JACK FROST'S MISSION. IT IS ELOQUENTIA DEFINED BY DR.

TALMAGE.

The Biting Visitor of Winter Beautifully Pictured As a Painter, Physician, Jeweler and Evangelist-"By the Breath of God Frost Is Given."

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Before the usual throngs that, for nearly 25 years, have gathered in the first, second and third Brooklyn Tabernacles successively Dr. Talmage this forenoon preached this Gospel sermon, after commenting upon an appropriate Scripture lesson and giving out the most inspiriting hymns. The subject was: "The Mission of the Frost." Text : Job xxxvii, 10: "By the breath of God frost is given."

Nothing is more embarrassing to an organist or pianist than to put his finger on a key of the instrument and have it make no response. Though all the other keys are in full play, that one silence destroys the music. So in the great cathedral of nature, if one part fails to praise the Lord the harmony is halted and lost. While fire and hail, snow and vapor, respond to the touch of inspiration, if the frost made no utterance, the orchestral rendering would be hopelessly damaged and the harmony forever inforth as mightily as any of the other Psalms it sounds forth the words: "He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes," and when Job touches it in my text, it resounds with the words: "By the breath of God frost is given."

As no one seems disposed to discuss the mission of Frost, depending on Divine help, I undertake it. This is the first Sabbath of winter. The leaves are have come down over the Highlands down. The warmth has gone out of the horsed on the north wind. England had air. The birds have made their winged her great physicians, but her greatest doctors have been the Andrew Clarkes and the Machanian who appeared the first been scarred by the autumnal equinox. night the fields of England were The huskers have rifled the corn shocks. rimed with white. America The night sky has shown the usual had its great physicians, but meteoric restlessuess of November. her greatest doctors have been the Three seasons of the year are past and the fourth, and last, has entered. Any Motts, who landed from bleak skies the fourth, and last, has entered. Another element now comes in to bless and adorn and instruct the world. It is the frost. The palaces of this king are far your liturgy. It is high time that you up in the Arctic. Their walls are glittering congelation. Windsor Castles and Tuileries and Winter palaces and Kenilworths and Alhambras of ice. Temples with pendant chandeliers of ice | the medicament of continents. It is the Thrones of iceberg, on which eternal salvation of our temperate zone. silence reigns. Theatres on whose stage eternal cold dramatizes eternal winter. already feel his breath in the night it was the first time for wind. By most consider an enemy

"By the breath of God frost is given." First I think of Frost as a painter. before humblest bush in the latter part of September, and begins the sketching that Job study up the frost's genealogical of the leaves. Now he puts upon the line. folinge a faint pallor, and then a touch | A minute before God had asked about great velocity of work. Weerix, the Dutch painter, could make in a summer day three portraits of life size, but the frost in 10 days can paint 10 mountains in life size. It makes the last days of an autumnal wood the days of its chiefest glory. Luxembourgs in the Adiron-dacks, Louvres in the Sierra Nevadas, Vaticans in the White Mountains. The the paintings of the Frost in all lights i the curtain of the morning lifts to the time when the curtain of the night Judgment, but the Frost represents uni-Vinci put upon a few feet of canvas our Lord's "Last Supper" for all ages to ad-Last Supper of the dying year on the heights and lengths and breadths of the

When Titian first gazed upon, a sketch of Correggio he was wrought up into such eestasy that he cried out: "If I were not Titian I would be Correggio," and so great and overpowering are the Queens on celebrative days have come autumnal scenes of our American forests that one force of nature might well exclaim to another: "If I were not the sunlight I would be the frost." Rugendas, the German painter, suffering from weakness in his right hand, laboriously learned to paint with his left hand, but the frost paints with both hands, and has in them more skill than all the Rembrandts and Rubens and Wests and Poussins and Albert Durers and Paul Veroneses and Claudes gathered in one long art gallery. But the door of that great museum of autumnal coloring is now closed for a twelve-months, and another spectacle, just as wonderful, is about to open. I put you on the alert, and ask you to put your children on the alert. Tired of working on the leaves, the frost will soon turn to the window panes. You will soon waken on a cold morning and find that the windows of your home have during the night been adorn with curves, with coronets, with exquisteness, with pomp, with almost supernatural spectacle. Then you will appreciate what my text says, as it de-clares: "By the breath of God frost is

