

THE SIX-FINGERED GIANT Dr. Talmage Tells Why Superfluities are a Hindrance.

do Use for Giants in These Days-The Common People are the Ones Who Make the World What It Is.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., preached in the Brooklyn Tabernacle last Sunday on the subject, "Superfluities a Hindrance." His text was: 1 Chronicles, ch. xx., v. 6 and 7: "A man of great stature, whole fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot, and he also was the son of the giant. But when he defied brack Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, shew him." Following is the ser-

Malformation photographed, and for what reason! Did not this passage slip in by mistake into the sacred Scriptures, as some times a paragraph utterly obnoxious to the editorgets into his new-paper during his absence? Is not this Scriptural errata? No, no; there is nothing haphazard about the Bible. This passage of Scripture was as certainly intended to be put in the Bible as the passage, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," or, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begot-

And I select it for my text to day, because It is charged with practical and tremendous meaning. By the people of God the Philis-tines had been conquered, with the excep-tion of a few giants. The race of giants is mostly extinct 1 am glad to say. There is no use for ginnts n.w except to chlarge the income of museum. But there were many of them in olden times. Goliath was, acthe Bible, the famous Pliny, a secular wri-ter declares that at Crete by an earthquake a monument was broken open discovering the remains of a giant forty six cubits long. or sixty-nine feet high. So, whether you prefer sacred or profune history, you must come to the conclusion that there were in those olden times cases of human altitude monstrous and appalling. David had smashed the skull of one of these giants but there were other giants that the Davidean wars had not yet subdued, and one of them stands in my text. He was not only of Alpine stature, but had a surplus of digits. To the ordinary fingers was annexed an ad-ditional floger and the foot had also a superfluous addendum. He had twenty-four ter-minations to hands and feet where others have twenty. It was not the only instance of the kind. Tavernier, the learned writer, of the kind. says that the Emperor of Java had a son enowed with the same number of extremities. Volcatius, the poet, had six fingers on each hand. Mau*etius in his colebrated letters speaks of two families near Berlin similarly equipped of hand and foot. All of which I can believe for I have seen two cases of the same physical superabundance. But this gi ant of the text is in battle, and as David, the dwarf warrior, had dispatched one giant, the brother of David shave this monster of my text, and there he lies after the battle in Onth, a dead giant. His stature did not save him and his superfluous appendices of hand and foot did n 4 save him. The prob-ability was that in the battle his sixth finger on his hand made him clumsy in the use of his weapon, and his sixth toe crippied his gait. Behold the prostrate and malformated giant of the text: "A man great of stature, whose flagers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot; and he also was the son of the giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimos, David's brother, slew him."

Behold how superfluities are a hindrance rather than a help! In all the battle at Gath that day there was not a man with ordinary hand and ordinary foot and ordinary stature that was not better off than this physical that was not botter off than this physical surfashing of my text. As physical size is opt to run in families, the probability is that this brother of David, who did the work. was of an abbreviated stature. A dwarf on the right side is stronger than a giant on the wrong side, and all the body, and mind, and estate, and opportunity that you can not use for God and the betterment of the world is a sixth finger and a sixth toe, and a terrifle hindrance. The most of the good from mon who during their life were as stingy done in the world, and the most of those as death, but who in their hat will and testawho win the battles for the right, are ordi-

