MORAL EXPANSION.

DR. TALMAGE ON OUR DUTY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Leaving Political Questions to the Statesmen, He Gives His Views of What We Should Do For Their Religious Welfare.

[Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1899.] Washington, June 4. - In this discourse Dr. Talmage steers clear of the political entanglements of our time and recommends that which will meet the approval 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 east." 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 than 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 rightly to 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.

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 better advantage than ever before rethoroughly. Starting with the fact that in Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands at least three-fourths of the people can neither 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 echool 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 representatives 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 measnre for the mental and moral disenthrallment of the islands in controversy.

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 gulf of Mexico. Five years under such educational advantage, and this 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 action in this matter of schools.

Work of the Printing Press. 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 | Americo-Spanish war cost us \$300,000,- lowing the ocean to take mastery over 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 enough typesetters, down will go the ignorance and superstition of those islands as certainly as the Spanish fleet under Cervera sank under the pounding cf 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 bill 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 mo-

When Cubans and Porto Ricans and Filipinos see the morning and evening newspapers thrown into the doorways and hawked along the streets of Hayana 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 these islands from under the

presses, to your opportunity!

heretofore had great difficulty in getting heathendom to listen. They excited some comment by their attire, so 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 inhas passed. The guns of our American navy have awakened those populations. They do not ask who we are. They have found out. They are now listening to what American civilization and our Christian religion have to say on any subject. Now is the time, while their ears and eyes are wide open, to Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. The steam printing press which secular education plants there may be used and will be used to print religious newspapers and tracts and sermons and At the close of this war God has put | mighty discussions of questions temporal and eternal.

Influence of Homes.

The comfortable homes of those populations, when Christianized, standing rectification of all evil and the implan tation of all good, 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.' Now, church of God, now, all Chris-

tian philanthropists, is your opportun-

ity! Nothing like it has occurred since Christ came. 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 three hundred million of heathen in India, more than three hundred million of people in China and more 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 is 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 their cities as now reigns on Pennsyl begun the work at San Juan, Utuado vania avenue. Washington, or Broadand Albonito, and all denominations of way. New York. Christians in six months will be in those islandy fields, and we all need with our prayers and contributions to in hell can stop it. The continents are cheer them on to take for God and rapidly rolling into his dominion, and righteousness those regions which our American navy has captured from most part are only fragments broken off

Spanish perfidy. 000. It would not cost half of that to them? Each mother continent has a holy war that will rescue those archi- tinents. If the continents are being so pelagoes from satanic domination. Who rapidly evangelized, why not the iswill volunteer? I beat the drum of a recruiting station. Who will enlist under the one 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 Father thereof," says the psalmist. "All the Almighty, Maker, of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten him," writes Zephaniah. "He shall Son," and who would march shoulder to shoulder in such a gospel campaign. The result would be that those islands, after such 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 stand in citizen's apparel or in their shirtsleeves preaching

that gospel which is to save the world. Religious Teaching Needed. Mark you well that statesmanship.

heels of despotism, but it will be a nowever grand it is, and wise men of mightier mercy to emancipate them the world, however noble, cannot do from ignorance and degradation. The this work. Mere secular education does expansion of the knowledge and intel- not moralize. Some of the most thorlectual qualification of all those islandy oughly educated men in all the world regions is the desire of all intelligent have been the worst men. Quicken a Americans. Awake, all you schools and man's intellect, while at the same time colleges and universities and printing you do not make his morals good, and you only augment his power for evil. Still further, here is a wide open door | Geography and mathematics and metafor Christianity. First of all, we have phsyics and philosophy will never qualithe attention of those people. The fy a people to govern themselves. A heathen nations are for the most part | corrupt printing press is worse than no soporific. The American missionaries printing press at all, but let loose an open Bible upon those islands and let the apocalyptic angel once fly over them, and you will prepare them to different was the parting of the hair 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, difference. But that condition of things | 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 landscapes into poems; and their Bancrofts and Prescotts, to make their histories; and their Irvings, to write their Sketch Books: and their Charles O'Conors tell them of the rescuing and salvable and Rufus Choates, to plead in their and inspiriting power of the gospel of courtrooms; and their Daniel Websters and John J. Crittendens, to move their

