REV. DR TALMAGE. I tianity. I know there are morbid peeple who

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN DAY SERMON.

YEXT: "Then was our mouth filled with laughter."-Psalm exxvi., 2. "He that sit-

Thirty-eight times does the Bible make reference to-this configuration of the features and quick expulsion of breath which we call laughter. Sometimes it is born of the sunshine and sometimes the midnight. Sometimes it stirs the sympathy of angels and sometimes the cachinnation of devils. All healthy people laugh. Whether it pleases the Lord or displeases Him, that depends upon when we laugh and at what we laugh. My theme to-day is the laughter of the Bible-namely, Saran's laugh, or that of skepticism : David's laugh, or that of spiritual exultation : the fooi's laugh, or that of sinful merfiment; God's laugh, or that of infinite condemnation; heaven's laugh, or that of eternal triumph.

Scene, an oriental tent. The occupants, old Abraham and Sarab, perhaps wrinkled and decrepit. Their three guests are three angels, the Lord Almighty one of them. In return for the hospitality shown by the old people God promises Sarah that she shall become the ancestress of the Lord Jesus Christ. Sarah laughs in the face of God. She does not believe it. She is affrighted at what she has done. She denies it. She says, "I did not laugh." Then God retorted with an emphasis that silenced all disputation, "But thou didst saugh." My friends, the laugh of skepticism in all ages is only the echo of Sarah's laughter. God says He will accomplish a thing, and men say it cannot be done. A great multitude laugh at the miracles. They say they are contrary to the laws of nature. What is a law of nature? It is Go I's way of doing a thing. You ordinarily cross a river at one ferry. To-morrow you change for one day, and you go across another ferry. You made the rule. Have you not the right to change it? You or linarily come in at that door of the church. Suppose that next Sabbath you come in at the other door. It is a habit you have. Have you not a right to change your habit? A law of nature is God's habit-His way of doing things. If He makes the law, has He' not a right to change it at any time He wants

Alas! for the folly of those who laugh at God when He says, "I will do a thing," they responding, "You can't do it," Go l says that the Bible is true-it is all true. Bishop Colenso laughs, Herbert Spencer laughs, Stuart Mill laughs, great German universities laugh, Harvard laughs -softly. A great many of the learned institutions, with long rows of professors seated on the fence between Christianity and infilelity, laugh softly. They say, "We didn't laugh." That was Sarah's trick. God thunders from the heavens, "But thou didst laugh!" . The garden of Elen was only a fable. There never was any ark built, or if it was built it was too small to have two of every kind. The piliar of fire by night was only the northern lights, the ten plagues of Egypt only a brilliant specimen of jugglery. The sea parted because the wind blew violently a great walle from one direction. The sun and moon did not put themselves out of the way for Joshua. Jacob's ladder was only horizontal and picturesque clouds. The destroyin; angel smiting the firstborn in Egypt was on'y cholera infantum become epidemic. The gullet of the whale, by positive measurement, too small to swallow a prophet. The story of the immaculate conception a shock to all decency. The lame, the dumb, the blind, the halt, cared by mere human surgery. The resurrection of Christ's friend only a beautiful tableau, Christ and Lazarus and Mary and Martha acting their parts well. My friends, there is not a doctrine or statement of God's holy word that has not been derided by the skepticism of the day

I take up this book of King James's translation. I consider it a perfect Bible, but here are skepties who want it torn to pieces. And now, with this Bible in my hand, let me tear out all those portions which the skepticism of this day demands shall be torn out. What shall go first? "Well," says some one in the audience, "take out all that about the creation and about the first settlement of the world." Away goes Genesis. "Now," says some one, "take out all that about the miraculous gui tance of the children of Israel in the wilderness," Away goes Exodus. "Now," says some one else in the audience, "there are things in Deuteronomy and Kings that are not fit to be read." Away go Denteronomy and the Kings. "Now," says some one, "the book of Job is a fable that out ht to come out." Away goes the book of Job. "Now," says some one, "those passages in the New Testament which imply the divinity of Jesus Christ ought to come out." Away go the Evangelists. "Now," says some one, "the book of Revelation-how preposterous! It represents a man with the moon under his feet and a sharp sword in his hand." Away goes the book of Revelation. Now there are a few pieces left. What shall we do with them? "Oh," says some man in the audience, "I don't believe a word in the Bible from one end to the other." Well, it is all gone. Now you have put out the last light for the nations. Now it is the pitch darkness of eternal midnight.

