa easily with her voice enchanted 50,000 au

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And the time is near at hand when in theological seminaries, where our young men are being trained for the ministry, the roice will be developed, and instead of the numbling ministers, who speak with so ow a tone you cannot hear unless you lean forward and hold your hand behind your ear, and then are able to guess the general drift of the subject and decide quite well whether it is about Moses or Paul or some one else-instead of that you will have coming from the theological seminaries all over the land young ministers with voice enough to command the attention of an audience of 59,000 people.

That is the reason that the Lord gives us two lungs instead of one. It is the divine way of saying physiologically, "Be heard!" That is the reason that the New Testament, in beginning the account of Christ's sermon on the mount, describes our Lord's plain articulation and resound of utterance by saying, "He opened his mouth." In that mighty concert hall and preaching place which I suggest for this nineteen hundredth anniversary let music crown our Lord. Bring all the orchestras, all the oratorios, all the Philharmonic and Handel

and Haydn societies. Then give us Haydn's oratorio of the "Creation," for our Lord took part in universe building, and "without him," says John, "was not anything made that was made," and Handel's "Messiah," and Beethoven's "Symphonies" and Mendelssohn's "Ehjah," the prophet, that typified our Christ, and the grandest compositions of German and English and American masters, living or dead. All instruments that can hum or roll or whisper or harp or flute or clap or trumpet or thunder the praises of the Lord, joined to all voices that can chant or warble or precentor multitudinous worshipers. What an arousing when 50,000 join in "Antioch" or "Coronation" or "Ariel," rising into halleluiah or subsiding into an almost supernatural amen!

Yea, let sculpture stand on pedestals all around that building, the forms of apostles and martyrs, men and women, who spoke love for the great central character of all at or suffered by the headsman's ax or fire. Where is my favorite of all arts, this art of sculpture, that is not busier for Christ, or that its work is not better appreciated? Let it come forth at that world's jubilee of the nativity. We want a second Phidias to do for that new temple what the first Phidias did for the Parthenon. Let the marble of Carrara come to resurrcction to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Let sculptors set up in that auditorium of Christ celebration bas-relief and intaglio descriptive of the battles won for our holy religion.

Where are the Canovas of the nineteenth century? Where are the American Thorwaldsens and Chantreys? Hidden somewhere, I warrant you. Let sculpture turn that place into another Acropolis, but more glorious by as much as our Christ is stronger than their Hercules, and has more to do with the sea than their Neptune, and raises greater harvests than their Ceres, and rouses more music in the heart of the world than their Apollo. "The gods of the heathen are nothing but dumb idols, but our Lord made the heavens." In marble pure as snow celebrate him, who came to make us "whiter than snow." Let the chisel as well as pencil and pen be put down at the feet of Jesus.

PAINTING AND FLOWERS. Yea, let painting do its best. The foreign galleries will loan for such a jubilee their witnessed at London or Vienna or Paris or Madonnas, their Angelos, their Rubens, their Raphaels, their "Christ at the Jordan," or "Christ at the Last Supper," or "Christ Coming to Judgment," or "Christ the accomplishing of it being taken by an on the Throne of Universal Dominion, infantile foot one winter's night about five and our own Morans will put their pencils miles from Jerusalem when the clouds dropped the angelic cantata, "Glory to God and our Bierstadts from sketching "The Domes of the Yosemite" will come to present the donies of the world conquered for

