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Points Out the Way For the American People to Perform a Mighty Work-They Hold the Key to the World's Redemption.

[Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1899.] WASHINGTON, June 4.—In this discourse Or. Talmage steers clear of the political entanglements of our time and recommends that which will meet the approva of all who hope for the perpetuity of our republic and the welfare of other lands; text, Genesis xxviii, 14, "Thou shalt spread abroad to the west and to the

Since the Americano-Hispanic war is concluded and the United States embassador is on the way to Madrid and the Spanish embassador is on the way to Washington the people of our country are divided into expansionists and antiexpansionists. From a different standpoint from that usually taken I discuss this all absorbing theme. I leave the political aspect of this subject to statesmen and warriors and pray Almighty God that they may be enabled to rightly settle the question whether the islands in controversy shall be finally annexed, or held under protectorate, or resigned to themselves, while I call attention to the fact that a campaign of moral and religious expansion ought to be immediately opened on widest and grandest scale. At the close of this war God has put into the hands of this country the key to the world's redemption. Heretofore the religious movement in pagan lands had to precede the educational. After in China and India and the islands of the sea the missionaries have labored over 50 or 75 years the printing press and the secular tage than ever before religious and secular enlightenment may go side by side, and so the work be accomplished in short time and more thoroughly. Starting with the fact that in Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands at least three-fourths of the people can neithe read nor write, what an opportunity for school and printing press! Within five years every man in those islands may be taught to read not only the Bible, but the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States and the biography of George Washington and of

Abraham Lincoln. It seems to me that the government of the United States ought by vote of congress afford common schools and printing presses to those benighted regions. Our national legislature by one vote appropriated \$50,000,000 to give bread and medicine to Cuba. Why not by a similar generosity give \$50,000,000 for feeding and healing the minds and souls of those ignorant and besotted archipelagoes. In the name of God. I nominate a school for every neighborhood of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. As soon as the gavel falls at 12 o'clock of next Dec. 4 on the table of senate and house of repre sentatives and the roll has been called and the preliminaries observed let some member of our national legislature, with mind and soul and voice strong enough to

be heard not only through those halls. but through Christendom, propose a measure for the mental and moral disenthrallment of the islands in controversy. Higher Civilization. What has made American civilization the highest civilization the world has ever seen? Next to the Bible and the church, schools, common schools, schools reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from British America to the gulf of Mexico. Five years under such educational advantages and the whole subject

that keeps our public men agitated, some of them to frothing at the mouth, will settle itself. Give those islands readers, spellers, arithmetics, histories, blackboards, maps, geographies, globes. Let the state legislatures at their next meeting, some of them assembling in early autumn, take parts of those islands under their especial educational patronage. What is needed is state and national ac-

tion in this mater of schools. Then let the editorial associations of the United States, as many of such organizations as there are states, resolve at the next convocation to establish in every region of those islands a printing press, to be supported by people of this country until it can become self supporting. Each of these state editorial associations sending out to those islands at least one editor and two reporters and cough typesetters, down will go the ignorance and superstition of those islands as certainly as the Spanish fleet under Cervera sank under the pounding of our American battleships, and into their every port will go intelligence and love of free institutions as certainly as into the harbor of Manila went Admiral Dewey on that famous

night when he was not expected. Hoe's printing press! Nothing can stand before its bombardment. Editors of American newspapers and publishers of American books! Take the ordination for such a magnificent service. Eloquence on yonder Capitol hill cannot meet the exigency. Epigrams of political platforms

or in state legislatures will not hasten the desired consummation one week or one hour or one moment. When Cubans and Porto Ricans and Filipinos see the morning and evening newspapers thrown into the doorways and hawked along the streets of Havana and Santiago and Manila, those who cannot read by the force of curiosity will learn to read so that they may know what information is being scattered, and that which may be missionary effort at