How do you like it? But I think, my friends, we had better keep the Bible a little longer intact. It has done pretty well for a good many years. Then there are old people who find it a comfort to have it on their laps, and children like the stories in it. Let us keep it for a curlosity anyhow. If the Bible is to be thrown out of the school and out of the courtroom, so that men no more swear by it, and it is to be put in a dark corridor of the city library, the Koran on one side and the writings of Confucius on the other, then let us each one keep a copy for himself, for we might have trouble, and we would want to be under the delusions of its consolations, and we might die, and we would want the delusion of the exalted residence of Gol's right hand, which it mentions. Oh, what an awful thing it is to laugh in God's face and hurl His Revelation back at Him! After awhile the day will come when they will say they did not laugh. Then all the hypercriticisms, all the caricatures and all the learned sneers in the quarterly reviews will be brought to judgment, and amid the rocking of everything beneath and amid the flaming of everything above God will thunder, "But thou didst laugh!" I think the most fascinating laughter at Christianity I ever remember was a man in New England. He made the word of Go1 seem ridiculous, and he laughed on at our holy religion until he came to die, and then he said: "My life has been a failure a failure domestically. I have no children. A failure socially, for I am treated in the streets like a pirate. A failure professionally because I know but one minister that has adopted my sentiments." For a quarter of a century the laughed at Christianity, and ever since Christianity has been laughing at him. Now, it is a mean thing to go into a man's house and steal his goods, but I tell you the most gigantic burglary ever invented is the proposition to steal these transpers of our

The meanest laughter ever uttered is the laugh of the skeptic.

The next laughter mentioned in the Bible is David's laughter, or the expression of spiritual exultation. "Then was our mouth filled with laughter." He got very much down sometimes, but there are other charters where for four or five times be calls upon the people to praise and exult. It was not a mere twitch of the lips-it was a demonstration that took hold of his whole physical nature, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter." My friends, this world will never be converted to God until Christians cry less and laugh and sing more. The horrors are a poor bait. If people are to be persuaded to adopt our holy religion, it will be because they have made up their minds it is a happy religion. They don't like a morbid Chris-

enjoy a funeral. They come early to see the friends take leave of the corpse, and they steal a ride to the cemetery, but all healthy people enjoy a wedding better than they do a burial. Now, you make the religion of Christ sepulchral and hearselike, and you make it repulsive. I say plant the rose of Sharon along the church walks and columbine to clamber over the church wall, and have a smile on the lip, and have the mouth filled with holy laughter. There is no man in the world, except the Christian, that has a right to feel an untrammeled glee. He is promised everything is to be for the best here, and he is on the way to a delight which will take all the processions with palm branches and all the orchestras harped and cymbaled and trumpeted to express. "Ob." you say. "I have so much trouble." Have you more trouble than Paul had? What does he say? "Sorrowiul, yet always rejoicing. Poor, yet making many rich. Having noth-ing, yet possessing all things." The merriest laugh I think I have ever hear! has been in the sickroom of God's dear children. When Theodosius was put upon the rack, he suffered very great torture at the first.