Added to this I would have a floral decoration on a scale never equaled. The fields and open gardens could not furnish it, for it will be winter, and that season appropriately chosen, for it was into the frosts and desolations of winter that Christ Immigrated when he came to our world. But while the fields will be bare, the conserva-tories and hothouses within 200 miles would gladly keep the sacred coliseum radiant and aromatic during the convocations. Added to all, let there be banquets, not like the drunken bout at the Metropolitau Opera House, New York, celebrating the centennial of Washington's inauguration, where the rivers of wine drowned the sobriety of so many senators and governors and generals, but a banquet for the poor, the feeding of scores of thousands of people of a world in which the majority of the inhabitants have never yet had enough to eat. Not a banquet at which a few favored men and women of social or political fortune shall sit, but such a banquet as Christ ordered when he told his servants to "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." Let the mayors of cities, and the governors of states, and the president of the United States proclaim a whole week of legal hol-

iday, at least from Christmas day to New Year's day. Added to this let there be at that international moral and religious exposition a mammoth distribution of sacred literature. Let the leading ministers of religion from England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany and the world take the pulpits of all these cities and tell what they know of him whose birth we celebrate. At those convo cations let vast sums of money be raised for churches, for asylums, for schools, for colleges, all of which institutions were born in the heart of Christ. On that day and in that season when Christ gave himself to the world, let the world give itself to him.

WILY AMERICA? Why do I propose America as the country for this convocation? Because most other lands have a state religion, and while all forms of religion may be tolerated in many lands America is the only country on earth where all evangelical deaominations stand on an even footing, and all would have equal hearing in such an intercluster of seacoast cities? Answer-By that | needless display of costly ornaments-in by bridges and tunnels, will be practically one, and with an aggregate population of about 6.000,000. Consequently no other part of America will have such immensity

of population. Why do I now make this nomination of time and place? Answer-Because such a stupendous movement cannot be extemporized. It will take seven years to get ready for such an overtowering celebration, and the work ought to begin speedily in churches, in colleges, in legislatures, i congresses, in parliaments, in all styles of national assemblages, and we have no time to lose. It would take three years to make a programme worthy of such a com-

ing together. Why do I take it upon myself to make such a nomination of time and place? As-swer—Because it so happens that in the

to me every week by the secular and ren gious printing presses and have been open to me every week for many years, with all the cities and towns and neighborhoods of Christendom, and indeed in lands outside of Christendom, where printing presses have been established, and I feel that if there is anything worthy in this proposition it will be heeded and adopted.

On the other hand, if it be too sanguine or too hopeful or too impractical, I am sure it will do no harm that I have expressed my wish for such an international jubilee, celebrative of the birth of our limmanuel. My friends, such a birthday celebration at the close of one century and reaching into a new century would be something in which heaven and earth could join. It would not only be international, but interplanetary, interstellar, intorconstellation. If you remember what occurred on the first Christmas night, you know that it was not a joy confined to our

The choir above Bethlehem was imported from another world, and when the star left its usual sphere to designate the birthplace all astronomy felt the thrill. If there be anything true about our religion, it is that other worlds are sympathetic with this world and in communication with it. The glorified of heaven would join in such a celsbration. The generations that toiled to have the world for Christ would take part in such jubilation and prolonged assemblage. The upper galleries of God's universe would apland the scene, whether we beard the clap of their wings and the shout of their voices or did not hear them.

Prophets who predicted the Messiah, and apostles who talked with him, and martyrs who died for him would take part in the scene, though to our poor eyesight they might be invisible. The old missionaries who died in the malarial swamps of Africa, or were struck down by Egyptian typhus, or were butchered at Lucknow, or were slain by Bornesian cannibals, would come down from their thrones to rejoice that at last Christ had been heard of, and so speed ily in all nations. At the first roll of the first overture of the first day of that meet ing all beaven would cry: "Hear! Hear!" MIGHT HASTEN THE LORD'S COMING. Aye! aye! I bethink myself such a vast

procedure as that might hasten our Lord's

coming, and that the expectation of many millions of Christians, who believe in the second advent, might realize then at that conjunction of the ninetcenth and twentieth centuries. I do not say it would be, yet who knows but that our blessed and adored Master, pleased with such a plan of worldwide observance, might say concerning this wandering and rebellious planet, "That world at last shows a disposition to appreciate what I have done for it, and with one wave of my scarred hand I will bless and reclaim and save it." That such a celebration of our Lord's birth, kept up for days and months, would please all the good of the earth and mightly speed on the gospel chariot and please all the heavens, saintly, cherubic, scraphic, archangelic and divine, is beyond question. Oh, get ready for the world's greatest festivity! Tune your voices for the world's greatest anthem! Lift the arches for the world's mightiest procession! Let the advancing standard of the army of years, which has inscribed on one side of it "1900" and on the other side "1901," have also inscribed on it the most charming name of all the universe-thename of Jesus. Whether this suggestion of a world's celebration of the nativity be taken or not, it has allowed me an opportunity in a somewhat unusual way of expressing my