illustrious living men of the present. Yet what do we see in all departments? Yet what do we see in all departments! Popple not satisfied with ordinary spheres of work and ordinary duties. Instead of trying to see what they can do with a hand of five fingers they want six. Instead of usual en-dowment of twenty manual and pedal ad-denda they want twenty-four. A certain amount of money for livelihood and for the supply of those whom we leave behind us after we have departed this life is imafter we have departed this life is important, for we have the best authority for saying: "He that provideth not for his own bousehold is worse than an infidol," but the large and fabulous sums for which many struggle, if obtained, would be a hindrance rather than an advantage. The anxieties and annoyance that those have whose estates have become plothoric can only be told by the second plothoric can only be told by those who possess them. It will be a good thing when through your industry and public prosperities you can own the house in which you live. But sop pose you own fifty houses and you have all those rents to collect, and all those tenants please. Suppose you have branched out to in business successes until in almost every direction you have investments. The fire bell rings at night; you rush up stairs to look out of the window to see if it is any of your mills. Epidemic of crime comes and there are embezziements and abscondings in all directions, and you wonder whether any of your book-keepers will prove recreant. A panic strikes the financial world, and you are like a hen under a sky full of hawks and trying with anxions cluck to get your overown chickens sately under wing. After a certain stage of successions been reached you have to trust so many important things to others that you are apt to become the prey of others, and you are swindled and defrauded, and the anxiety you had on your brow when you were earning your first thousand dollars is not equal to the auxiety on your brow now that you have won your three hundred thousand. The trouble with such a one is he is spread out like the unfortunate one in my text. You have more fingers and toes than you know what to do with. Twenty were useful, twenty four are a hindering superfluity. Disraell says that a king of Poland abdicated his throne and joined the people and became a porter to carry burdens. And some one asked him why he did so and he rentied; "Upon my honor, gentlemen. the load which I quit is by far the heavier than the one you see me carry. The weighti-est is but a straw when compared to that world under which I labored. I have slept more in four nights than I have during all my reign. I begin to live and to be a king myself. Elect whom you choose, for me who am so well it would be madness to return to court."

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"Well," says somebody, "such overloaded persons ought to b + pitle I, for their worriments are real and their insomnia and their nervous prostration are gannine." I reply that they could get rid of the bothersome surplus by giving it away. If a man has more houses than he can carry without vexation, let him drop a few of them. If his estate is so great he can not manage it without getting nervous dyspepsia from having too much, let him divide up with those who have nervous dyspepsia because they can not get enough. Not they guard their sixth finger with more care than they did the original five. They go limping with what they call gout and know not that, like the giant of my text, they are lamed by a superfluous toe. A few of them by large charities bleed themselves of this financial besity and monetary plethora, but many of them hung on to the hindering superfluity till death, and then as they are compelled to give the money up anyhow, in their last will and testament they generously give some of it to the Lord, exp cling, no doubt that He will feel very much obliged to them. Thank God that once in a while them. we have a Peter Cooper who, owning an incerest in the iron works at Trenton, said to Mr. Lester: "I do not feel quite easy about the amount we are making. Working un-der one of our patents we have a manopoly which seems to me something wrong. Every body has to come to us for it, and we are making money too fast." No they re-duced the price, and this while our philan thropist was building Cooper Institute, which mothers a hundred institutes of kindness and mercy all over the hand. But the world had to wait five thousand eight hundred years for Pener Coopse. I am glad for the benavoient institutions that get a legacy

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chinery has lost them knows any thing about their value, and only the Christian scientist their value, and only the Christian scientist can have any appreciation of what divine reusterpieces they are. Sir Charles Bell, the English surgeon, on the battle-field of Waterice, while engaged in amputations of the wounded was so impressed with the would us construction of the burner hand wondr us construction of the human hand that when the Earl of Bridgewater gave forty thousand dollars for essays on the wisdom and goodness of God, and eight books were written, Sir Charles Eell wrote his entire book on the wisdom and goodne of God as displayed in the human hand. The twenty-seven bones in hand and wrist, with cartilages and ligaments and phalanges of the flugers all made just ready to knit, to the hogers an mane pull down, to weave, sew to build up, to pull down, to weave, to write, to plow, to pound, to wheel, to battle, to give friendly salutation. The