the start and carried on by Americans sent forth to do the work will soon be done by educated natives. Porto Rican editors! Porto Rican reporters! Porto Rican typesetters! Porto Rican publishers! It was a great mercy to take those islands from under the heels of despotism, but it will be a mightier mercy to emancipate them from ignorance and degradation. The expansion of the knowledge and intellectual qualification of all those islandy regions is the desire of all intelligent Americans. Awake all you schools and colleges and universities and printing

presses to our opportunity! Open the Door For Christianity Still further, here is a wide open door for Christianity. First of all, we have the attention of those people. The heathen nations are for the most part soporific. The American missionaries heretofore had great difficulty in getting heathendom to listen. They excited some comment by their attire, so different was the parting of the hair, and the shape of the hat, and the cut of the coat, and the formation of the shoe of the evangelizers, but the questions constantly arose in regard to the missionary: "Who is he?" "What is he here for?" And then the Interrogator would relax into the previous stupid indifference. But that consay on any subject. Now is the time,

while their ears and eyes are wide open, to tell them of the rescuing and salvable and inspiriting power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. The steam printing press which seenlar education plants there may be used and will be used to print religious newspapers and tracts and sermons and mighty discussions of questions temporal and éternal. The comfortable homes of those popu-

lutionary for good. The Porto Rican and CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

the Filipino will come out from his uncleansed and low roofed and uninviting kennel and say to his neighbor of beautiful household, "Why cannot I have things as you have them?" And when he finds that it is the Bible, with its teachings on family life and personal purity and exalted principle, and the church of God that proposes the rectification of not Cuba and the Bahamas? If Asia all evil and the implantation of all good, why not the Philippines and the Mo he will cry out, "Give me the Bible, and the church, and the earthly alleviations. and the eternal hope which have wrought for you such transfiguration."

A Splendid Opportunity.

Now, church of God, now all Christian

philanthropists, is your opportunity. Nothing like it has occurred since Christcame. Perhaps there may be nothing like it till his second coming. Here is a definiteness of aim that is most helpful and inspiring. The millions of dollars given for the redemption of the world and the thousands of glorious missionaries who have as volunteers gone forth among barbaric nations, were given and enlisted under a great and immeasurable idea. But when they come to add to the great and immeasurable idea the idea of definiteness we will infinitely augment the work. More than 300,000,000 of heathen in India, more than 300,000.000 of people in China, and more than millions of heathen than can be guessed outside of those countries, sometimes stagger and confound and defeat our faith. But here in these islands of present controversy we can farm out the work among the churches, and in five years, under the blessing of God, not only fit the people for the right of suffrage, but prepare them for usefulness and heaven. The difference between the general idea of the world's evangelization and some particularized field of evangelization is the difference between the improvement of agriculture among all nations and the improvement of 75 acres put under one's especial care and industry. By all means let the general work go on. But here school came in. Now to better advanish the specific field for religious concentration and development. This is not chimerical or impractical. I read this morning that the American Missionary association of the Congregational Church has already begun the work at San Juan, Utuado and Albonito, and all denomina ions of Christians, in six months, will be in those islandy fields, and we all need with our prayers and contributions to cheer them on to take for God and righteousness those regions which our American navy has captured from Span-

> It has been estimated that this Americo-Spanish war cost us \$300,000,000. It would not cost half of that to proclaim and carry on and consummate a holy war that will rescue those archipelagoes from satanic domination. Who will volunteer? I beat the drum of a recruiting Who will enlist under the one station. starred, blood striped banner of Immanuel? Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippines are stepping stones for our American Christianity to cross over and take the round world for God. We need a new evangelical alliance organized for this one purpose. In all denominations there are those with large enough hearts and who have been thoroughly enough converted to join in such an advanced movement; men who, putting aside all minor differences of opinion, "believe in God the gotten Son." and who would march shoulder to shoulder in such a gospel eampaign. The result would be that those islands, after a scene of gospelization, would assort themselves into denominations to suit themselves, and some would be sprinkled in holy baptism, and others would be immersed in those warm rivers, and some would worship in religious assemblage silent as the Quaker meeting house, and others would have as many jubilant ejaculations as a backwoods camp meeting, and some of those who preached would be gowned and surpliced for the work, and others would

ish perfidy.