You will see on the window pane, traced there by the frost, whole gardens of beauty, ferns, orchids, daffadis, heliotropes, china asters, fountains, statues, hounds on the chase, rocbucks plunging into the stream, battle scenes with dying and dead, catafalques of kings, triumplial processions, and as the morning sun fire, and bombardment with bursting pensary. What has uncovered and exshell, and illuminations as for some great victory, coronations, and angels on the wing. All night long, while you were sleeping, the frost was working, and you ought not let the warmth obli-Dresden are carefully guarded, and governments protect them, for, once lost, they can never be reproduced, but God sits up in the Royal Galleries of the Frost pictures such as no human art could ever produce, hundreds of thousands of them, only for four or five hours, and then rubs them out, making the place clear for a display just as mag-

nificent the next morning. No one but is a beautiful proverbamong the Hebrews a God could afford to do that. It would bankrupt everything but infinity and

omnipotence. Standing here between the closed doors doors of the transfigured window-glass, 20 feet of where you awaken some December morning you will see richer lace interwoven for your window-panes by Divine finger. "O! if I could see the factories of silk at Lyons," says some one. Why, without leaving your home, Christmas morning you may see where the Lord has spun silken threads about your windows this way and that. Embroideries such as no one but God can

work. Alas! for this glorification of the distant and this belittling of the close-by! This crossing of oceans and paying a high admission in expenses to look at that which is not half as well done as something we can see by crossing our own room, and free of charge. This praising of Raphaels hundreds of years gone, when the greater Raphael, the Frost, will soon be busy at the entrances to your own home.

Next I speak of the frost as a physician. Standing at the gates of New York harbor autumn before last, the frost drove back the cholera, saying.
"Thus far shalt thou come and no farther." From Memphis and New Oricans complete. I am more glad than I can tell that the white key of the frost sounds plague till it reeled back and departed. The frost is a physician that doctors keys, and when David touches it in the cities, nations and continents. He medicines, the world. Quinine for malaria, antifebrile for typhoids, sulphonel for sleeplessness, antispasmodic for disturbed nerves, but in all thereapeutics there is no remedy like the small pellets prepared by the cold, and no physician so skillful or so mighty as the frost. Scotland has had great physicians, but her greatest doctors have been the Abernethies and Abercrombies that the Mackenzies who appeared the first

> while our fingers were benumbed and our ears tingled with the cold. O, it is high time that you add another line to is high time that you enlarge the catalogue of your blessings. Thank God for frost! It is the best of all germicides. It is the only hope in bacteriology. It is

It is the best tonic that God ever gave the human race. It is the only strong stimulate which has no reaction. The Pillars of ice. Arches of ice. Crowns best commentary on it I had while walkof ice. Chariots of ice. Sepulchres of ing near here one cool morning with my ice. Mountains ice. Dominions of brother John, who spent the most of his life as a missionary in China, and in that ice. Eternal frigidity! From those hard, white, burnished portals King Frost descends, and waves his silvery sceptre descends, and waves his silvery sceptre descends. over our temperate zone. You will soon hear his heel on the skating pond. You location of delight from the fact that that "By the breath of God frost is the sensation of frost. We complain of coming here to benumb and hinder and it, we scold it, we frown upon it, when slay, I shall show you that the frost is | we ought to be stirred by it to gratitude,

a friend, with benediction divinely pro-and hoist it on a doxology.