Somebody asked him how he endured all that pain on the rack. He replied "When I was first put on the rack, I suffered a great deal, but very soon a young man in white stood by my side, and with a soft and comfortable handkerchief he wiped the sweat from my brow, and my pains were relieved. It was a punishment for me to get from the rack, because when the pain was all gone the angel was gone." Oh, rejolce evermore: You know how it is in the army -an army in encampment. If to-lay news comes that our side has had a defeat, and to-norrow

another portion of the tidings comes, saying we have had another defeat, it demoralizes all the host. But if the news comes of victory to-day and victory to-morrow the whole army is impassione t for the contest. Now, in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ report fewer defeats tells us the victories-victory over sin and death and hell. Rejoice evermore, and again I say rejoice. I believe there is more religion in a laugh than in a groan. Anybody can groan, but to laugh in the midst of banishment and persecution and indescribable trial, that required a David, a Daniel, a Paul, a motern

The next laughter mentioned in the Bible that I shall speak of is the fool's laughter, or the expression of sinful merriment. Solomon was very quick at simile. When he makes a comparison, we all catch it. What is the laughter of a fool like? He says, "It is the crackling of thorns under a pot." The kettle is swung, a bunch of brambles is put under it, and the torch is applied to it, and there is a great noise, and a big blaze, and a sputter and a quick extinguishment. Then it is darker than it was before. Fool's laughter. The most miserable thing on earth is a had man's fun. There they are-ten men in a barroom. They have at home wives, mothers, daughters. The impure jest starts crackle, crackle it goes all around. In 500 such guffaws there is not one item of happiness. They all feel bemeaned if they have any conscience left. Have nothing to do with men or women who tell immoral stories. I have no confidence either in their Christian character or their morality.

So all merriment that springs out of the defects of others -caricature of a lame foot. or a curved spine, or a blind eye, or a deaf ear-will be met with the ju igment of God. either upon you or upon your children. Twenty years ago I knew a man who was

particularly skillful in imitating the lameness of a neighbor. Not long ago a son of the skillful mimic had his leg amputated for the very defect which his father had mimicked years before. I do not say it was a judgment of God. I leave you to make your own inference. So all merriment born of dissipation, that which starts at the counter of the drinking restaurant or the wineglass in the home circle, the maullin simper, the meaningless joke, the saturbalian gibberish, the paroxysm of mirth about nothing which you sometimes see in the fashionable clubroom or the exquisite parlor at twelve o'clock at night, are the crackling of thorns under a pot. Such laughter and such sin end in death. When I was a lad, a book came out entitled, "Dow Junior's Patent Sermons." It made a great stir, a very wide laugh, all over the country, that book did. It was a carleature of the Christian ministry, and of the word of God, and of the day of judgment. Oh, we had a great laugh! The commentary on the whole thing is that the author of that book died in poverty, shame, debauchery, kicked out of society and cursed of Almighty God. The laughter of such

men is the echo of their own damnation.

The next laughter that I shall mention as being in the Bible is the laugh of Go I's condemnation, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh." Again, "The Lord will laugh at him." Again, "I will laugh at his calam-With such demonstration will God greet every kind of great sin and wickedness. But men bulld up villaintes higher and higher. Good men almost pity God because He is so schemed against by men. Suddenly a pin drops out of the machinery of wickedness or a secret is revealed, and the foundation begins to rock. Finally the whole thing is demolished. What is the matter? I will tell you what the matter is That crash of ruin is only the reverberation of God's laughter. In the money market there are a great many good men and a great many fraudulent men. A fraudulent man there says, "I mean to have my million." He goes to work reckless of honesty, and he gets his first \$100,000. He gets after awhile his \$200,000. After awhile he gets his \$500,000. "Now." he says, "I have only one more move to make, and I shall have my million." He gathers up ali his resources. He makes that one last grand move, he fails and loses all, and he has not enough money of his own left to pay the cost of the ear to his home. People cannot understand this spasmodic revulsion. Some said it was a sudden turn in Eric Railway stock, or in Western Union, or in Illinois Central; some said one thing and some another. They all guessed wrong. I will tell you what it was. "He that sitteth in the heavens laughed." A man in New York said he would be the richest man in the city. He left his honest work as a mechanic and got into the city councils some way and in ten years stole \$15,000,000 from the city govern-ment. Fifteen million dollars! He held the Legislature of the State of New York in the grip of his right hand. Suspicions were aroused. The grand jury presented indictments. The whole land stood aghast. The o expected to put half the city vest pocket goes to Blackwell's Island, goes to Ludlow street jail, breaks prison and goes across the sea, is rearrested and torget back and again remanded to jail. Why?