stand in citizen's apparel or in their shirt sleeves preaching that gospel which is to save the world. Religious Education. Mark you well that statesmanship, lowever grand it is, and wise men of the world, however noble, cannot do this work. Mere secular education does not moralize. Some of the most thoroughly educated men in all the world have been the worst men. Quicken a man's intellect while at the same time you do not make his morals good, and you only augment his power for evil. Geography and mathematics and metaphysics and philosophy will never qualify a people to govern themselves. A corrupt printing press is worse than no printing press at all, but let loose an open Bible upon those fly over them and you will prepare them to become either colonies of the United States government or, as I hope will be the case, independent republics. God did not exhaust himself when he built this nation. Those islands will yet have their Thomas Jeffersons, qualified to write for them declarations of independence; and George Washingtons, capable of achieving their liberties; and Abraham Lincolns, strong enough to emancipate their serfdoms; and Longfellows and Bryants, capable of putting their hills and their rivers and their land scapes into poems; and their Bancrofts and Prescotts to make their histories and their Irvings to write their sketch pooks; and their Charles O'Conors and Rufus Choates to plead in their court

rooms; and their Daniel Websters and

John J. Crittendens to move their sen

The day cometh-hear it all ye who have no hope for those islands of bedwarfed and diseased illiterates-the day cometh when those regions will have a Christian civilization equal to that which this country now enjoys, while I hope by that time this country will be as superior to what it now is as today Washington and New York are better than Manila and Santingo. Do you see by this process of gospelized intelligence those archipelagoes will as a nation be protected from the two woes prophesied in regard to this country, the one woe prophesied by the expansionists and the other woe prophesied by the antiexpansionists? It is said by those who would have us take all we can lay our hands on as a nation that unless we enter the door now open for the enlargement of our national domain we will decline the mission which God in his providence has assigned us. But surely no woe will come upon us or upon them if we Christianize them, as we now have the opportunity of doing. The political technicalities are nothing as compared with the importance of this movement. I implore all political expansionists to augment us in this work of moral and religious expansion, for unless those islands are moralized and elevated in intelligence and habits we do not want them, and their annexation would be political damnation. On the other hand, I implore all antiexpansionists to take a hand in the gospelization of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. The dition of things has passed. The guns of only way to prepare them to take care of our American navy have awakened those themselves is to give them the Ten Compopulations. They do not ask who we mandments that were published on Mount are. They have found out. They are | Sinai and let them hear the groan of sacnow listening to what American civiliza- rifice that was breathed out on the tion and our Christian religion have to heights of Golgotha. What they most want is the gospel, the pure gospel, the omnipotent gospel, the gospel that helps heal the wounds of the body, and irradi-

ates the darkness of the mind and achieves the ransom of the soul. Conquest of Nations. But on this platform the so called expansionists and so called antiexpansion ists will yet stand side by side. Though I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, within five years, if this religio-educational work is properly atlations, when Christianized, standing tended to, there will be a Cuban repubside by side with the degraded huts of lic, a Porto Rican republic and a Philthose who remain pagans, will be revolippine republic, none of them on a large scale, but they will all have their schools and printing presses and evangelical churches, their presidents, their senates and house of representatives, their mayors and their constabularies, and as good order will be observed in their cities as now reigns on Pennsylvania avenue,

Washington, or Broadway, New York.

