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AN INFIDEL ANSWERED.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, Before an Immense Audience, Tears the Theories Advanced by Ingersoll Into a Thousand Strips—The Bible's Great Triumph.

[Courier Journal, Dec. 18th.]

Leiderkranz Hall never held such an assemblage as gathered therein last evening to hear Brooklyn's great preacher, Dr. Talmage. The ministers of the city were out in full force; leading laymen, bankers, judges, professors and business men of all classes, and a great many ladies, were present. The gallery was well filled, twenty or more medical students being the earliest arrivals. The train conveying the speaker only arrived at 7:40 p. m., and the audience were impatient at the delay of the lecture's opening. Dr. Witherspoon, at the request of Prof. Hawes, mounted the stage and announced the arrival of the train, and that Dr. Talmage was expected every moment.

At 8:30 the great preacher came in and was greatly applauded. Dr. T. D. Witherspoon introduced him, saying:

It gives me great pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, to present to you the speaker of the evening, a speaker who needs no introduction to this or any other audience in this great country. From his pulpit he fearlessly defends the truth. Without any detaining words, I present my personal friend and distinguished fellow-minister, Dr. Talmage [Applause]. Standing with one hand in his bosom.

DR. TALMAGE SPOKE AS FOLLOWS:

It is pleasant to be greeted by the kindly words of Dr. Witherspoon and the cordial reception of this great audience on this severe night. If we leave it to the evolutionist to tell where we come from and the theologian to tell where we are going to, we still have left the fact that we are here to-night. [Laughter.] And it is best to be here. Of all the great centuries this is the best; of all its grand decades this is the best decade; of all of its mighty years this is the best year; of all of the months of the year this is the best month, and of all its nights this is the best night. It took all the ages to make this moment. [Applause.]

During the past few years it has pleased a distinguished gentleman to go about the country speaking on what he called a Talmagean Theology. I sometimes reply to him. To show that I have nothing personal, I invite Mr. Ingersoll, when he is converted to preach his first sermon in my pulpit. [Applause.] Voltaire, after writing 240 volumes against Christianity, when he came to die, sent for a minister to have the sacrament of the Lord Jesus Christ administered. God's favorite figure is a circle; even a curve is an unborn circle. Men come around in this circle, and the time is coming when he whom the minister held in his hand when he said, "I baptize thee, Robert, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," will come back to the faith of his father.

"Ah," he says, "this Bible is a blunder; the Mosaic law is stuff; there was never a miracle. Then according to this, the wise minds of John Adams and Daniel Webster were infantile in commending the book. William E. Gladstone debases himself when he bows humbly in church and in the absence of the rector reads the prayers. Ah, Carlyle was mistaken when he said it was 'THE GRANDEST POEM EVER WRITTEN.'"

And your father, who takes the Bible as his staff of life, is leaning on naught. That which your mother let lay in her lap is a pack of lies! "That book," he says, "should

not be allowed to delude men. Gather all the Bibles, and make a bonfire to warm our cold criticism, and then let the plow-share turn under the ashes."

"But stop," says some silly man or woman. "Give the Bible a trial." All right; it shall be had to-night. I impel this entire audience as a jury. Twelve men are enough ordinarily, but this is an important case. Silently swear now that you will truly try this issue. Infidelity vs. Christianity. Next call the witnesses. Robert G. Ingersoll! Here! [Applause.] Swear the witness! [Laughter.] I only know of two ways to swear—on the Bible and with uplifted hand. He believes in neither, and I will swear him by the spots on the sun, the caverns in the moon, the rings of Saturn, the milky way, the aurora borealis. [Laughter.]

Now, one principle of testimony is laid down in every court. A witness false in one part is false in all. Now if I can't convict Mr. Ingersoll of falsehood I will abandon Christianity. He declares that the Bible favors polygamy. How many wives did God make for Adam? One. God says the man shall cling to the one wife (not wives). How many wives did God save for Noah? One. God first launched the human race with one wife! The Bible and God permit polygamy as much as the United States permits murder. All the mighty men favored of God had each one wife, Adam, Samuel and David. Do you say Solomon had wives? Yes, so did David, and they were punished.

Mr. Ingersoll says he prefers the English authoress, whose life was an insult to the Queen. I prefer her who, when nineteen, being told that the crown of England was hers, asked the Archbishop to pray for God to aid her. I prefer her who, when Prince Albert died in the faith, sang "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly." She could carry comfort to the poor homes of England and to the bereaved Empress at Chislehurst.

