

HAPPINESS AT HOME.

Dr. Talmage's Sermon, Preached Sunday, July 15th, 1888.

Be content with such things as ye have. If I should ask some one, "Where is Brooklyn today?" he would say, "At Brighton Beach, or East Hampton, or Shelter Island."

THEIR WEDDING TOUR. To the next farm house, or, living in New York, they celebrated the event by an extra walk on the Battery.

THE FIRST REASON THAT I MENTION as leading to this spirit advised in the text, is the consideration that the poorest of us have all that is indispensable in life.

DINNER OF HERBS. tastes better to the appetite sharpened on a woodman's ax or a reaper's scythe than wealthy indigestion experiences seated at a table covered with partridge, and venison, and pineapple.

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still have free access to a gallery grander than the Louvre, or the Luxemburg, or the Vatican—the royal gallery of the noonday heavens, the King's gallery of the MIDNIGHT SKY.

Another consideration leading us to a spirit of contentment is the fact that our happiness is not dependent upon outward circumstances. You see people happy and miserable amid all circumstances.

I find Nero growling on a throne. I find Paul singing in a dungeon. I find King Ahab going to bed at noon through melancholy, while near by is Naboth contented in the possession of a vineyard.

THE GREATEST LAWYERS of Bible times, through fear of dying, hangs himself. The wealthiest man, forty years ago, in New York, when congratulated over his large estate, replied: "Ah! you don't know how much trouble I have in taking care of it."

THE HEART RIGHT TOWARD GOD and man, we are happy. The heart wrong toward God and man, we are unhappy.

Another reason why we should come to this spirit incited in the text is the fact that all the differences of earthly condition are transitory. The houses you build, the land you culture, the places in which you barter, are soon to go into other hands.

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before Ferdinand, or Boniface, or Alarie? Can Cromwell dissolve the English parliament now? Is William, prince of Orange, king of the Netherlands? No, no! However much Elizabeth may love the Russian crown, she must pass it to Peter, and Peter to Catherine, and Catherine to Paul, and Paul to Alexander, and Alexander to Nicholas.

SUCH PARABLES? Another reason why we should culture this spirit of cheerfulness is the fact that God knows what is best for his creatures. You know what is best for your child. He thinks you are not as liberal with him as you ought to be.

OUR TRIALS. If we had an appreciation of that truth, then we should know why it was that John Noyra, the martyr, in the very midst of the flame reached down and picked up one of the fagots that was consuming him, and kissed it, and said: "Blessed be God for the time when I was born to this preferment."

Another consideration leading us to the spirit of the text is the assurance that the Lord will provide somehow. Will he who holds the water in the hollow of his hand allow his children to die of thirst?

SEVEN THOUSAND WERE FED, and the more they ate the larger the leaves grew until the provision that the boy brought in one satchel was multiplied so he could

not have carried the fragments home in six satchels. "O," you say, "times have changed, and the day of miracles has gone." I reply that, what God did then by miracles, he does now in some other way and by natural laws.

Again I remark that the religion of Jesus Christ is the greatest influence to make a man contented. Indemnity against all financial and spiritual harm! It calms the spirit, dwindles the earth into insignificance and swallows up the soul with the thought of heaven.

COMMON SENSE RELIGION of the Lord Jesus Christ. "There is no peace, saith my God, for the wicked," and as long as you continue in your sin you will be miserable. Come to Christ. Make him your portion, and start for heaven, and you will be a happy man—you will be a happy woman.

Yet my friend's notwithstanding all these inducements to a spirit of contentment, I have to tell you this morning the human race is divided into two classes—those who scold and those who get scolded. The carpenter wants to be anything but a carpenter, and the mason anything but a mason, and the banker anything but a banker, and the lawyer anything but a lawyer, and the minister anything but a minister, and everybody would be happy if he were only somebody else.

GRATING OF TONES. I strike this string of the Gospel harp: "Godliness with contentment is great gain. We brought nothing into the world, and it is very certain we can carry nothing out; having food and raiment let us therewith be content."

Let us all remember, if we are Christians, that we are going after a while, whatever be our circumstances now, to have a glorious vacation. As in summer we put off our garments and go down into the cool sea to bathe, so we will put off these garments of flesh and step into the cool Jordan. We will look around for some place to lay down our weariness; and the trees will say: "Come and rest under our shadow; and the earth will say: "Come and sleep in my bosom; and the winds will say: "Hush! while I sing thee a cradle hymn; and while six strong men carry us out to our last resting place, and ashes come to ashes and dust to dust, we will see two scarred feet standing amid the broken soil, and a lacerated brow bending over the open grave, while a voice, tender with all affection and mighty with all omnipotence, will declare: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

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Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, July 16.—Wheat opened steady. Corn steady. Oats quiet. Provisions firm.

New York Produce Market.

New York, July 16.—Wheat steady. Flour quiet. Corn steady. Oats quiet. Provisions firm.

Baltimore Produce Market.

Baltimore, July 16.—Wheat steady. Flour quiet. Corn steady. Oats quiet. Provisions firm.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, July 16.—Cotton closed steady. Receipts at our ports yesterday and today are about 12,000 bales against 1,107 bales last week.

Table with columns: Month, Price. Rows: July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May.

Cotton.

Table with columns: City, Sales, Tons, Market, Repts, Ex. Rows: New Orleans, Mobile, Charleston, Galveston, Savannah, Wilmington, Norfolk, Augusta, Memphis, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Louisville.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, July 16.—Spot cotton dull. Middling upland 5-6 1/2; do Orleans 5-5 1/2. Sales 5,000 bales.

Raleigh Cotton Market.

Good middling 9 1/2. Strict middling 9. Middling 8 1/2. Strict low middling 8. Low middling 7 1/2. Middling stains 7. Low middling stains 6 1/2. Market quiet, receipts light.

Durham Markets.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows: SUGAR, COFFEE, MEAT, S. C. HAMS, SIDES, LARD, CORN, W. LARD, MEAL, OATS, FLOUR, HAY, EGGS, BEESWAX, WHEAT, BUTTER, CHEESE, MOLASSES, SYRUP.

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