

SILENCE LASTED BUT THIRTY MINUTES.

Dr. Talmage Preaches from the Beautiful Text in Revelation That Tells of the Only Intermittent Ever Known in Paradise.

SILENCE IN HEAVEN.

Dr. Talmage has of late been preaching on texts of Scripture that seem to have been neglected, and there is a sermon on a beautiful text which probably was never before selected for a discourse.

The busiest place in the universe is Heaven. It is the center from which all good influences start. It is the goal to which all good restorative forces of the Bible represent it as active with wheels and wings and orchestras and processions mounted on chariots.

From all we can learn it is the only time Heaven ever stopped. It does not stop as other cities, for the night, for the Sabbath, or for a plague, for an inhabitant never says, "I am sick." It does not stop for bankruptcies, for its inhabitants never fail. It does not stop for impassable streets, for there are no fallen stones, nor any sleeping freshets.

And, first of all, we may learn that God and all Heaven honored silence. The loudest and widest dominion that existed in this personal or domestic or social or political injustice.

Oh, the power of patient silence! Eschylus, the immortal poet, was complained to do the thing that he had done that offended the people.

Oh, the half hour! They decide everything. I am not asking what you will do with the years or months or days of your life, but what of the half hours?

It was the half hours between shoeing horses that made Elihu Burritt the leading business man in America.

The half hour a day for good books or bad books, the half hour a day for prayer or indulgence, the half hour a day for looking others in the face.

My friends, the tossing Sea of Galilee seemed most to offend Christ by the amount of noise that came from it.

Learns also from my text that Heaven must be an eventful and active place, from the fact that it could afford only thirty minutes of recess.

You may forget the name of the exact years or most of the important events of your existence, but those half hours, like the half hours of the angels, will be immortal.

Louis XIV, while walking in the garden at Versailles, met Mazarin, the great architect, and the architect took off his hat before the King.

And I say to you, my hearers, God only by his convicting and convicting grace can make a Christian, but He is ready this very half hour to accomplish it.

posure, why did not Heaven listen throughout at least thirty minutes? I thought that the celestial programme is so crowded with spectacle that it can afford only one recess in all eternity, and that for a short space.

In my text Heaven spared thirty minutes, but it will never again spare one minute. In worship in earthly churches, when there are many to take part, we have to council briefly, but how will Heaven get on rapidly enough to let 144,000 get through each with his own story, and then the 144,000,000, and then the 144,000,000,000?

How busy will we be kept in having peace, and not one is especially known than any other period in the calendar of Heaven.

No child on earth is so much to anything that he kept quiet half an hour, and how are you going to keep 500,000,000 of them quiet half an hour?

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only once. We say, "Preserve and ever" to the land is "Borrowed time." I am glad that my text puts under our eye Heaven for thirty minutes. As when you would see a great picture, you put a sheet of paper into a scroll and look through it, or join your forefinger to your thumb and look through the circle between, so the picture becomes more intense, so this masterpiece of Heaven by St. John is more impressive when we take only thirty minutes of it at a time.

Now we have something that we can see nearer to grasping and it is a quiet Heaven. When we discuss about the multitudes of Heaven, it must be almost a nervous shock to those who have all their lives been crowded by many people and who want a quiet Heaven.

Yes, this half hour of my text is a still experience. "There was silence in Heaven when I had my first vision," says the apostle Paul. Enter the King's palace and take only a glimpse, for we have only thirty minutes for all Heaven.

See this river rolling through the heart of the great metropolis! That is the river concerning which those who have been in the State of New York, or the Alabama, or the Rhode, or the Shannon, say, "We never saw the like of this for clarity and sheen."

Pass down those boulevards of gold and amber and sapphire and see those palaces of diamond and opal and emerald, and the architecture of the universe into homes, over the threshold of which sorrow never steps, and out of whose windows faces, once pale with earthly sickness, now look rubicund with immortal health.

Remember, we are mortal yet, and cannot endure the full roll of heavenly harmonies and cannot endure even the silent Heaven for more than half an hour!

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MOUNTAINS OF FUEL.

THE COAL PRODUCT OF A YEAR IN ILLINOIS.

Fifty-seven Counties Contribute to the Grand Total—The Amount Mined Shows a Great Increase—The Business Is a Perilous One.

The State Bureau of Labor Statistics has issued the advance sheets of the tenth annual compilation of the statistics of coal production in Illinois, which presents the following summaries for the year ending July 1, 1891: Number of counties in which coal has been mined, 57; number of tons of coal of all grades mined, 15,669,698; number of acres worked out, 2,802,411; number of employees of all kinds, 32,951; number of miners, 26,553; number of other employees, including boys, 6,398; number of boys over 14 years old, 955; average number of days of active operations, 215.6; aggregate home value of total products, \$14,237,074; aggregate home value of lump coal, \$13,968,854; aggregate home value of other grades, \$1,268,220; average value of lump coal per ton at the mines, \$4.92; average value of other grades per ton at the mines, \$0.4321; average price per ton paid for hand mining, \$0.71527.

The number of tons of lump coal mined by hand was 9,961,159; number of tons mined by machinery, 5,708,539; number of acres worked out by machinery, 1,128,258; number of mining machines in use, 241; number of tons of all grades mined by machines, 3,027,305; number of tons of lump coal mined by machines, 2,423,080; number of tons of other grades, 604,225; number of kegs of powder used, 261,395.

