THE FACT SUGGESTS A SERMON ON HOME COMINGS AND PRODIGALS.

There Is More Joy In Heaven Over the Repenting Sinner Than Over Any Other ing into my soul like the surges of the Event on Earth-Telegraphy of the Skies. Home, Sweet Home.

BROOKLYN, Nov. 11.-Rev. Dr. Talmage, having concluded his round the world tour, has selected as the subject for today's discourse through the press 'Home Again,'' the text chosen being Luke xv, 23, "Bring hither the fatted ealf and kill it."

In all ages of the world it has been customary to celebrate joyful events by festivity-the signing of treaties, the proclamation of peace, the Christmas, the marriage. However much on other days of the year our table may have stinted supply, on Thanksgiving day there must be something bounteous, And all the comfortable homes of Christendom have at some time celebrated joyful events by banquet and festivity.

The Prodigal's Return.

Something has happened in the old homestend greater than anything that has ever happened before. A favorite son, whom the world supposed would become a vagabond and outlaw forever, has got tired of sightseeing and has returned to his father's house. The world said he never would come back. The old man always said his son would come. He had been looking for him day after day and year after year. He knew he would come back. Now, having returned to his father's house, the father proclaims celebration. There is a calf in the paddock that has been kept up and fed to utmost capacity, so as to be said that there were at least 10,000 ready for some occasion of joy that might come along.

Ah, there never will be a grander day on the old bomestead than this day. Let the butchers do their work and the housekeepers bring into the table the smoking meat. The musicians will take their places, and the gay groups will move up and down the floor. All the friends and neighbors are gathered in, and extra supply is sent out to the table of the servants. The father presides at the table, and says grace, and thanks God that his long absent boy is home again. Oh, how they missed him! How glad they are to have him back! One brother indeed stands pouting at the back door and says: "This is a great ado about nothing. This bad boy should have been chastened instead of greeted. Veal is too good for him!" But the father says: "Nothing is too good. Nothing is good enough." There sits the young man, glad at the hearty reception, but a shadow of sorrow flitting across his brow at the remembrance of the trouble he had seen. All ready now. Let the covers lift. Music, He was dead, and he is alive again! He was lost, and he is found! By such bold imagery does the Bible set forth the merrymaking and the tempted soul took it, and by when a soul comes home to God.

The Young Convert.

First of all, there is the new convert's joy. It is no tame thing to become a Christian. The most tremendous moment in a man's life is when he surrenders himself to God. The grandest time on the father's homestead is when the boy comes back. Among the great throng who, in the parlors of my church, professed Christ one night was a young

have never bad any pain except sin." Then they said to him, "Would you like to send a message to your friends?" Yes, I would. Tell them that only

last night the love of Jesus came rushsea, and I had to ery out: 'Stop, Lord; it is enough! Stop, Lord-enough!" Oh, the joys of this Christian religion!

Varity of Sinful Pleasures, Just pass over from those tame joys in which you are indulging-joys of

this world-into the raptures of the gospel. The world cannot satisfy you; you have found out-Alexandor longing for rolls among the white robed anthems of other worlds to conquer and yet drowned in his own bottle, Byron whipped the redeemed a greater hallelniah, while with a voice that reverberates among by disquietudes around the world, Volthe mountains of frankincense and is taire cursing his own soul while all the echoed back from the everlasting gates streets of Paris were applauding him he cries, "This, my son, was dead and Henry II consuming with hatred against is alive again!" poor Thomas a Becket, all illustrations of the fact that this world cannot make New Orleans 1 saw a Mexican flutist, a man happy. The very man who poiand he played the solo, and then aftersoned the pommel of the saddle on ward the eight or ten bands of music, which Queen Elizabeth role should in the street, "God save the queen!" One accompanied by the great organ, came in, but the sound of that one flute as

moment the world applauds, and the next moment the world anathematizes, greater than all the combined joy of the Oh, come over into this greater joy, universe when compared with the rethis sublime solace, this magnificent beatitude. The night after the battle of Shiloh there were thousands of woundtimes a day to the depot. His son went ed on the field, and the ambulances had off in aggravating circumstances, but not come. One Christian soldier, lying the father said, "He will come back," there a-dying under the starlight, be-The strain was too much, and his mind gan to sing: parted, and three times a day the father

