REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES UPON THE LIGHTNING OF THE SEA.

An Unusually Attractive and Eloquent Sermon-The Pathway of the Almighty-An Irradiated Wave of Gladness-The Glow

Tabernacle this forenoon Rev. Dr. Talmage preached an unusually attractive and eloquent gospel sermon to a crowded audience, who listened with rapt interest. The subject was "The Lightning of the Sea," the text selected being Job xli, 32, "He maketh a path to shine after

If for the next thousand years ministers of religion should preach from this Rible, there will yet be texts unexpounded and unexplained and unappreciated. sponds to Job's description.

LIGHTNING OF THE SEA.

What most interests me is that as it fruit or groves of deadly upas. moved on through the deep it left the in which nothing more fascinated me of the great future. than the phosphorescence in the ship's wake, I called it the lightning of the sea. Returning to my hotel, I found a book 'the lightning of the sea,"

florescence of the billows; the waves of and is buried in the potter's field. the sea crimsoned as was the deep after the sea on fire.

ment with all its stars gone down with depict. it. No picture can present it, for photographer's camera cannot be successoverawed and powerless.

naturalists and the fascination and sol- darkness. emnization of all who have brain enough path to shine after him."

WAKE MADE BY A BAD MAN. there be subsequent light or darkness? Will there be a trail of gloom or good | ments. cheer? Can any one between now and Better look out what bad influence Prime, none of them will be longer rethe next 100 years say of us truthfully you start, for you may not be able to membered than George W. Childs. Stayas the text says of the leviathan of the stop it. It does not require very great ing away from the unveiling of the mondeep, "He maketh a path to shine after force to ruin others. Why was it that him?" For we are moving on. While many years ago a great flood nearly dewe live in the same house, and transact stroyed New Orleans? A crawfish had business in the same store, and write on | burrowed into the banks of the river unstudio, and thrash in the same barn, and banks weakened until the flood burst. worship in the same church, we are in motion and are in many respects moving on, and we are not where we were 10 years ago, nor where we will be 10 never see suffering but he will try to alyears hence. Moving on!

Look at the family record, or the alone of you is where you were. All in him good. Getting his strength from motion. Other feet may trip and stum- God, he starts from home with high pur- ence for all time, while you add to all ble and halt, but the feet of not one mo- pose of doing all the good he can possibly that the work of the churches he helped ment for the last 60 centuries has tripped | do in one day. ing on! Time moving on! Eternity movquestion, but my text suggests it.

are not one of the immortals. Fifty and is interested in their present and ship I mention the grandest life that was years after we are out of the world it eternal destiny. through these galleries, and I am look- I am not going to describe the port into sprang into the roughest sea that ever

ing for some one whom I cannot find. has the least influence, and I inquire crowds of friends who met him on the canes of we smote it until on the rocks awing. His influence will never cease. 26. Morologs crowds of friends who met him on the canes of we smote it until on the rocks. We are all better for having known him. Ruskin, L. L. D.

to decide in the same way.

that father make a path to shine after phorescence of a Christian life. "He maketh a path to shine after him."

Will that mother make a path to maketh a path to shine after him."

But I cannot look upon that lumi BROOKLYN, Feb. 18.—In the Brooklyn along these streets or along that country tions which at some time takes posses how fond the Lord is of life. That fire

What little has been said concerning this Every man, every woman, stands at a can no more destroy his life than they no human nostril ever inhales their redochapter in Job from which my text is point where words uttered, or deeds can tear down one of the rings of Sat- lence, and no human eye ever sees their taken bears on the controversy as to done, or prayers offered, decide opposite urn. You can start one good word, one charm. In the botanical world they what was really the leviathan described destinies and opposite eternities. We see kind act, one cheerful smile, on a misas disturbing the sea. What creature it a man planting a tree, and treading sod sion that will last until the world be marine world the phosphori prove that was I know not. Some say it was a whale. firmly on either side of it, and watering comes a bonfire, and out of that blaze it he loves life, and he loves life in play, to shine after him." Some say it was a crocodile. My own it in dry weather, and taking a great will pass into the beavens, never to halt life in brilliancy of gladness, life in exopinion is it was a sea monster now ex- care in its culture, and he never plucks as long as God lives. tinct. No creature now floating in Med- any fruits from its bough. But his chiliterranean or Atlantic waters corredren will. We are all planting trees that will yield fruit hundreds of years after we are dead-orchards of golden

