Talmage's Sermon.

Birthdays of Great Men.

Furthermore, I notice that January has been honored with the nativity of some of the greatest among the nations. Edmund Burke was born this month, the marvel and glory of the legal world; Fenelon of the religious world, Benjamin Franklin of the philosophic world, William H. Prescott of the historic world, Sir John Moore of the military world, Robert Burns of the poetic world, Polycarp of the martyr world, Peter the Great of the kingly world, Chrysostom of the sacred rhetoric world, Daniel Webster of the statesman world.

In this month, at Hampton court, 1604, a new translation of the Holy Bible was ordered. There were Bibles of all kinds abroad, some of them translations from Hebrew and Greek by incompetent men, and the church and the world cried out for a Bible translated by a group of the good and the learned. King James disliked the Bibles abroad and appointed a commission of fifty-four men, afterward reduced to forty-seven. Those men presented the world with a Bible that held mighty sway among the nations for more than 250 years, the revision of the Bible thirty years ago being founded on that revision, which began under King James of 1604. The old translation, made more than two and a half centuries ago, sustained the martyrs in the fire, illumined the homesteads of many generations, was the book that was read aloud at the embarkation of the forefathers from Delft Haven, cheered the weary voyagers on the Mayflower, comforted them in the wilds of America, was the book on which the first American congress, as well as the last, took the oath and with which all the presidents of the United States have solemnized their entrance into office, is the book that has advanced the world's civilization as no other influence ever could, and which now lies on the table of more homes than any book that was ever printed since Johann Gutenberg borrowed money of Martin Brether and John Faust to complete the art of printing. What a January in the world's history—the January that gave the ages a book like that!

Time of Sadness.

But January, like all the other months of the year, has had its sadnesses and its disasters. During this month died Linnæus, the botanist of Sweden and the world, who called the roll of the flowers and shrubs and trees, putting them into companies and calling them by their names, his beautiful statue standing in a park of Stockholm, a rose in bronze held in his right hand. During this month expired Francis Bacon, and Garrick, and Galilei, and Louis VI., and William Pitt, and Francis Jeffrey of the immortal pen, and Disraeli the first, and Edward Everett, and Bruce, and Catiline. In this month died Peter the Great, the man of whom it was written: "He gave a polish to his people and was himself a savage. He taught them the art of warfare, of which he himself was ignorant. From the sight of a small boat on the river Moskwa he erected a powerful fleet, making himself an expert and active shipwright, sailor, pilot and commander. He changed the manners, customs and laws of the Russians and lives in their memory as the father of his country."

But I cannot read the epitaphs of one out of a hundred illustrious graves in this first month of the year. Many of those well known gained half their renown and did half their work through the help of those of whom we know little or nothing. Lord Herschel 's known all the world over and will be known through all time, but little is said of her who was born this first month of the year and without whose help he never could have been what he was—his sister, Caroline Lucretia Augusta. She helped him hunt the worlds. She repaired and adjusted his telescopes. She ciphered out his astronomical problems. She was his amanuensis. She planned for him his work. She discovered seven comets and made "A Catalogue of Nebulæ and Star Clusters." The month of January introduced her to the observatories, but she has never been properly introduced to the world.

Preparing For the Future.

According to my text, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you." Through it make preparation for the other eleven months. What you are in January you will probably be in all the other months of the year. Prepare for them neither by apprehension nor too sanguine anticipation. Apprehension of misfortune will only deplete your body and gloom your soul and unfit you for any trouble that may come. On the other hand, if you expect too much, disappointment will be yours. Cultivate faith in God and the feeling that he will do for you that which is best, and you will be ready for either sunshine or shadow. The other eleven months of the year 1902 will not all be made up of gladness or of grief. The cup that is all made up of sweetness is insipid.

Between these just opened gates of the year and the closing of those gates there will be many times when you will want God. You will have questions to decide which will need supernatural impulse. There may be illnesses of the body or perplexities of mind or spiritual exhaustions to be healed and comforted and strengthened. During the remaining twenty-six days of this month lay in a supply of faith and hope and courage for all the days of the eleven months. Start right, and you will be apt to keep right. Before the ship captain gets out of the New York Narrows he makes up his mind what sea route he will take. While you are in the Narrows of this month make up your mind which way you will sail and unroll your chart and set your compass and have the lifeboats well placed on the davits and be ready for smooth voyage all the way across or the swoop of a Caribbean whirlwind.

The Monster Abomination.