Christ has started for the conquest of

the nations, and nothing on earth or in

hell can stop it. The continents are rap-

not these islands, which for the most

part are only fragments broken off from continents, the interval lands having been sunk by earthquakes, allowing the ocean to take mastery over them? Each mother continent has around it a whole family of little continents. If the conti nents are being so rapidly evangelized The Soldier's Mission. why not the islands? If America, why luccas? If Europe, why not the Azores

can lift them into evangelization. In the old book, which has become new book by reason of modern discoveries, especial attention is called to the is-"Declare the Lord's praise in the islands," commands Isaiah. "Let the multitudes of the islands be glad thereof," says the Psalmist. "All the islands of the heathen shall worship him," writes Zephaniah. "He shall turn his face to the islands," prophesies Daniel. "The inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee," foretells Ezekiel. "Hear it and declare it to the islands afar off," exclaims Jeremiah. You see from this the slands are not to be neglected. Perhaps they are the Lord's favorites, as in house holds if there is any favoritism at all it is for the weakest. The islands too small to take care of themselves have the eternal God to take care of them. Let nations look out how they tread on the islands, however small and weak, for they are omnipotently defended. They may not be able to marshal large armies or to send out navies to sweep the sea, but better than that, they have the chariots of heaven on their side and the drawn swords of the Almighty. I have as much faith in the salvation of the smallest island of the Falklands, of the Canaries, of the Ladrones, of the Carolines, of the Fijis, of the Barbodoes, of the Cape Verdes, of the Society islands as I have in the salvation of America. Obey the Divine Law.

and the Orkneys? If Africa, why no

Madagascar and St. Helena? The same

power that broke them off the mainland

continents themselves are only larger islands, and the world in which we live is only a still larger island, and the solar system is a group of islands, and the universe is an archipelago studded with islands of worlds surrounded by the great ocean of infinitude and immensity. So you see when God planned the universe he diagrammed it into islands, and he will look after the interest of each of those islands, however small, and England and Holland and France and Ger many and America must not treat the smallest and weakest island that come. under their sway any different from the way they treat the strongest nation of all the earth. God may chiefly deal with individuals in the next world, but he deals with nations only in this world. and when persistently a nation practices injustice against other people it is only a nuestion of time when the offender will find his doom. The path of time is strewn with the carcasses of nations that because of their maltreatment of other nations perished. The higher such

offending empires rise the harder will be their fall. I believe the United States government will last as long as the world lasts. I believe the fires of the judgment day will leap on the domes of our state and national capitols while yet they are in their full power. I believe the last earth-Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and quake will put in its explosion under our earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only be- national foundations while yet they stand ocratic form of government will be the universal form of government for all nations when they have been evangelized, for then the nations will be capable of self government and will have demanded and secured that right. It will be either that or a theocracy, which will be the direct government of Christ in his personal reign on earth, as many Bible students believe. Yet that jubilant expectation is founded not on the skill of human states nanship or human legislation, but upon the belief that this nation will submit to divine guidance, and obey the divine law, and carry out its divinely imposed mission. But if we defy the God of nations

our doom is fixed. It required the pen of an Edward Gibon, through four great volumes of more than 500 pages each, to tell the story of 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Emoire," concluding his monumental work with the words: "It was among the ruins of the capital that I first conceived the idea of a work which has amused and exercised nearly 20 years of my life, and which, however inadequate to my own wishes, I finally deliver to the curiosity and candor of the public." What, the Roman empire dead! Did she lack warriors? No. Behold her Pompey and her Julius Caesar. Did she lack lawmakers and lawgivers? No. Think of the masters of Roman jurisprudence, our Amerislands and let the apocalyptic angel once | ican attorneys today quoting those laws in our courtrooms more than 15 centuries after they were enacted. In poetry did she not have her Virgil and Ovid? In history did she not have her Sallust and her Livy? In eloquence did she not have her Scipio and Cicero? In satire did she not have a Juvenal and a Horace? What pens were wielded by her Cato, and her Terence, and her Pliny! All nations heard the cry of her war eagles, the voices of her oratory and the chime of her cantos. But the day of judgment came for that nation, and Hannibal crossed the Apennines, and the Goths and Vandals swooped, and the Carthaginian fleet assailed, and Numidian horsemen galloped and nations combined, and Rome sank The tourist now on the banks of the Tiber sees the ruins of her forum, the ruins of her Coliseum, the ruins of her art, the ruins of her aqueducts, the ruins of her catacombs, the ruins of her palaces. The Nation's Duty.