I am so fascinated with the phosphorcan magazine an account of my voyage, ocean of this life toward the vaster ocean

THE GROWTH OF SIN.

ner grocery or business office among in my remarks had occasion to recall a light are you going to throw across the of John Ruskin, and the first sentence clerks gives himself to jolly skepticism, snowy night in a farmhouse when I was world's night of sin and sorrow? People my eyes fell upon was his description of He laughs at the Bible, makes sport of a boy and an evangelist spending a who are sailing on smooth sea and at noon jokes and laughs at revivals as a frolic, something so tender and beautiful and are you going to do for people in the Down to the postoffice I hastened to and at the passage of a funeral proces- impressive that it led me into the king- night of misfortune? Will you drop on get the manuscript, and with great labor and some expense got possession of the people, says, "Boys, let's take a drink." this world and the next. You will, bemagazine article and put quotation There is in that group a young man who fore 24 hours go by, meet some man or marks around that one sentence, al- is making a great struggle against temp- woman with a big pack of care and trouthough it was as original with me as tation and prays night and morning and | ble, and you may say something to him with John Ruskin. I suppose that nine- reads his Bible and is asking God for or her that will endure until this world than well fed, more households bereft tenths of you living so near the sea- help day by day. But that guffaw shall have been so far lost in the past coast have watched this marine appear- against Christianity makes him lose his that nothing but the stretch of angelic going to do about it? "Well," says youance called phosphorescence, and I hope grip of sacred things, and he gives up memory will be able to realize that it that the other one-tenth may some day Sabbath and church and morals and ever existed at all. be so happy as to witness it. It is the goes from bad to worse, till he falls un- I am not talking of remarkable men waves of the sea diamonded; it is the in- der dissipations, dies in a lazar house and women, but of what ordinary folks

the sea fight of Lepanto; the waves of jolly skepticism made up his mind that but of the phosphorescence in the track There are times when from horizon to say, for we will all come out at last at the makes thunderbolts out of sparks, and Then do that. Shine! Stand before the horizon the entire ocean seems in con- right place," and began as a consequence out of the small words and deeds of a looking glass and experiment to see if it changes every moment to tamer or more dazzling color on all sides of you. You sit looking over the taffrail of the yacht or ocean steamer, watching and waiting to see what new thing the God of beauty will do with the Atlantic. It is the ocean in transfiguration; it is the market world casting its garments of market will find a work he was doing, and he world. marine world casting its garments of what bad work he was doing, and he raphic is living yet in the transformed glory in the pathway of the Almighty as passed on through life and out of it and heart and life of those parents and will your disposition. Once in awhile subhe walks the deep; it is an inverted firma- into a future that I am not now going to live on forever in the history of that

show the breakers of the awful coast on those who have especial intellectual or fully trained to catch it, and before it which that ship is wrecked, for my busithe hand of the painter drops its pencil, ness now is to watch the sea after the keel has plowed it. No phosphorescence This phosphorescence is the appear. in the wake of that ship, but behind it gracious friend who a few days ago went ance of myriads of the animal kingdom | two souls struggling in the wave-two rising, falling, playing, flashing, living, young men destroyed by reckless skepdying. These luminous animalcules for ticism, an unillumined ocean beneath printed for 30 years without one word of nearly 150 years have been the study of and on all sides of them. Blackness of defamation or scurrility or scandal, and