touch. The bridges, the tunnels, the cities of the whole earth are the victories of the hand. The hands are not dumb, but often speak as distinctly as the lips. With our hands we invite, we reach, we invoke, we entrest, we wring them in grief, or clasp them in joy, or spread them abroad in benediction. The malformation of the giant's hand in the text glorifies the usual h.nd. Fashioned of God more exquisitely and wonderously than any human mechanicism that was ever con-trived. I charge you use it for God and the lifting of the world out of its moral predicament. Employ it in the sublime work of gos pel handshaking. You can see the hand is just made for that. Four fingers just set right just made for that. For infinite data on one side and your thumb set so as to clench it on the other side. By all its bones, and joints and muscles, and cartilages, and ligaments, the voice of nature joins with the voice of God commanding you to below the side of the matter is us old as shake hands. The custom is as old as the Bible, anyhow. Jehu said to Jehona dab: "Is thine heart right as my heart is with thine heart! If it be, give me thine hand." When hands join in Christian salutation a gospel electricity thrills across the palm from heart to heart, and from the the pairs from heart to heart, and from the shoulder of one to the shoulder of the other. Shake hands all around. With the timid and for their encouragement, shake hands. With the troubled and in warm-bearted sympathy shake hands. With the young man just entering bud-ness and discouraged at the small sales and the large expense, shake hands. With and the large expenses, shake hands. With the child who is new from God and started on unending journey for which he needs to gather great supply of strength, and who can hardly reach up to you now, because

yon are so much tailer, shake hands. Across cradtes and dying bods and graves, shake nands. With your enemies who have done all to defame and hurt you, but whom you can afford to forgive, shake hands. At the door of churches where people goout, shake hands. Let pulpit shake hands with pew, and Sabbath day shake hands with week day, and earth shake hands with Heaven O, the strange, the mighty, the undefined, the mysterious, the eternal power of an nonest handshaking. The difference be-tween these times and the millennial times is that now some shake hunds, but then all will shake hands, throne and footstool, across seas nation with nation, God and man, church militant and church triursphant.

Yea; the malformation of this fallen giant's foot glorifles the ordinary foot, for which I fear you have never once thanked iod. The twenty-six bones of the foot are the admiration of the anatomists. The arch of the foot fashioned with a grace and a poise that Trajan's arch at Beneventum or Constantine's arch at Rome, or arch of Friumph at the end of Champs Elysces could not equal. Those arches stand where they were planted, but this arch of the foot is an aljustable arch, a yielding arch, a flying arch, and ready for movements innumer-able. The human foot is so fashloned as to cuable man to stand upright as no othe creatures, and heave the mand that would otherwise have to help in balancing the body free from any thing it chooses. The toot of the camel fashiozed for the sand, the foot of the hind fashlound for the slippers rock, the foot of the ilon fashioned to rend nine. its prey, the foot of the horse fashioned for he solid earth, but the foot of man made to moss the desort, or climb the tree, or scale the cliff, or walk the earth, or go snywhere he needs to go. With that Divine triumph of anatomy in your possession, where do you walk! In what puth of righteousness or what puth of sin have you set it down By Mail have been found the mark of the feet of birds and beasts of thousands of years ago. Elepenent of the Fr And God can trace out all the footsteps of your lifetime, and those you made fifty years ago are as plain as those made in last soft weather, all of them petrified for the judgment day. O, the foot! How di-rinely honored, not only in its construction, say of it: "Bats a but in the fact that God represents himself D. L. GUERNSEY.36 Browneid St. Dester in the Bible as having feet: "The clouds on the dust of His feet." "The darkness was under His feet." "The earth is my GRATEFUL-COMFORTING. footstool." And representing cyclones and suroclydons and whiriwinds as winged EPPS creatures. He describes himself as put-ling his fost on these monsters of the air creatures. He describes himself as put-ling his foot on these monsters of the air and walking from philou to philon, saying: "He that walketh upon the wings of the wind" "Thou hast put all things under His feet," cries the pasimist. "O, the foot! from the time you stepped out of the cradle until to day, and I will tell your exact char-acter now and what are your prospects for the world to come. That there might be no doubt about the fact that both these pieces of divine mechanism, hand and foot, belong to Christ's service both hands of Christ and both feet of Christ were spiked on the cross. Right through the arch of both His fact to the hollow of His footstep went the iron of torture, and from the pain of His hand to the back of it, and there is not a muscle or nerve or bone among the twenty-seven bones of hand and wrist, or among the twenty-six bones of the foot, but it be longs to Him now and forever. Charles Reade, the great writer, lost the joint of his fortinger by feeding a bear. Look out that your whole hand gets not into the maw of the old Cerberus of perdi-tion. Sir Thomas Trowbridge, at the battle of Inkermann, lost his foot, and when the