If our nation forgets its duty to other

nations and practices injustice against other people, however insignificant, i will not take another Edward Gibbon 20 years and through four great volume to tell the story of the decline and fall of American institutions. By so much as our opportunities have been greater than any nation that ever lived, and the mission to which she has been ordained is more stupendous than any bestowed by the Almighty upon any people, if we forget our God and enact wickedness our overthrow will be quicker and more tremendous, and yonder capitoline hill, with its architectural magnificence, will become a heap of gigantic ruins, to be visited by the people of other times and other nations, who will read in letters of crushed and crumbled marble that which David wrote many hundred years ago upon parchnent, "The way of the wicked he turneth upside down." We concluded a few days ago the annual decoration of northern and southern graves. Three years ago, at this season, n memorial sermon I proposed the twist ing of two garlands, one to be put upon the grave of the northern soldier and the other to be put on the grave of the southern soldier, but this year we need three ard. garlands, the third to be put upon the graves of those who fell in this Americo-Hispanic conflict. The third garland needs to be quite as fragrant and as radiant as the other two. These last heroes braved more than bayonets and bombshell; they braved the pestiferous breath of the tropics, whole battalions, whole regiments, whole brigades, whole armies of deathful malaria. They confronted those oppositions of the torrid climes which no sword can pierce, no agility climb, no stratagem flank, no torpedo explode, no courage conquer. Under the awful charge of visible and invisible

hosts about 6,000 men went down, some to instant death and others through lingering pangs in hospital. It in this third wrenth you twist the crimson rose, suggestive of sanguinary sacrifice, and the white calla lily, suggestive of glorious resurrection, put in also a few forgetmenots, suggestive of remembrance, and a few passion flowers, suggestive of the love that mourns the slain, and a few heliotropes, suggestive of the fragrance of their memory. Then let the night's dew put the tears into the blue eyes of the violets and all the soldiers' cemeteries be so many censers burning incense before the throne of that God who has been the friend of this nation from the time of Lexington to the

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Chart thicking idly rolling into his dominion, and why Bignature

time of San Juan hill, from the guns of the United States warships Constitution and Constellation, at the beginning of the century, to the guns of the United States warships Olympia, Oregon, Brooklyn and other loaded thunders, at the close of

Remember here and now that those brave boys opened up the way for a kind of expansion we all believe in. They swung open the gates for the speedy gospelization of islands stupid with the superstition of ages. They cleared the way for missionaries and Bibles. They set those islands free. Leaving to the Unit ed States government to decide what shall be the political destiny of those peoples let us all join in a campaign of religious expansion, expansion of affection that can take all the world in, expansion of our theologies until none shall reject their broad invitation, expansion of hope that embraces eternity as well as time, expansion of effort that will not cease till the whole earth is saved and the time arrives when the prophecy shall be fulfilled and "they shall come from the north and the south and the east and the west and sit down in the kingdom of God, and the last shall be first and the first last." Week before last, in this capital of the nation, we set three nights on fire in cele-

bration of naval and soldierly heroics, and there were rockets of fire, and spouting fountains of fire, and bombardments of fire, and ships of fire sank in billows of fire, and those three nights were three garlands of fire; but now we are in softer and quieter mood, and the three garlands of today are woven of blossoms and corollas of all colors and all pungencies of aroma, and we bethink ourselves that this third garland was needed to chain together the northern garland of other decorative times to the southern garland of other decorative times. Floral chain of three links! For the first time in 60 years the north and south stand in complete brotherhood. Heroes of Vermont and Alabama, of Massachusetts and South Carolina, of Maine and Louisiana. shoulder to shoulder! May that alliance remain until the last oppression is extirpated from the earth and all nations stand in the liberty with which Christ would make all people free.