The number of men killed in mines was 60; number of wives made widows, 37; number of children made fatherless, 112; number of men injured so as to lose time, 367; number of tons of coal mined for each man injured, 42,672; number of employees for each man injured, 549; number of employees for each man injured, 90; number of new mines reopened, 91; number of mines closed or abandoned, 104.

The report says that, as compared with the record of former years, these totals present the following differences: The whole number of mining places reported this year was somewhat less than in 1890, but the number of small country banks, the output for the year is greater than that of any preceding year by 321,860 tons of lump coal.

The number of employees engaged in this industry during the year has increased in somewhat greater ratio than the output, and the average of same is paid a ton in hand-mining shows an increase of 3.2 cents over 1890, though the present average is still 1.6 cents less per ton than the average of 1889.

There have been ninety-one new mines opened during the year and 104 old ones have been suspended or abandoned. An unusual amount of re-employment in the terms of employment was made necessary by recent legislation affecting the relations of owners and employees; but, on the whole, the output during the year has exceeded that of the preceding year.

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VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS.

Table Showing the Value of Live Stock and Grain Raised in Illinois in 1891.

Table with columns for various farm products and their values in 1891. Includes items like Winter wheat, Spring wheat, Corn, etc.

A Shoe Party.

The latest fad out West, says the St. Joseph News, is a shoe party. They stretch the shoe out, and the ladies stand behind it and stick their feet under it so you can only see their shoes. Then you go along and pick out a pair of shoes, and the lady who is in them you take down to supper.

His Opinion of Him.

A zealous man once remonstrated with Emerson. "You do not believe in the true God," he said. The Brahmin shrugged his shoulders. "Very likely," he answered; "but if my God couldn't make a better gentleman than your God has made, I would exchange him for a black dog."

Financial value is not the greatest. Truest men, and they will be true to you; treat them gently and they will show themselves great.—Emerson.

ILLINOIS INCIDENTS.

SOBER OR STARTLING, FAITHFULLY RECORDED.

Prosperous Showing for Agriculturists—Some Exemption from the Australian Ballot—Mrs. Klamma is a Heroine in Texas—A Nest of Defaulting Officials.

For some time there have been numerous inquiries at the office of Secretary of State as to whether the new ballot law applied to the annual town meetings or elections. It has been assumed until the last day or two that these elections come within the provision of the new law.

ADVANCE sheets of the Illinois crop report of the State Board of Agriculture show that the farmers of the State have had a prosperous season during the year. Figures on the corn, wheat and other crops have already been published, showing an aggregate profit on corn of \$32,108,150, against \$18,390,810 for the preceding year.

MRS. CATHERINE KLEMA, the widow whose sudden and mysterious disappearance from her home in Fayetteville several months ago caused something of a sensation, has been heard from. It was thought at first that she had gone to Germany, but it is now known that she went to Texas, and is now living the life of a hermitess in a lonely cabin not many miles from Denison.

The Richland County Board of Supervisors met and received the reports of the expert appointed to examine the books of county officials. Ex-Sheriff James I. Richey was discovered short \$433.25, and ex-Sheriff Arch Spring was reported behind \$2,011.52. Suits were immediately instituted against the principals and their bondholders for the amounts.

WALTER DELEHANY died in the asylum at Anna. Delehany was sent to the insane asylum from Belleville three years ago, after a series of attempts to kill himself by burning down a store which gained for him the title of "Jack the Kisser."

At Rockford an important insurance case brought by the Baurle Company, of Petoskey, Mich., against the Merchants and Manufacturers' Insurance Company, of Rockford, to recover \$5,000 on a loss by fire was decided by Judge Wright of the plaintiffs' judgment for \$4,394.72 and interest since the loss occurred. The case will be appealed. Other cases hang on this one, about \$50,000 being involved.

At Cairo, another costly river accident occurred. The steamer Smoky City, from Pittsburg, was coming down the river on the morning of the 26th, and struck the Illinois Central bridge just above the Illinois Central bridge. It became unmanageable and the tow drifted against one of the piers.

At Alton, Ill., the Masonic School of Instruction was opened at Root's Opera House, with a large attendance from abroad as well as from the local fraternal units. Among the prominent Masons present were Grand Junior Warden Edward Cook, of Chicago; Grand Secretary L. L. Munn, of Proopert; Deputy Grand Lecturer J. Harry Todd, of Evanston; Deputy Grand Master Dr. H. H. Evans, of Union, Ill., etc.

Another chapter in the workings of Chicago charitable institutions discloses that Chicago never will be cold so long as there have been in the habit of delivering only a part, and selling the rest for their own benefit.

The Chicago River laden with its noxious sewage is being cleaned up, and, through the use of the water works, pumped back into the water mains. Every resident of the city who uses water for drinking purposes is liable to contract typhoid fever, pneumonia, or other choleraic diseases, and the city is already ill. The water is said to be more dangerous than ever before.

La Grippe.

On December 19, I was confined to my room with the Grippe. The Treasurer of the "Commercial Advertiser" recommended that I should try a bottle of "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral," as it had cured him of the same complaint. I sent for a bottle, and in two days I was able to resume my business, and am now entirely cured.



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