into the maw of the old Cerberus of perdi-tion. Sir Thomas Trowbridge, at the battle of Inkermann lost his foot, and when the soldiers would carry him away, he said: "No. I do not move until the battle is won." So if our foot be lamed or lost let it be in the service of our God, our home or our conn-try.

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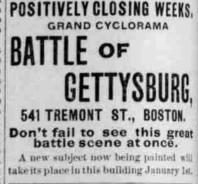


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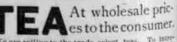
citizens at two per cent. a month and got a corner on harps and trumpets. They lived in this world fifty or sixty years in the presence of apalling suffering and want and made no effort for their relief. The chari-ties of such people are for the most part in "paulo-post future" tense, and they are going to do them. The probability is that if such a one in his last will by a donation to benevolent societies tries to atome for his lifetime close-fistedness, the heirs-at-law will try to break the will by proving that the old man was senile or crazy, and the ex-ponse of the litigation will about leave in the lawyers' hands what was meant for the American Bible Society. O ye overweighted successful business men, whether this sermon reach your car or your eye, let me say that if you are prostrated with anxietics about keeping or investing these tremen-dous fortunes, I can tell you how you After the permanant of the first Monday in No-rember, the next day the people with the silent ballots will sottle everything, and settle it right, a million of the white slips of page tasting water at Savatoga. Hom-burg, or Carisbad-give to God and humanity and the Bible ten per cant, of all your in-come, and it will make a new man of you. and from restless walking of the floor at night you shall have eight hours' sleep without the help of bromide of potassium, and from no appetite you will hardly be able to wait your regular meals, and your wan check will fill up and when you die the blessings of those who but for you would have perished will bloom all over your grave with violets, if it be spring or gladioyour Perhaps some of you will take this adwill be a sigh of relief when you are gone out of the world; and when over your re-

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this much landed uinsteenth in comparison will seem a part of the dark ages. The will seem a part of the dars ages longer I live the more I like common folks. They do the world's work, bearing the ting on it more fingers, and your rheumatic foot by getting on it more toes, and there foot by getting on it more toes, and there Among lawyers we see rise up a Rufus Choate, or a William Wirt, or a Samuel L.

with anxiety, are looking on and waiting for his decision in regard to the putient, for his decision in regard to the patient, and hearing him say: "Thank God, I have mastered the case, be is cetting well," ex-elted in me an admiration quite equal to the mention of the names of the great metro-politan doctors, Panceast, or Gross, or that mechanic who in battle or through ma-

end of the inne, rocking bables that are to be the Martin Luthers, and the Faradays, and the Edisons and the Bismarcks, and the Gladstones, and the Washingtons, and the George White-field, of the year 180S, and who will make the twentieth century so bright that the twentieth century so bright that mains the minister recites the words: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," persons who have keen appreciation of the udicrous will hardly be able to keep their

face straight. But whether in that direc-tion my words do good or not, I am anxious imited sweep would preumonia and be thankful for what they have and ratio diphtheris and scarled fover have in the as well as literally, fingers enough. Do not as well as literally, fingers enough. Do not are with just the usual hand, the usual foot. You have thanked God for a thou-sand things, but I warrant you never thanked Him for these two implements of work and the

Southand, but society would go to pieces to-morrow if there were not thousands of common lawyers to see that men get their rights. A Valentine Mott or a Willard rises up eminent in the medical profession, but what an un-

world if it were not for ten thousand com-mon doctors. The old physician in his gig rolling up the lane of the farmhouse, or rid-in the presence of this fallen giant of my dle-bags, arriving on the ninth day of the fever, and e ming in to take hold of the pulse of the patient, while the family, pale with anxisty, are holding on family, pale