There is a land of pure delight. And when he came to the next line

here were scores of voices uniting: Where saints immortal reign.

parture of train. At noon he was there again, watching the advance of the The song was caught up all over the field among the wounded until it was train, watching the departure. At night there again, watching the wounded men uniting their voices as coming, watching the going, for ten years. He was sure his son would come

they came to the verse: There everlasting spring abides

And never withering flowers. Death, like a narrow stream, divides That heavenly land from curs. Oh, it is a great religion to live by,

and it is a great religion to die by. There is only one heart throb between you and that religion this moment. Just look into the face of your pardoning God and surrender yourself for time and for eternity, and he is yours, and heaven is yours, and all is yours. Some of you, like the young man of the text, have gone astray. I know not the his-

tory, but you know it-you know it. The Circle of Safety. When a young man went forth into ife, the legend says, his guardian angel went forth with him, and getting him into a field the guardian angel swept a circle clear around where the young man stood. It was a circle of virtue and honor, and he must not step beyond that circle. Armed foes came down, but were obliged to halt at the circle. They could not pass. But one day a temptress

with diamonded hand, stretched forth and crossed that circle with the hand, that one fell grip was brought beyond the circle and died,

Some of you have stepped beyond that and foot in evil habit emancipated, I recircle. Would you not like this day, by joice over it as though it were my own the grace of God, to step back? This, emancipation. When, in our commun say to you, is your hour of salvation. ion service, such throngs of young and There was in the closing hours of Queen old stood up at the altars and in the Anne what is called the clock scene, presence of heaven and earth and hell Flat down on the pillow, in helpless attested their allegiance to Jesus Christ, sickness, she could not move her head I felt a joy something akin to that which or move her hand. She was waiting for the apostle describes when he says: the hour when the ministers of state should gather in angry contest, and worried and worn out by the coming hour, and in momentary absence of the nurse, in the power-the strange power which delirium sometimes gives oneshe arose and stood in front of the clock, and stood there watching the clock when the nurse returned. The nurse said, "Do you see anything peculiar about that clock?" She made no answer, but soon died. There is a clock scene in every history. If some of you would rise from the bed of lethargy and come out of your delirium of sin and look on the clock of your destiny this moment, you would see and hear something you have not seen or heard be fore, and every tick of the minute, and every stroke of the hour, and every swing of the pendulum, would say, "Now, now, now, now!" Oh, come home to your Father's house! Come home, oh, prodigal, from the wilder-

DR.TALMAGEATHOME was dying of cholern, his attendant of pleasure, and all the thrones of pomp, and I thank God I have seen 20 of them. and all the ages of eternity. It is a joy deeper than all depth, and higher than I notice also when the

The Rejoleing Father.

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For ten years a father went three

went. In the early morning he watch-

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out of the passengers, and then the de-

back. God has been watching and wait-

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at your coming home! You will come,

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Joy Over the Repentant.

you will!

unding heart of Almighty God.

I notice also when the prodigal comes all height, and wider than all width, and back all carness Christians rejoice. If vaster than all immensity. It overtops, you stood on a promontory, and there it undergirds, it outweighs all the unitwas a hurricane at sea, and it was blowd splendor and joy of the universe. ing toward the shore, and a vessel crash-Who can tell what God's joy is? ed into the rocks, and you saw people

get ashere in the lifeboats, and the very You remember reading the story of a last man got on the rocks in safety, you ting who on some great day of festivicould not control your joy. And it is a ty scattered silver and gold among the glad time when the church of God sees sople, who sent valuable presents to men who are tossed on the ocean of their is courtiers, but methinks when a soul sins plant their feet on the rock Christ omes back God is so glad that to excress his joy he flings out new worlds

The Effectual Prayer.