But I must go further, and speak of nounced and charged and surcharged with lessons potent, beneficent and tre- the frost as a jeweler. As the snow is mendous. The Bible seven times alludes frozen rain, so the frost is frozen dew. to the frost, and we must not ignore it. God transforms it from a liquid into a crystal. It is the dew glorified. In the 38th chapter of that inspired drama, the He begins his work on the leaves and Book of Job, God says to the inspired continues it on the window-panes. dramatist, with ecstatic interrogation : With palette covered with all manner of "The hoary frost of Heaven, who hath colors in his left hand, and pencil of gendered it?" God there asks Job if he crystal in his right hand, he sits down knows the parentage of the frost. He

of brown, and then a hue of orange, and the parentage of a rain-drop in words last a flame of fire. The beech and ash and oak are turned first into sunrises and then into sunsets of vividness and splendor. All the leaves are penciled ing Job about the frost. He practically one by one, but sometimes a whole says: "Do you know its father? Do you forest in the course of a few days shows know its mother? In what cradle of the leaves did the wind rock it? The hoary frost of heaven who hath gendered it?' He is a stupid Christian who thinks so much of the printed and bound Bible that he neglects the Old Testament of the fields, nor reads the wisdom and kindness and beauty of God written in blossoms on the orchard, in sparkles on the lakes, in stars on the sky, in frost on work of other painters you must see in the meadows. The greatest jeweler in the right light to fully appreciate, but the painting of the December 1997. ing more wonderful in all crystalloare enchanting, and from the time when graphy. Some morning in December a whole continent is found besprent with diamonds, the result of one night's work drops. Michael Angelo put upon one by this jeweler. Do you make the deceiling his representation of the Last preciatory remark that the frost is impermanent and will last only two or versal conflagration upon 3,000 miles of three hours? What of that? We go stretched-out grandeur. Lenardo da into London Tower and look at the crown jewels of England, but we are in a procession that the guards keep movmire, but the Frost puts the gleaming ing on, and five minutes or less are your chalices of the imperial glories of the only opportunity of looking at those crown jewels, but at the crown jewels bestarred of the frost in parks and fields, you may stand to look deliberately and for hours, and no one to tell you to move

Oh! these regallas and diadems of beauty flung out of Heaven! Kings and riding through the streets throwing handfuls of silver and gold among the people, but the Queen of the Winter Morning is the only Queen rich enough to throw pearls, and the King of Frost the only cribes a necklace of amber given to Penelope, but the frost necklaces a continent. The carcanet of precious stores given to Harmonia had pinions of orange jasper and white moonstone and Indian agate, but it was a misfortune to anyone who owned or inherited it, and its history, generation after generation, was a hisis the good fortune of every morning that owns it.

Frosts! For a long while the Bible seemed lop sided and a disproportionate amount of it given up to the consolatory. Why, page after page and chapter after chapter and book after book in the Bible taken up with alleviations, with pacifications, with condolences. The book seems like an apothecary store with onehalf of the shelves occupied with balsams. Why such a superfiuity of balsams? But after awhile the membraneous croup carries off your child, or your health gives way under the grippe, or your property is swept off by a bad investment, or perhaps all three troubles come at once-bankruptcy, sickness and be reavement. Now the consolatory parts of the Bible do not seem to be disproportionate. You want something off almost all the shelves of that sacred dis-

Put down all the promises of the Bible terate the scene until you have admired on a table for study, and put on one side power. It is also stated that fully oneit, studied it, absorbed it, set it up in the table a man who has never had any your memory for perpetual refreshment, and realized the force and magnitude the table beside him all encyclopædias and realized the force and magnitude and intensity of my text; "By the breath of God frost is given." Oh! what a God we have! What resources are implied by the fact that He is able to do that by the finger of the frost 50 times in one winter and on 100,000 window-panes for thousands of winters. The greet are thousands of winters. The great art galleries of Venice and Naples and Dresden are carefully guarded, and longth and breath of these weathers.

which says: "When the tale of bricks

is doubled, then Moses comes."