You know what a gloriously good man | charity and clean intelligence, he reaped to think. Now, God, who puts in his Rev. John Newton was the most of his a fortune for himself and then distrib-Bible nothing trivial or useless, calls the life, but before his conversion he was a uted a vast amount of it among the poor attention of Job, the greatest scientist very wicked sailor, and on board the ship and struggling, putting his invalid and er you have taken a brief nap, which every of his day, to this phosphorescence, and Harwich instilled infidelity and vice in aged reporters on pensions, until his as the leviathan of the deep sweeps past | the mind of a young man-principles | name stands everywhere for large heartpoints out the fact that he maketh a which destroyed him. Afterward the edness and sympathy and help and hightwo met, and Newton tried to undo his est style of Christian gentleman. bad work, but in vain. The young man Is that true of us now, and will it be became worse and worse and died a prof- its journalism a Horace Greeley, and a true of us when we have gone? Will ligate, horrifying with his profanities Henry J. Raymond, and a James Gordon those who stood by him in his last mo- Bennett, and an Erastus Brooks, and a

THE SHINING PATH. But I find here a man who starts out in life with the determination that he will for good, you must count how many leviate it, and never see discouragement lished in the last quarter of a century, but he will try to cheer it, and never and how many people have read them, manac, or into the mirror, and see if any meet with anybody but he will try to do and the effect, not only upon those read-

Whether standing behind the counter, ciety moving on! The world moving on! or talking in the business office with a pen start the measuring of the phosphores-Heaven moving on! The universe mov- behind his ear, or making a bargain with a fellow trader, or out in the fields discussing on! Therefore it is absurd to think ing with his next neighbor the wisest rothat we ourselves can stop, as we must tation of the crops, or in the shoemaker's move with all the rest. Are we like the shop pounding sole leather, there is somecreature of the text, making our path to thing in his face, and in his phrase-son, a Robert Raikes, a Harlan Page, shine after us? It may be a peculiar ology, and in his manner, that demon-who had 125 Sabbath scholars, 84 of thing in his face, and in his phrase-ology, and in his manner, that demon-strates the grace of God in his heart. He can talk on religion without awkwardly ministers of the gospel. shine after us? It may be a peculiar clogy, and in his manner, that demon-What influence will we leave in this can talk on religion without awkwardly | ministers of the gospel. world after we have gone through it? dragging it in by the ears. He loves God None," answer hundreds of voices; "we and loves the souls of all whom he meets

You are wrong in saying that. I pass down through this audience and up through these rallegies and low to be some the same and the same are some and the same are some and the same are some as that ever the same into the roughest sea that ever

road 200 years from now in the character sion of all of us, and that is as to the of the deep is life, myriads of creatures of your descendants. They will be affect- brevity of human life. When I bury all a-swim and a-play and a-romp in some mountain two rivulets, one of to quit it." But the fact is that I may one out of hundreds of billions of which which passes down into the rivers which insure any man or woman who does any are ever seen by human eye? God crepour out into the Pacific ocean, and the good on a large or small scale for a life sted them for the same reason that he other rivulet flowing down into the rivers on earth as long as the world lasts. Sick- creates flowers in places where no huwhich pass out into the Atlantic ocean? ness, trolley car accidents, death itself, man foot ever makes them tremble, and

WHAT ORDINARY PERSONS CAN DO. There were in the sevententh century men and women whose names von never fully as the phosphori fulfill theirs. The heard of who are today influencing son of God came "that we might have schools, colleges, churches, nations. You life and have it more abundantly." But can no more measure the gracious re- I am glad to tell you that our God is not waters flashing and resplendent. In the escence in the track of a ship that I have sults of their lifetime than you could the God sometimes described as a harsh words of the text, "He maketh a path sometimes watched for a long while and measure the length and breadth and critic at the head of the universe, or an to shine after him." What was that il- have seen nothing on the face of the deep | depth of the phosphorescence last night | infinite scold, or a God that loves funerlumined path? It was phosphorescence. but blackness. The mouth of watery following the ship of the White Star line als better than weddings, or a God that You find it in the wake of a ship in the chasms that looked like gaping jaws of 1,500 miles out at sea. How the courage night, especially after rough weather. hell. Not a spark as big as the firefly: and consecration of others inspire us to Phosphorescence is the lightning of the not a white scroll of surf; not a taper to follow, as a general in the American loveliest Being in the universe, loving That this figure of speech is cor- illuminate the mighty sepulchers of dead army, cool amid the flying bullets, inrect in describing its appearance I am ships; darkness 3,000 feet deep, and more spired a trembling soldier, who said aftcertified by an incident. After crossing thousands of feet long and wide. That erward, "I was nearly scared to death, the Atlantic the first time and writing is the kind of wake that a bad man leaves but I saw the old man's white mustache from Basle, Switzerland, to an Ameri- behind him as he plows through the over his shoulder and went on." Aye, we are all following somebody either in right or wrong directions.