When prodigals come home, just hear hose Christians sing! It is not a dull tune you hear at such times. Just hear those Christians pray! It is not a stereo typed supplication we have heard over and over for 20 years, but a putting of the case in the hands of God with an importunate pleading. Men never pray at great length unless they have nothing

to say, and their hearts are hard and All the prayers in the Bible that cold. were answered were short prayers: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.' 'Lord, that I may receive my sight.' 'Lord, save me or I perish.'' The longest prayer, Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple, less than eight minutes in length, according to the ordinary rate of enunciation. And just hear them pray now that the prodigals

are coming home. Just see them shake hands. No putting forth of the four tips of the fingers in a formal way, but a hearty grasp, where the muscles of the heart seem to clinch the fingers of one hand around the other hand. And then see those Christian faces, how illumined they are. And see that old man get up and with the same voice that he sang 50 years ago in the old

country meeting house say, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." There was a man of Keith who was hurled into prison in time of ing for some of you, my brothers, 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, perpersecution, and one day he got off his shackles, and he came and stood by the prison door, and when the jailer was ing, watching, and if this morning the opening the door with one stroke he struck down the man who had incarperated him.

Passing along the streets of London, e wondered where his family was. He did not dare to ask lest he excite

suspicion, but passing along a little way from the prison he saw a Keith I notice also that when a prodiga tankard, a cup that belonged to the famomes home there is the joy of the min ily from generation to generation. He saw it in a window. His family, hopisters of religion. Oh, it is a grand thing to preach this gospel! I know there has ing that some day he would get clear, been a great deal said about the trials came and lived as near as they could to and the hardships of the Christian minthe prison house, and they set that istry. I wish somebody would write a good, rousing book about the joys of the Keith tankard in the window, hoping Christian ministry. Since I entered the he would see it, and he came along and profession I have seen more of the goodsaw it, and knocked at the door, and ness of God than I will be able to celewent in, and the long absent family brate in all eternity, I know some boast about their equilibrium, and they do not were all together again. Oh, if you would start for the kingdom of God torise into enthusiasm, and they do not day, I think some of you would find nearly all your friends and nearly all break down with emotion, but I confess to you plainly that when I see a man your families around the holy tankard coming to God and giving up his sin I of the holy communion-fathers, mothfeel in body, mind and soul a transport. ers, brothers, sisters, around that sacred tankard which commemorates the When I see a man who is bound hand love of Jesus Christ our Lord! Oh, it will be a great communion day when your whole family sits around the saered tankard! One on earth, one in heaven

Joy of the Redcomed.

Once more I remark that when the prodigal gets back the inhabitants of heaven keep festival. I am very certain



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man, who next morning rang my doorbell and said: "Sir, I cannot contain myself with the joy I feel. I came here this morning to express it. I have found more joy in five minutes in serving God than in all the years of my prodigality, and I came to say so."

You have seen perhaps a man running for his physical liberty and the officers of the law after him, and you saw him escape, or afterward you heard the judge had pardoned him and how great was the glee of that rescued man! But it is a very tame thing that compared with the running for one's everlasting life-the terrors of the law after him and Christ coming in to pardon and bless and rescue and save. You remember John Bunyan, in his great story, tells how the pilgrim put his fingers in his ears and ran, crying, "Life, life, eternal life!" A poor car driver, after having had to struggle to support his family for years, suddenly was informed that a large inheritance was his, and there was joy amounting to bewilment, but that is a small thing comed with the experience of one when has put in his hands the title deed to a joys, the raptures, the splendors of even, and he can truly say, "Its manms are mine; its temples are mine;

songs are mine; its God is mine!" doy of the Christian.

Dh, it is no tame thing to become a mistian. It is a merrymaking. It is killing of the fatted calf. It is ju-You know the Hible never comes it to a funeral, but always comas it to something bright. It is more to be compared to a banquet than thing also. It is compared in the Bito the water-tright, flashing wa to the morning, reseate, fire work countain transfigured morning. 1 I could today take all the Bible ite and comfort and hope and n, and twist them into one garand put it on the brow of the est child of find in all this land. cry: "Wear it, wear it now, wear myorst Oh, the gladness of the LARE MAIN WEATHING

in have seen sometimes a man to a the associably got up and give his since. Well, Paul gave his experi-He ross in the presence of 1wo in heaven-and he said, "Bow, my esperience, sorrowful, yet To injustedings, poor, yes marking, victory are tranging and internation of the source of the source

ness! Come home, come home! The Divine Justice,

But I notice that when the prodigal came there was the father's joy. He did not greet him with any formal "How do you do?" He did not come out and say: "You are unfit to enter. Go out and wash in the trough by the

woll, and then you can come in: have had enough trouble with you. Ah, no! When the proprietor of that estate proclaimed festival, it was an outburst of a father's love and a father's joy. God is your father.