ime and all eternity. He is the infinite their knees before him. After Bourdaloue before over whelmed audiences, has preached him, and Milton in immortal blank verse has sung him, and Michael Angelo has glorfied the ceiling of the Vatican with his second coming, and martyrs while girdled and canopied with the flames of the stake have with Lurning lips kissed his memory, and in the "hundred and forty and four thousand" of heaven, with feet or seas of glass intershot with sunrise, have with uplifted and down swung baten, and sounding cornets, and waving banners, and beaven capturing doxologies, celebrated him, the story of his loveliness, and his might, and his beauty, and his grandeur, and his grace, and his intercession, and his sacrifice, and of his birth and his death, will remain untold. Be his name on our lips while we live, and when we die, after we have spoken farewell to father and mother and wife and child, let us speak that name

which is the lullaby of earth and the transport of heaven. Before the crossing of time on the mid night between Dec. 31, 1900, and the 1st of January, 1901, many of us will be gone. Some of you will hear the clock strike 12 of one century, and an hour after it hear it strike I of another century, but many of you will not that midnight hear either the stroke of the city clock or of the old timepiece in the hallway of the homestead. Seven years cut a wide swath through churches and communities and

HEAVEN WILL WITNESS IT. But those who cross from world to world before Old Time in this world crosses that midnight from century to century will talk among the thrones of the coming earthly jubilee, and on the river bank, and in the nouse of many mansions, until all heaven will know of the coming of that celebration that will fill the earthly nations with joy and help augment the nations of heaven. But whether here or there, we will take part in the music and the banqueting if we have made the Lord our portion. Oh, how I would like to stand at my front door some morning or noon or night and see the sky part and the blessed Lord descend in person, not as he will come in the last judgment, with fire and hail and earthquake, but in sweet tenderness, to pardon all sin, and heal all wounds, and vipe away all tears, and feed all hunger, and right all wrongs, and illumine all dark-

ness, and break all bondage, and harmonize all discords. Some think he will thus come, but about that coming I make no prophecy. for I am not enough learned in the Scriptures, as some of my friends are, to announce a very positive opinion. But this I do know-that it would be well for us to have an international and an interworld celebration of the anniversary of his birthday about the time of the birth of the new century, and that it will be wise beyond all others' wisdom for us to take him as our present and everlasting coadjutor, and if that darling of earth and heaven will only accept you and me, after all our lifetime of unworthiness and sin, we can never pay him what we owe, though through all the eternity to come we had every hour a new song and every moment a new ascription of homage and praise, for you see we were far out among the lost sheep that the gospel hymn so pathetically describes:

Out in the desert he heard its cry, Sick and helpless and ready to die, But all through the mountains, thunder And up from the rocky steep, There rises a cry to the gate of heaven, "Rejoice, I have found my sheep!"
And the angels echo round the throne,

"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!"