"He that sitteth in the heavens laughed." Rome was a great empire. She had Horace and Virgil among her poets , she had Augustus and Constantine among her emperors, But what mean the defaced Pantheon, and the Forum turned into a cattle market, and the broken walled Coliseum, and the architectural skeleton of her great aquelucts? What was that thunder? "Ob," you say, "that was the roar of the battering rams against her walls," No. What was that quiver? "Oh," you say, "that was the tramp of hostile legions." No. The quiver and the roar were the outburst of omnipotent laughter from the deflet and insuited heavans. Rome defled God, and He laughed her down. Thebes defied Got, and He laughet her down. Nineveh defled God, and He laughed her down. Babylon defied God: and He laughed her down. There is a great difference between God's laugh and His smile. His smile is eternal beatitude. He smiled when David sang, and Miriam dapped the cymbals, and Hannah made garments for her son, and Paul preached, and John kindled with apocalyptic vision, and when any man has anything to do and doss it well. His smile! Why, it is the 15th of May, the apple orchards in full bloom; it is morning breaking on a rippling sea at high noon, all the bells be riage peal. But His laught fall on us! It is a conder never

Presidents From the Parms. oin : IT IS & Wasting awity We may let the satirist laugh at us, and Ten Presidents of the United States all our companions may laugh at us, and we were called from farms. may be made the target for the merriment 1. Washington, the land surveyor of earth and bell, but God forbid that we and farmer, from Mount Vernon. should ever come to the fulfillment of the prophecy against the rejectors of the truth, "I will laugh at your calamity." But, my friends, all of us who reject Christ and the

rardon of the gospel must come under that

tremendous bombardment. God wants us

allto repent. He counsels, He coaxes, He

importunes, and He dies for us. He comes

down out of heaven. He puts all the world's sin on one shoulder. He puts all the world's

sorrow on the other shoulder, and then with

that Alp on one side and that Himalava on

the other He starts up the hill back of Jeru-

salem to achieve our salvation. He puts the

pairs of His right foot on one lorg spike,

and He puts the palm of His lett

foot on another long spike, and then, with His hands spotted with His own bloo!

He gesticulates, saying "Look, look and

ve. With the erimson veil of My sacrifice

will cover up all your sins ; with My dying

groun I will swallow up all your grouns,

Look! Live!" But a thousan tof you turn

your back on that, and then this voice of

invitation turns to a tone divinely ominous,

that sohs like a simoom through the first

called and ye refused, I have stretched out

My right hand, and no man regarded, but

ve have set at naught all My counsel an t

would none of My reproof. I, also will

laugh at your calamity." On, what a laugh

that is -s deep laugh, a long, reverberating

laugh, an overwhelming laugh. Gol grant

we may never hear it. But in this day of

merciful visitation yield your heart to Christ,

that you may spand all your life on earth

under His smile and escape forever the thun-

The other laughter mentioned in the

Bible, the only one I shall speak o', is

heaven's laughter, or the expression of

eternal triumph. Christ said to His dis-

riples. "Blessed are ye that weep now, for

re shall laugh." That makes me know

positively that we are not to spend our days

in heaven singing long meter psalms. The

ormalistic and stiff notions of heaven that

some people have would make me miserable.

I am glad to know that the heaven of the

Bible is not only a place of holy worship,

ut of magnificent sociality. "What." say

you, "will the ringing laugh go around the

ircles of the saved?" I say yes-pure

laughter, cheering laughter, holy laughter,

it will be a laugh of congratulation. When

we meet a friend who has suddenly

ome to a fortune, or who has got over

ome dire sickness, do we not shake

ands, do we not laugh with him? And

when we get to neaven and see our friends

here, some of them having come up out of

great tribulation, why, we will say to one of

hem, "The last time I saw you you had been

uffering for six weeks under a low intermit-

tent fever." or to another we will say "You

or ten years were limping with the rheu-

matism, and you were full of complaints

on this eternal recovery." We shall laugh.