I have not much sympathy with that description of God I somotions hear, as though he were a Turkish sultan-hard and unsympathetic and listening not to the cry of his subjects. A musi told me he saw in due of the sustern lands a king riding along, and two men wore in altereation, and one charged the oth or with having maten his rice, and the king main, "Then slay the man, and by post mortem examination find whether he has enter the rice." And he was slain. An, the crucity of a sound like that! Our find is not a sultan, not a despot, but a father-kind, loving, for-Goal Almighty. Oh, the joy of the giving-and he makes all heaven sing again when a product comes back. he says, "'in the have no pleasure."

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Whether in the body I cannot tell, or out of the body I cannot tell. God know eth.

Have not ministers a right to rejoice when a prodigal comes home? They blew the trumpet, and, ought they not to be glad of the gathering of the host? They pointed to the full supply, and ought they not to rejoice when souls pant as the hart for the water brooks? They came forth saying, "All things are now ready." Ought they not rejoice when the prodigal sits down at the banquet?

How Ministers Are Sustained. Life insurance men will all tell you

that ministers of religion as a class live longer than any other. It is confirmed by the statistics of all those who calculate upon human longevity. Why is it? There is more draft upon the nervous system than in any other profession, and their toll is most exhausting. I have seen m'nisters kept on miserable stipends by parsimonious congregations who wondered at the dullnoss of the sermon, when the men of God were perplexed almost to death by questions of livelihood and had not enough nu-

comptimes man the inside of the life of Wi many of the American clergymennever accepting their hospitality besame they cannot afford it-but I have men them struggle on with salaries of than that, their straggle well depictin a lotter: "Thank you for your last, remittance. Until it came we had not any meat in our house for one year. and all last winter, although it was a severo winter, our children wore their

summer clothes." And these map of find I find in differant parts of the land, struggling against annoyances and exasperations incumer-able, some of them week after week en-power, world without end P to you have made and a story of the sell used antipostering discussion to all styles of annoyances, and yet without con-plaint and cheerful of soul. How do you account for the fact that these life insurance man tell us that initiature as a class live insure than any others? It a bacarian of the joy of their work, the oy of the hervest field, the joy of great-ent produces here to their Father's

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of it. If you have never seen a tele graphic chart, you have no idea how many cities are connected together and how many lands. Nearly all the neigh

borhoods of the earth seem reticulated, and news flies from city to city and from continent to continent. But more rapidly go the tidings from earth to heaven, and when a prodigal returns it is announced before the throne of God. And if these souls today should enter the kingdom there would be some one in the heavenly kingdom to say, "That's my father," "That's my mother," "That's my son," "That's my daugh-ter," "That's my friend," "That's the one I used to pray for," "That's the one

for whom I wept so many tears," and one soul would say, "Hosmna!" and another soul would say, "Halleluiah!"

Pleased with the news, the mints below In songs their tongues employ. Beyond the sites the tidings go. And kenyen is filled with joy.

Nor angels can their joy contain, But kindle with new fire. The sinner lost is found, they sing, And strike the sounding lyre.

At the banquet of Lucullus sat Cico ro, the orstor. At the Macedonian fes tritions food to keep any fire in their tival sat Philip, the conqueror. At the temperament. No fuel, no fire. I have Greeian banquet sat Fourates, the phi lesopher, but at our Father's table sit all the returned prodigals, more than conquerors. The table is so wide it. leaves reach across sons and across Innde. Its guests are the redocaned of \$500 and \$600 a year, the average less earth and the glorified of heaven. The ring of God's forgiveness on every hand, of by the western missionary who says the role of a Saviour's righteonsnin adroup from every shoulder. The wim that glows in the caps is from the bowls of 10,000 encraments. Lat all the redomain of earth and all the glorified of heaven arise, and with gleaning challes drink to the return of a thousand prodignls. Sing, sing, singl "Worthy is the famb that was doin to receive blensing

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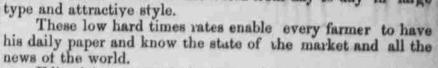
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