When diamond aigrets are used as bonnet pins and gemmed and enameled watches are flimsily and estentatiously fastened on bodices, it is not strange that thieves should find occupation among the tens of thousands that flock to the fair daily. If good national exposition. Why do I select this taste-that necessarily revolts against a time-Dec. 25, 1900—these four cities of New such places will not induce women to leave jewels at home and to wear watches lessobstrusively, conscience ought to have some weight with them. Many a thief has been made so by opportunity. It is tempting the weak to carry expensive gems where a little strategem is all that is required to seize and conceal them. It is putting a premium on dishonesty to parade bijouterie in a manner to make employment of detectives necessary where simplicity of dress

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would be at once more dignified and less

dangerous. - Cuicage

There is a project in Paris for having all

that we wear waterproof. Some years ago there was an effort to do this in this country by a company of which ex-Secretary McCalloch was president. In a room on Fourteenth street an interesting exhibition was given of a colorless fluid called, if memory is correct, neptunite. On a rack standing in a zine tank hung feminine gear and stuffs of all sorts. The performances used to consist of deluging these with water from a convenient hose, which ran of them like water from a duck's back. On a blue silk bonnet trimmed with pink roses the drops of water chased one another like globules of quicksilver. A stream of water was sent onto a piece of brussels net, and even the holes spurned

it. Velvet rilbons and kid gloves alike repelled water. On ostrich feathers drops of water rested like dew which would not dissolve. Ink was thrown on sitk, and a spray of water drove it off, leaving the material unhurt. A shoe left standing was filled with water, when emptied was dry. It was like a page out of the "Arabian Nights," in which the elements are conquered by unseen powers. The secret lay in the manufacture of the goods, each fiber having pre-MUSICAL IN Repairing a viously been dipped in a liquid which was water repellant. One test is rememberedan army coat held a pint of water 27 hours, which had run through a piece of untreated cloth in three minutes. Nothing, it appears, ever came of the project .- New York

An Organist's Wonderful Feat. We have already mentioned that the office of master of the music in ordinary to the queen, vacant by the resignation of Sir W. Cusins, had been offered to Sir Walter Parratt. The new master's duties will include the direction of the private band and the care of the royal library at Buckingham palace, but various musicians will from time to time be specially appointed to conduct the state concerts. Sir Walter Parratt, who is 52 years of age and is a native of Huddersfield, has all his life been a church organist, and indeed it is said that he first conducted a church service when he was only 7 years old. In 1882 he was transferred from Magdalen college, Oxford, to succeed the veteran Sir George Elvey as organist at St. George's chapel, Windsor, and last year he was knighted. He is an admirable musician and a remarkable chess player, and he is indeed credited with the feat of playing three games of chess blindfolded while simultaneously playing Bach's fugues on the organ.-London Tel-

More Common. Dr. Pulser-What an absurd expression Who ever saw "Patience on a monument?" De Witt-Well, perhaps not, doctor; but I've often seen monuments on your patients .- Truth.



RETIRED BUSINESS WOMAN

A Page From Her History.

The important experiences of others are interesting. The following is no exception: "I had been troubled with heart disease 25 years, much of that time very seriously. For five years I was treated by one physician continuously. I was in business, but obliged to retire on account of my health. A physician told my friends that I could not live a month. My feet and limbs were badly swollen, and I was indeed in a serious condition when a gentleman directed my attention to Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, and said that his sister, who had been afflicted with heart disease, had been cured by the remedy, and was again a strong, healthy woman. I purchased a bottle of the Heart Cure, and in less than an hoar after taking the first dose I could feel a decided improvement in the circulation of my blood. When I had taken three doses I could move my ankles, something I had not done for months, and my limbs had been swollen so long that they seemed almost putrified. Before I had taken one bottle of the New Heart Cure the swelling had all gone down, and I was so much better that I did my own work. On my recommendation six others are taking this valuable remedy."—Mrs. Morgan, 550 W. Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.

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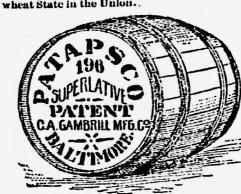
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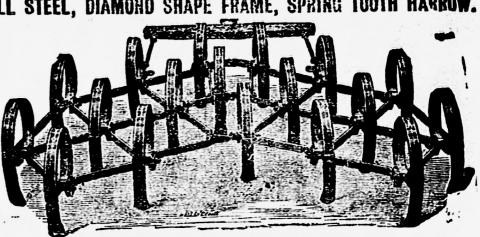


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