Kes, we shall congratulate all those who have

come out of great financial embarrassments

in this world because they have become mill-

ionaires in heaven. Ye shall laugh, It

shall be a laugh of reassociation. It is just

as natural for us to laugh when we meet a

friend we have not seen for ten years as any-

When we meet our friends from whom we

have been parted ten or twenty or thirty

years, will it not be with infinite congratula-

tion? Our perception quickens!, our

knowledge improved, we will know each

other at a flash. We will have to talk over

all that has happened since we have been

separated, the one that has been ten years in

heaven telling us all that has happened in

the ten years of his heavenly residence, and

we telling him in return all that has hap-

pened during the ten years of his absence

from earth. Ye shall laugh, I think George

Whitefield and John Wesley will have a

augh of contempt for their earthly colli-

sions, and Toplady and Charles Wesley will

have a laugh of contempt for their earthly

misunderstandings, and the two farmers

who were in a lawsuit all their days will

disturbance about a line fence. Exemption

from all annovance. Immersion in all glad-

ness. Ye shall laugh. Christ says so. Ye

shall laugh. Yes, it will be a laugh of tri-

umph. Oh, what a pleasant thing it will be

to stand on the wall of heaven and look

down at satan and hurl at him defiance and

see him caged and chained and we forever

free from his clutches! Aha! Yes, it will

You know how the Frenchmen cheered

when Napoleon came back from Elba, you

lington came back from Waterloo; you know

how Americans cheered when Kossuth ar-

rived from Hungary, you remember how

Rome cheered when Pompey came back vic-

torious over 900 cities. Every cheer was a

laugh. But, oh, the mightier greeting, the

gladder greeting, when the snow white cav-

airy troop of heaven shall go through the

streets, and, according to the Book of Reve-

lation. Christ in the red coat, the crimson

coat, on a white horse, and all the armies of

heaven following Him on white horses! Oh,

when we see and hear that cavalcade we

shall cheer, we shall laugh! Does not your

heart beat quickly at the thought of the

great jubilee upon which we are soon to en-

ter? I pray God that when we get through

with this world and are going out of it we

may have some such vision as the

dying Christian had when he saw

written all over the clouds in the sky the

letter "W," and they asked him, standing by

his side, what he thought that letter "W"

meant. "Oh," he said, "that stands for wel-

come." And so may it be when we guit this

world. "W" on the gate, "W" on the door

of the mansion, "W' on the throne. Wel-

come! Welcome! I have

preached this sermon with five prayerful

wishes-that you might see what a mean

thing is the laugh of skepticism, what a

bright this is the laugh of spiritual exulta-

tion, what a hollow thing is the laugh of sin-

ful merriment, what an awful thing is th

laugh of condemnation, what a radiant, rubi-

cund thing is the laugh 'of eternal triumph.

Avoid the ill; choose the right. B. com-

shall laugh we shall laugh."

forted. "Blessed are ye that weep now-ye

Flight of the Frigate Bird.

five years upon the west coast of Flor-

ida in the study of the habits of aqua-

tie birds, of which he has made a

specialty, asserts that he has seen

frigate birds fly for seven consecutive

days, night and day, without ever

resting. According to his observa-

tions the fatigue of these birds is not

excessive, even in such long continu-

ances in the air. In fact, the frigate

bird can easily, and almost without a

flap of the wings, not only maintain

itself, but also fly with a speed of

nearly a hundred miles an hour. The

spread of the wings extended varies

between eleven and thirteen feet. It

feeds, gathers materials for its nest

here and there, and even sleeps on the

wing. This well proves that in this

bird the motion of the wings is, in a

The albatross, which also has been

the subject of Mr. Lancaster's obser-

vation, is larger than the frigate bird.

its wing-spread reaching at least six-

teen feet; but if it follows ships at

sea for a long time, it is always

obliged to take a rest upon a rock or

manner, independent of the will.

or our | American.