For many years, poets and essayists have celebrated the grace and swiftness of the pictured woods and the opening of the Arabian horses. The most wonder-doors of the transfigured window-glass, ful exhibition of horsemanship that I of longing for glorious things in the distance, while we neglect appreciation of glorious things close by. "O! if I could these Arab horses got their fleetness and only go and see the factories of lace at poetry of motion? Long centuries ago, Brussels," says some one. Why, within Mohammed, with 30,000 cavalry on the march, could find for them not a drop of water for three days. Coming to the top of a hill a river was in sight. With wild dash the 30,000 horses started for the stream. A minute after an armed host was seen advancing, and at Mohamon the north side of your own house on | mend's command 100 bugles blew for the horses to fail in line, but all the 30,000 continued the wild gallop to the river, except five, and they, almost dead with thirst, wheeled into line of battle. Nothing in human bravery and self-sacrifice excel that bravery and self-sacrifice of those five Arabian war horses. Those five splendid steeds Mohammed chose for his own use, and from those five came that race of Arabian horses for ages the glory of the equestrian world. And let me say that in this great war of truth against error, of holiness against

sin, and Heaven against hell, the best war-horses are descended from those who, under pang and seif-denial and trouble, answered the gospel trumpet and wheeled into line. Out of great tribulation, out of great fires, out of great frosts they And let me say it will not take long for God to make up to you in the next world all you have suffered in this. As you enter Heaven He may say: "Give this man one of those towered and observation it occurred. colonaded palaces on that ridge of gold overlooking the Sea of Glass. Give this woman a home among those amaranthine blooms and between those fountains tossing in the everlasting sunlight. Give her a couch canopied with rainbows to pay her for all the fatigues of wifehood and which she had no rest for 40 years. Cupbearers of Heaven, give these newly arrived souls from earth the costliest beverages and roll to their door the grandest chariots, and hang on their walls the sweetest harps that ever thrummed to fingers seraphic. Give to them rapture on tapture, celebration on celebration, jubilee, on jubilee heaven on heaven. "They had a hard time on earth earning a livelihood, or nursing sick children, or waiting on querulous old age, or battling falsehoods that were told about them, or were compelled to work after they got short breathed and rheumatic and dim-sighted. Chamberlains of Heaven! Keepers of the King's robes! Banqueters of eternal royalty! Make up to them a hundred fold, a thousand-fold, a million-fold for all they suffered from swaddling clothes to shroud, and let all those, who, whether on the hills, or in the bottle. the temples, or on the thrones, or on jaz-per wall, were helped and sanctified and prepared for this Heavenly realm by the Mission of the Frosts stand up and wave their sceptres!" And I looked, and behold nine tenths of the ransomed rose to their feet, and nine-tenths of the sceptres swayed to and fro in the light of the sun that never sets, and then I understood. far better than I ever did before, that

The Snow Sheds of the Union Pacific. A correspondent of the N.Y.; Obse ver says: "With two and sometimes three engines, our heavy train, now divided into two sections, climbed up the giant wall of the Sierra Nevada. We passed through the magnificent scenery of Shady Run, Blue Canyon and Giant and Emigrant Gaps. In running one hundred and seven miles we had climbed nearly seven thousand feet, sometimes over very steep grades. Before we reached the summit, snow sheds began to appear, and soon became practically continuous. It was the month of May, and the mountains were still covered deep with snow. We rode through forty miles of these wooden tunnels, from whose windows we could now and then catch glances of wild wastes of snowcovered mountains, and at other times of forests of pine and firtrees. Without these sheds it would be impossible to operate the road in winter. They are built in the most thorough manner, often upon solid foundations of masonry, and are separated by iron plates into sections, to guard against the spred of fire. There are automatic electric fire alarms in one of the longest sheds, and an engine with a tank close at hand is kept ready to flood any section that should catch on fire. The sheds are patrolled and guarded in a careful manner. Such attention is due not only to the passenger and freight traffic which the road conducts, but to the value of the sheds, which average from eight to twelve thousand dollars per mile. Several miles, where bridges and precipices made the construction difficult, cost as much as thirty thousand dollars per

Russian Dentistry.

In southern Russia the trade of dentis try seems to be still in its infancy. The dentists in that benighted region use very primitive tools.