AH, SHE IS THE ONE,

whose name, wherever mentioned, brings and deserves the shout: "God Save the Queen."

Mr. Ingersoll says the Bible is an impure book. He reads a passage, affects to blush and says: "I can't read more in the presence of this refined audience," and puts the book away. There is much in medical books that can't be read in public—then put those books away. When the Bible deals with the putrefaction of sin we are to see its harm and not love it. The Bible way of showing sin makes you hate it; the Byronic way makes you love it. Mr. Ingersoll says the Bible is a cruel book. Is it? A cruel book produces cruelty. Where the Scriptures are not practiced the people beat each other. There are 250,000,000 Bibles in circulation; show me 1,000 victims, show me 600, or 500, or 400, or 200; show 100, or 60, or 40, or 20, or 5; yes, show 2, show 1. I offer \$1,000 reward for one victim. [Applause.]

Mr. Ingersoll says the Bible is woman's tyrant. Is it? Come into the world's picture gallery. Look at Eve, a perfect woman; see Deborah, mighty for good; see Abigail in her beauty and power stop the armed host—a hurricane stopped at the sight of a water-lily, a dewdrop dashing back Niagara. [Applause.] Here is Vashti defying a King's crew; here is Esther saving her nation; here is the woman, the perfume of whose ointment has come over ages; here is Dorcas, the light of blisful fame, gilding her needle; here is Lydia, loved of all. Oh, here is a good old woman leaning on a staff, Grandmother Lois! Who has more worshippers than any save Christ! A

woman, Mary. [Applause.] For whom did Christ perform his first miracle? Woman. For whom did Christ raise the dead? For the sisters of Bethany. For whom was Christ most anxious in His dying hour? A wrinkled old woman, His mother. Ah! the world of meaning—Behold thy mother. How the Bible hates women! Ah! no Bible in a land and woman is a beast of burden, a veiled slave. Why does woman go to that Bible in time of trouble? Ah! she knows it says "weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes with the morning." All things work together for good to them that love God. That book says, "Husband, love your wife." Why does she go to that cruel book?

Look at another picture—the woman with base character brought into the presence of Christ. He, with

A STORY OF SARCASM.

splits her enemies from scalp to heel, saying: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." [Applause.] Ah, how the Bible hates woman! Oh, woman, hold up your hands; let me see your handcuffs. I see those gold bracelets flashing—they were put there by fatherly, brotherly, lovely hands. [Applause.] Where is your yoke? Loosen those warm wrappings. I see your golden, carnelian and pearl chains—Christianity puts them there. [Applause.] And yet when Ingersoll says his foolish things against the Bible 500 idiots clap their hands and say, "that's so." [Laughter.]

Ah, he is false in this, and false in one, false in all.

He says the story that woman was formed from a rib of a man is ridiculous. He gnaws on that rib, and has been doing so for years. If I had an old hound who day after day gnawed on the same old dry rib as if he depended on it for happiness, I would drive him away. Mr. Ingersoll doesn't know that the word rib translated means man's side. He doesn't know a word of Hebrew, and yet would translate Genesis. He doesn't know Greek, Latin, German or English, and yet would translate Homer, Virgil, Schiller and Shakspeare. I don't adopt the idea of Matthew Henry, who says that woman was taken from a man's side because that was near his heart, and I repudiate the doctrine that she was taken from his side so she could reach all his pockets. [Laughter.]

Ah, she was taken from his right side that his good right arm might protect her. That's why a man gets so mad when you talk against his wife. Get out of striking distance when you speak against a man's wife. [Applause.] From his side, at his side—that is her position. Do you remember the bridal couple killed on the train from Bennington, Vt.? There was a collision; the train was burned and bride and groom perished. The conductor said the bride could have escaped; the doctors said the bride need not have perished. The husband's body was pinioned under timbers, but only her dress was caught, yet she died—from his side she would not go.

Mr. Ingersoll makes mirth of the Bible. Don't think I am opposed to fun. God never made a man who loved fun more than I do.

BUT DON'T MORTIFY AT GOD.

Ah, there is a blasphemous side to fun. On that wrecked train there was a man who said, "Watch me have fun. I will pull the string of this trolley brake, and when the people see the train stop they will wonder."

"Don't do this," said his companion, but he pulled the string, stopped the train at a dangerous curve and along thundered the St. Louis express. Crash came the collision. (Concluded on 8th page.)