Mr. J. Lancaster, who has spent

know how the English cheered when Wel-

be a laugh of royal greeting.

have a laugh of contempt over their earthly

thing is possible to be natural.

nen we saw you last. I congratulate you

ler of the laugh of God's indignation.

chapter of Proverbs.

"Because I have

2. John Adams, of Quincy, who, during the last year of his Presidency, said: "I am weary, worn and disgusted to death. I had rather chop wood, dig ditches, make fences upon my poor little farm. Alas! poor farm, and poorer family, what have you lost that your country might be

3. Jefferson, farmer, philosopher and statesman, from Monticello, Va. 4. Madison, farmer and lawyer, of Montpelier, Va. 5. Monroe, farmer, from Oak Hill,

6. John Quincy Adams, from the Quincy farm of 100 acres, near Boston. ("It is said that most of the trees were raised by John Quincy Adams from the seeds which he was in the habit of picking up in his wanderings. The most peculiar interest attaches to a shell-bark hickory which he planted more than fifty years previous to his death. In this tree he took a peculiar satisfaction, but he was an enthusiast in regard to all the trees of the forest, differing in this respect from his father, who was an agriculturist of the Cato stamp-was more inclined to lay the ax to them than to propagate them.")

7. Audrew Jackson, of the "Hermitage" in Tennessee, who as farmer, soldier and lawyer, was a most ex cellent type of the best Americanism. 8. Van Buren, of Kinderhook, N. Y., was called to the Presidency from his sheep and wool farm, although he was a lawyer of far above average ac-

quirements and ability. 9. William Henry Harrison, from his farm at North Bend, Ohio. 10. Tyler, of Sherwood Forest farm, Va., where he subsequently

11. James K. Polk, of Duck River, Tenn., also came from the farm to the

Presidency. This selection of Presidents from rural homes, from among the farms of the country, illustrates the fact that in those days there was no profession or calling which held a more exalted position in public estimation than that of agriculture. - The Forum.

The Prairie Dog Nuisance.

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The Horse's Original Home,

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The cuneiform characters which are used to express the word horse mean literally the "animal of the East." In Egypt the horse is not found depicted on the monuments until about B. C. 1600. In Nubia the horse was appreciated and loved. In a hieroglyphic inscription the statement is made that when Piankhi, the Ethiopian invader of Egypt, had captured the stores and treasury of his foe, Nimrod, he went into the stables, and finding that the horses had suffered from hunger, he burst into a rage and said: "I swear by my life, and by my beloved Ra, that to have kept my horses hungry is more heinous in my sight than any other offense which thou hast committed against me." The native land of the Arab horse includes the Arabian peninsula, the lands about the Tigris and Euphrates, and the Damasons district. All Arab horses are asserted to be descended from a fabulous mare called "Kuhailat of the old woman." -New York Sun.

Railroad Up the Jungiran.

The project to build a railroad to the top of the Jungfrau, 13,778 feet high, is likely to be carried out if the Swiss Government approves. This will be the most ambitious scheme in railroad building ever undertaken. The promoters offer to spend \$20,000 to build an observatory at the summit and man it if the Government will grant the concession. - Chicago Her-

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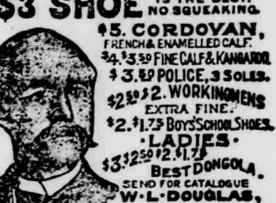
He said that he felt that way himself, but stated that after the recent rainstorm his boy Bennie captured two young linnets, and as soon as fair weather came they were placed in a cage on the porch. In a short time the mother bird located them, but left only to return in a few minutes with something which she dropped into the open mouth of one of the little birds. She then flew away, and before she returned the bird she had fed lay dead in the bottom of the cage. Presently the mother drepped something into the mouth of the other captive and it perished as quickly as its companion. -Colfax (Cal.) Sentinel.

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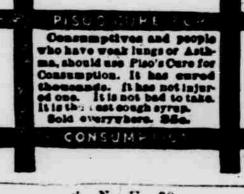
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