A few days ago I stood beside the gar-

can do. I am not speaking of the phos-Another young man who heard that phorescence in the wake of a Campania, it makes no difference what we do or of a Newfoundland fishing smack. God of a sharp pin? "Oh, yes," you say.

family. If this be the opportunity of or-I do not propose with a searchlight to dinary souls, what is the opportunity of social or monetary equipment?

Have you any arithmetic capable of estimating the influence of our good and up to rest-George W. Childs of Philadelphia? From a newspaper that was putting chief emphasis on virtue and

In an era which had in the chairs of George William Curtis, and an Irenaeus ument he had reared at large expense in est American journalism.

If you would calculate his influence sheets of his newspapers have been pubers, but upon all whom they shall influbuild and of the institutions of mercy he helped found. Better give up before you cence in the wake of that ship of the Celestial line. Who can tell the post mortem influence of a Savonarola, a Winkelried, a Gutenberg, a Marlborough, a Decatur, a Toussaint, a Bolivar, a Clark-

THE BRIGHT PATH. With gratitude and penitence and worever lived. That ship of light was For 50 or 60 years he lives that kind of launched from the heavens nearly 1,900 sprang into the roughest sea that ever tossed. Its billows were made up of the departed one. It is impossible to tell late Lord Tennyson. I am not going to describe the Pilot wrath of men and devils, Herodic and how many tears he wiped away, how John Lubbock, Bt.

24. The Pleasures of Life.—By Sir I am not going to describe the Phot wrath of men and devils, herodic and now many influence in this world 100 years from who met him outside at the "lightship." who met him outside at the "lightship." sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the many burdens he lifted, or how many sanhedrinic persecutions stirring the sanks, under God, instrumental in Walter Scott.

A PATH THAT SHINES. or a no he decided some one's eternity. steps of chrysoprases. For God in his words to Job calls me to look at the path and the heavens. But in the wake of was presented by his Sabbath school Clear on the other side of the next lumined tears that were wiped away, deemed. The millennium itself is only million years may be the first you hear and a-dash with congratulations, and one roll of that irradiated wave of gladof the long reaching influence of that clear out to the horizon in all directions ness and benediction. In the subliment

uberance.

And so I am led to believe that he loves our life if we fulfill our mission as prefers tears to laughter, an omnipotent Nero, a ferocious Nana Sahib, but the flowers and life and play, whether of phosphori in the wake of the Majestic of of the human race keeping a holiday. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

But mark you that the phosphorescence has a glow that the night monopolizes, and I ask you not only what kind of influence you are going to leave in the Now, suppose a man seated in a cor- landed casket of a gospel minister, and world as you pass through it, but what them shadow, or will you kindle for

At this moment there are more people DISTRIBUTION OF STANDARD BOOKS crying than laughing, more people on the round world this moment hungry than homes unbroken. What are you der soul, "I would like to do something

ocean, creatures smaller than the point stitute a sweet orange for a sour lemon.

Remember that pessimism is blasphe my and that optimism is Christianity. Throw some light on the night ocean. If you cannot be a lantern swinging in the rigging, be one of the tiny phosphori back of the keel. Shine! "Let your light so shine before men that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Make one person happy every day, and do that for 20 years, and you will have made 7,300 happy. You know a man who has lost all his property by an unfortunate investment or by putting his name on the back of a friend's note. Aftman and woman is entitled to on a Sunday afternoon, go and cheer up that man. You can, if God helps you, say something that will do him good after both of you have been dead a thousand years.