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 side by side with the degraded huts of as today Washington and New York those who remain pagans will be revo- are better than Manila and Santiago. over 50 or 75 years the printing press lutionary for good. The Porto Rican Do you see by this process of gospelized and the secular school came in. Now to and the Filipino will come out from intelligence those archipelagoes will as this uncleansed and low roofed and un- a nation be protected from the two ligious and secular enlightenment may inviting kennel and say to his neighbor woes prophesied in regard to this coungo side by side, and so the work be ac- of beautiful household, "Why cannot I try-the one woe prophesied by the excomplished in short time and more have things as you have them?" And pansionists and the other woe prophwhen he finds that it is the Bible, with esied by the antiexpansionists? It is its teachings on family life and per- said by those who would have us take sonal purity and exalted principle, and | all we can lay our hands on as a nation the church of God that proposes the 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 only way to prepare them to take care of themselves is to give them the Ten Commandments that were published on Mount Sinai and let them hear the groan of sacrifice that was breathed out on the 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 irradiates the darkness of the

One Platform For All.

mind and achieves the ransom of the

But on this platform the so called expansionists and so called antiexpansionists 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 attended to, there will be a Cuban republic, a Porto Rican republic and a Philippine 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

Christ has started for the conquest of the nations, and nothing on earth or why not these islands, which for the from continents, the interval lands It has been estimated that this having been sunk by earthquakes, alproclaim and carry on and consummate around it a whole family of little conlands? If America, why not Cuba and the Bahamas? If Asia, why not the Philippines and the Moluccas? If Europe, why not the Azores and the Orkneys? If Africa, why not Madagascar and St. Helena? The same power that broke them off the mainland can lift

them into evangelization. In the old book, which has become a new book by reason of modern discoveries, especial attention is called to the islands. "Declare the Lord's praise in the islands," commands Isaiah. "Let the multitudes of the islands be glad islands of the heathen shall worship 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 islands are not to be neglected. Perhaps they are the Lord's favorites, as in households, 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 natives 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

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The 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 Germany and America must not treat the smallest and weakest island that comes 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 question 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

Perpetuity of Our Government.

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 capitals while yet they are in their full power. I believe the last earthquake will put its explosion under our national foundations while yet they stand firm. I believe that Republican ment 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 foundthe 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 Gibbon, through four great volumes of more than 500 pages each, to tell the story of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," concluding his monumental work with the words, "It was among the ruins of the capital that l first conceived the idea of a work which has amused and exercised near 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 Cæsar. Did she lack lawmakers and lawgivers? No. Think of the masters of Roman jurisprudence, our American 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

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Hannibal crossed the Apennines, and

Pennsylvania Preacher's Argument. Negro ministers here have an-

nounced that on next Sunday they will preach on a book, a copy of which has just reached here, by the Rev. Gottlieb C. H. Hasskari, D. D., pastor of the Second Lutheran church, of Chambersburg, Pa. Dr. Hasskari's book professes to prove by scriptural history that the negro is not descended from Adam and Eve and is not of the progeny of Ham, but is Darwin's missing link. He affirms that the negro's main superiority over the gorilla, ourang outang and baboon is that he utters sounds that could be imitated and understood by Adam. Hence conversation ensued between them. He says the negro in the capacity of a beast entered Noah's ark and consequently the negro being a beast and not being counted with the eight souls that entered the ark, who were Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives, is without a soul. Therefore it is idle and wrong to sacrifice either life or money to convert the negro either in Africa or America to Christianity, as only the descendants of Adam and Eve, in Ged's image and likeness, are meant to be beneficiaries of the gospel.-Pittsburg, Pa., Dispach.

The Boston Small Boy.

"Kant's ontology, if I mistake not," he said, "is based on the postulate that object and are, in the last analysis, is identical. and Democratic form of government | drives him, of necessity, to conwill be the universal form of govern- | found the phenomenal with what he calls the nominal. Did I say Kant? I meant, of course, Hegel. The refuge of transcendentalism, it seems to me, must be gross materialism despite its pretense of a sound philosophic basis. Until you grasp the conception that thought and being are separate and Orleans and all points south and ed not on the skill of human statesman-ship or human legislation, but upon that to be and to exist are totally Pullman Sleeper New York to New that to be and to exist are totally different manifestations of creative power, and that the phenomenal projection of things which to us seem the real, are merely the shadowy appearances which avouch the real, we have no adequate foundation for a cosmology that shall satisfy the independent explorer who seeks to penetrate the exhaustless demain of truth."

In this manner the artless little Boston boy entertained the young man in the parlor, while his sister was upstairs dressing for the opera.-Chicago Tribune.

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