When a poor peasant with the tooth ache calls, the rural dentist places his patient upon a little stool and examines into the cause of his pain. If a tooth is to be pulled, he proceeds to pull it without ceremony. For an upper tooth he uses a pair of tongs somewhat like a cobbler's tongs. A few twists, a good sharp pull, and the torture is concluded. King rich enough to throw opals and sapphires and diamonds. Homer desis plenty of pain. When the lower tooth is to be extracted, a different pro-cess is gone through. The tooth is tied tightly with a strong string, a violin string, we are told. The other end of the string is fastened to a hook in the ceiling. All preparations being finished, the dentist stands behind the patient tory of disaster; but the regalia of frost and when the right moment arrives suddenly jerks the stool from under him. Down tumbles the patient, and counts himself fortunate if a piece of his jaw as well as the offending tooth is not left hanging to the hook in the ceiling. We can all remember somewhat similar operations in our early childhood, times when our "first teeth" needed a little help and coaxing to get out of the way of our second. But it seems odd to hear of grown-up people submitting to such rude methods in order to have their teeth drawn. One would think that

they would prefer the toothache.

Scientific Notes. High speed railroad is now engaging the attention of the electric fraternity in Europe. Speeds of 120 to 150 miles per hour are talked of, and electric power is advocated as being equal to the task of producing such rapid movement of

The statement is made that there are more than three hundred companies in he United States that employ electricity in running operations for light and third of the copper refined in this country is treated electrically.

A German has taken out a patent for producing varnish from linseed oil by means of an electric current. The oil after being purified in a proper manner, is then thoroughly mixed and agitated with sulphuric acid and water and subjected to the action of an electric current for two or three hours, so that the oxygen produced in the nascent state by the passage of the current converts the oil into

Invention of the Post-office. The invention of the post-office is ascribed to Cyrus, King of Persia, who

lived about 600 B C. Cyrus required all of his Governors of provinces and chief commanders of I want to cure my folly and your folly ever witnessed was just outside of the troops to write to him exact accounts of everything that occured in their several districts and armies.

> The Persian empire was of vast extent, and some means had to be provided to render that correspondence sure and expeditious. Cyrus therefore caused postoffices to be built and messengers appointed in every province. He found how far a good horse, with an experienced rider, could travel in a day with out being hurt, and then had stables built in proportion, at equal distances from each other. At each of these places he also appointed postmasters, whose duty it was to receive the letters from the couriers as they arrived and give them to others, and to give fresh horses in exchange for those that had performed their part of the journey. Thus the post went continually night and day, rain or snow, heat or cold, and Cyrus received speedy news of all oc-currences, and sent back whatever orders he considered necessary.
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> Darius, the last King of the ancient Persians, was superintendent of them efore he came to the throne.

A Curious War Incident. There are many curious but true instance of presentiments such as the following, which is told by a Pennsylvania jurist, under whose personal

"On Sunday morning, May 3, 1863, Mrs. Lansford F. Chapman, wife of the gallant soldier who was then in Virginia and in command of the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, attended services in the church to which notherhood and housekeeping, from she belonged, in Mauch Chunk. Shortly after the service had begun she was suddenly taken very ill. Friends came to her assistance, and when she became able she gasped, 'The Major has been kill-ci in battle.'

"This statement was found afterward to be strictly correct. He was killed while leading his comrades in a charge against the cnemy at Chancellorsville in the midst of the severest fighting of that sanguinary engagement. He was killed, so far as can be learned, at the very moment his wife became ill. General Geary, commanding the division of which the Twenty eighth formed a part, saw him fall, and dismounted and marked the spot where he fell,"

An inebriated philosopher remarks that a beer in the hand is worth two in



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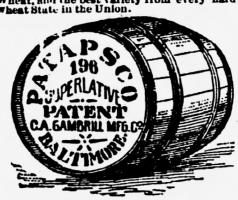
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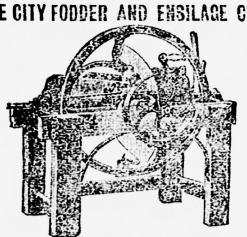
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