Rev. Solomon Spaulding was for some time in poor health, and to while away the time he wrote a preposterous religious romance. One Joseph Smith somehow got hold of that book before it was printed and published it as a revelation of heaven, calling it the "Book of Mormon," and from that publication came Mormonism, the monster abomination of the earth. Rev. Solomon Spaulding might have been better engaged than writing that book of falsehoods. However much time we have, we never have time to do wrong. Harness January for usefulness, and it will take the following months in its train. Oh, how much you may do for God between now and the 31st of next December! The beautiful "weeping willow" tree was introduced by Alexander Pope into England from a twig which the poet found in a Turkish basket of figs. He planted that twig, and from it came all the weeping willows of England and America; and your smallest planting of good may under God become an influence continental and international.

Now that the train of months has started, let it pass, January followed by February, with longer days, and March, with its fierce winds; and April, with its sudden showers; and May, with its blossoming orchards; and June, with its carnival of flowers; and July, with its harvests; and August, with its sweltering heats; and September, with its drifting leaves; and October, with its frosts; and November, with its Thanksgiving scenes; and December, with its Christian hilarities. March on, O battalion of the months, in the regiments of the years and the brigades of the centuries! March on and join the months and years and centuries already passed until all the rivers of time have emptied into the ocean of eternity, but none of all the host ought to render higher thanks to God or take larger comfort or make more magnificent resolve than this the first month of the new year.

But what fleet foot hath the months and years! People lightly talk about how they kill time. Alas, it dies soon enough without killing. And the longer we live the swifter it goes. William C. Bryant said an old friend of his declared that the going of time is like the drumming of the partridge or muffled grouse in the woods, falling slow and distinct at first and then following each other more and more rapidly till they end at last in a whirring sound. But Dr. Young, speaking of the value of time, startingly exclaimed, "Ask deathbeds!"

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COMPTROLLER HERRING'S REPORT.

Dr. Joshua Herring, State comptroller, submitted his report to both houses of Legislature Wednesday. A summary follows:

The receipts of the treasury during the past fiscal year from all sources has been $3,243,154.12. This, together with the amount of $849,885.16, in the treasury on September 30, 1900, and $299,589.14 to credit, of the sund's account will make $4,392,628.42, including balances

The disbursements of the year have been $3,120,626 27, or $359,907 89 less than in the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that a much larger sum was carried to the sinking funds during the present year. The balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year is $972,412 91.

While this is true it remains a fact that the available cash for the ordinary expenses for the government is but 521,-787 57. This will be understood when it is explained that under an act of the legislature bonds were issued and the money therefrom arising was specially dedicated to the building of the Fifth Regiment armory, the state building at Annapolis and improvements at the State Penitentiary. This sum aggregates $450,625.34.

The total receipts of the school fund during the year, including the balance from the previous year, are $79,225.67, while the total disbursements for the same period have been $71,561.37, leaving a balance of $7,664.30.

The balance to the credit of the oyster fund September 30, 1900, was $5,365.74, and this amount added to the receipts of the fiscal year, amounting to $74,974-32, aggregates $80,340.06. The oyster navy, which has been showing a deficiency each year, was more self-sustaining than heretofore. I suggest the wisdom of repealing the tax of 50 cents per capita upon men employed on oyster boats.

The funded debt of the state is now $6,509,326.13 an increase of over $200,000 over the previous year. The net debt is $2,662,344.29 which is an actual deduction since January 1900. The apparent discrepancy is explained by the issue of the $500,000 loan for state building and improvements.

The receipts of the public school tax were $727,314.41, and this amount, added to the balance on hand September 30, 1900, aggregates $1,077,270.48. There was disbursed during the year among counties and Baltimore city $720,455 85, leaving a balance on hand of $356,-814 63.

The receipts of free school book fund were $138,455.08, while the disbursements were $153,532.74. The summary shows a deficit of $164,314.67 since the levying of this tax in 1896, thus demonstrating that the 2 cent levied on each $100 has never been sufficient to support this fund, and that the treasury has been drawn on to the extent of the deficiency.

The gross receipts of the state tobacco warehouses are shown to have been $79,223.62, while the disbursements have been $77,531.20, leaving as net earnings $1,692.42.

Tomato Growers' Contract.

Packing houses on the Eastern Shore are said to be experiencng more difficulty this year than ever before in making contracts with farmers, and some of them are turning their attention to renting land and growing crops themselves. Last year, when tomatoes were scarce, many growers "jumped their contracts" until court intervened. This year the growers are holding aloof. The price per ton for tomatoes has been $5 and $6. This year the packers are offering $7, but the growers are slow in coming forward to make contracts.

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