Shine! You know of a family with a bad boy who has run away from home. Go before night and tell that father and mother the parable of the prodigal son, and that some of the illustrious and useful men now in church and state had a silly passage in their lives and ran away from home. Shine! You know of a family that has lost a child, and the silence our Greenwood in memory of Professor Proctor, the astronomer, lest I should say something in praise of the man who the same table, and chisel in the same til the ground was saturated and the had paid for the monument. By all ac- and tell them how much that child has knowledged a representative of the high- happily escaped, since the most prosperous life on earth is a struggle.

Shine! You know of some invalid who is dying for lack of an appetite. She cannot get well because she cannot eat. M. Young. Broil a chicken and take it to her before 10. Mosses from an Old Manse.-by night and cheat her poor appetite into Nathaniel Hawthorn. keen relish. Shine! You know of some one who likes you, and you like him, and lel Hawthora. he ought to be a Christian. Go tell him what religion has done for you, and ask Lamb. him if you can pray for him.

THE FAILURE OF EULOGY. Shine! Oh, for a disposition so charged with sweetness and light that we cannot help but shine! Remember if you cannot be a leviation lashing the ocean into fury you can be one of the phosphori, doing your part toward making a path of phosphorescence. Then I will tell you not leave it for the minister who offici-

ates at your obsequies. The failure in all eulogium of the departed is that they cannot hear it. All ing theatrical novel. hear it except the one most interested. This, in substance, is what I or some one Carlyle. else will say of you on such an occasion:

ative or a negative to some temptation of foam in the wake of that ship, and 1 that life what a phosphorescence of class, all of whom he brought to Christ, which another, hearing of, was induced tell you it is all a-gleam with splendors smiles on the cheeks of souls pardoned. That cross of flowers at the head was preof kindness done, and rolling with il- and lives reformed, and nations resented by the orphan asylum which he befriended. Those three single flowers one roll of that irradiated wave of gladness and benediction. In the sublimest of all senses it may be said of him, "He maketh a path to shine after him."

But I cannot look upon that luminosity that follows ships without realizing how fond the Lord is of life. That fire of the deep is life, myriads of creatures yes or no, but hear of it you will. Will is the sparkling, flashing, billowing phos- of all senses it may be said of him, "He was by a waif of the street whom he resshine after her? You will be walking And here I correct one of the mean no- ty that follows ships without realizing he had often visited to encourage re-

"Those three loose flowers mean quite ed by your courage or your cowardice, some very useful man, clerical or lay, in parks of marine beauty laid out and par as much as the costly garlands now some very useful man, clerical or lay, in parks of marine beauty laid out and par as much as the costly garlands now breathing their aroma through this sadness or your sin. You will make the path to shine after you or blacken after you.

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Some very useful man, clerical or lay, in parks of marine beauty laid out and par as much as the costly garlands now breathing their aroma through this sadness. to shine after you or blacken after you. hardly worth while for him to get ready creatures called by the naturalista "crus- Blessed are the dead who die in the Why should they point out to us on for Christian work, for he had so soon taceans" and "copepods," not more than Lord. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

> Or if it should be the more solemn burial at sea, let it be after the sun has gone down, and the captain has read the appropriate liturgy, and the ship's bell has tolled, and you are let down from the stern of the vessel into the resplendent phosphorescence at the wake of the Then let some one say, in the words of my text, "He maketh a path



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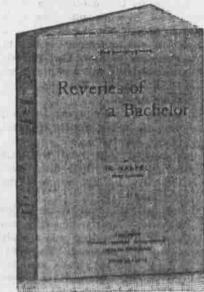
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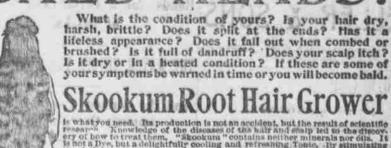
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