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When that last piece of asphalt is welded to the other piece, Broad street will have four unique distinctions-it will be the longest asphalted street in the world. for 11 miles is of even width, and this width will be the greatest ever obtained by any one street in the world that it will be the only street in the world that by any one street in the world for a course of 11 miles; it will be the straightest street for its length in the world, for from tip to tip, from League island to the county line, it does not vary for an inch except around Penn square.

Did you know all these facts before? think not. Broad street measures a fine white line 11 miles from tip to tip through the heart of the great city. Only seven miles of that is asphalted, but that seven miles is longer than any other asphalted street in the

Old York road, which is a part of Broad street, stretches along for about 20 miles with a roadbed of fine macadam. If one wishes to define macadam as pavement then Broad street ambles along for 31 miles as a paved road. There is no such figure as this in the public works of any other city in the world. That a carriage can drive out a road

and make only one turn in 31 miles, and that road be of equal width and fine under foot, is a remarkable thing to say of any thoroughfare in any city. Broad street is 113 feet wide and does not vary through the great swing of distance. It is 69 feet wide from curb to curb. There is no street in the world that shows off so superbly in a parade. Thirtyfive men can walk abreast in a parade, and 38 men can be crowded in on a close

march. These are not figures to be despised The little part that remains to be asphalted is paved. It is a space of 800 feet, from Vine to Hamilton streets, where the Reading subway is built. The subway bridge is now complete, and while Broad street remains a paved street from end to end, 800 feet is in granite blocks and not asphalt, of which it must be to make the street that thing of marvelous architectural beauty which Philadelphians have now determined upon. - Philadelphia

He Was Not a Coward, In the two days of real fighting before Santiago men of the different regiments became mixed and for a time were lost to their comrades. This condition gave ris to the report that a certain few men had shown the "white feather." One of the officers of General Lawton's division observed among his men a colored trooper of the Tenth cavalry. On being questioned the man explained that he had lost his command and asked to be allowed to remain where he was.

He staid and did fine service that day None of his white comrades were able to outdo him in deeds of bravery. He twice risked his life in assisting wounded men to places of safety, but each time escaped uninjured. That night he asked the officer whom he

had met earlier in the day to give him a note to his own commander, accounting for his absence and certifying to his good conduct. This was willingly done, and with the precious paper clasped tightly in his hand, under cover of darkness he started in search of his own command.

The next morning at dawn Lieutenant started on a search for wounded men of his division and happened to stumble over a prostrate body. He immediately recognized the brave cavalryman of the day before, who was fast losing conscious

After struggling a moment for strength to speak the prostrate man held up his little slip of paper and said, "Give it to Captain A. of L troop, if you can find him, and tell him Williams wasn't a cow Then, with a look of satisfaction in his eyes, his hand dropped to his side, and he

was dead .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

One soldier boy whose reputation for veracity has never been questioned tells the following story of a hospital experience during his stay in Cuba.

"You see," he said, "I was lying on a cot with the chills running up and down my back so fast you couldn't count them Well, I was begging to bet with myself that I could have more chills in two seconds than any other man in the institution when some fellows walked in and stood next to my cot. I was feeling pretty tough, but turned over to hear what they " 'What are you going to do?' asked an

officer in a gruff voice as three men walked past with a stretcher containing dead bodies. "Going to bury these poor fellows or the hill,' answered one of the trio. "'How many have you there?' asked the officer.

" 'What! What time is it?' cried th

and get out of that place."-Detroit Free

"'Four o'clock, sir,' answered the pri-" 'Well, 'snapped the officer as he walked away, 'don't be in a hurry. Wait till o'clock and take a load,' "Say," concluded the soldier boy, "It didn't take me many hours to get well

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