TALMAGE'S SERMON.

GOD'S JUDGMENTS ARE SWIFT AND SURE.

National Sins Are Punished by Keen Instruments — No Calamity Happens by Chance, but Is Directed by Divine Wisdom.

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Dr. Talmage, in his journey westward, through Europe, has recently visited scenes of thrilling historic events. He sends this sermon, in which he shows that nations are judged in this world and that God reigns. The text: Psalm cxxxvii, 1-6: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song, and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

The Hebrew captives sat down by the waters of Babylon. Their captors wanted them to sing for their amusement. They were in no mood for singing. Instead of the songs of Zion they would have preferred the songs of Babylon. They were in a strange land. They were in captivity. They were in sorrow. They were in tears. They were in despair. They were in exile. They were in bondage. They were in misery. They were in agony. They were in anguish. They were in distress. They were in trouble. They were in affliction. They were in tribulation. They were in adversity. They were in calamity. They were in misfortune. They were in ill luck. They were in bad luck. They were in hard luck. They were in evil luck. They were in ill fortune. They were in bad fortune. They were in hard fortune. They were in evil fortune. They were in ill circumstances. They were in bad circumstances. They were in hard circumstances. They were in evil circumstances. They were in ill condition. They were in bad condition. They were in hard condition. They were in evil condition. They were in ill state. They were in bad state. They were in hard state. They were in evil state. They were in ill plight. They were in bad plight. They were in hard plight. They were in evil plight. They were in ill case. They were in bad case. They were in hard case. They were in evil case. They were in ill straits. They were in bad straits. They were in hard straits. They were in evil straits. They were in ill pass. They were in bad pass. They were in hard pass. They were in evil pass. They were in ill position. They were in bad position. They were in hard position. They were in evil position. They were in ill situation. They were in bad situation. They were in hard situation. They were in evil situation. They were in ill condition. They were in bad condition. They were in hard condition. They were in evil condition. They were in ill state. They were in bad state. They were in hard state. They were in evil state. They were in ill plight. They were in bad plight. They were in hard plight. They were in evil plight. They were in ill case. They were in bad case. They were in hard case. They were in evil case. They were in ill straits. They were in bad straits. They were in hard straits. They were in evil straits. They were in ill pass. They were in bad pass. They were in hard pass. They were in evil pass. They were in ill position. They were in bad position. They were in hard position. They were in evil position. They were in ill situation. They were in bad situation. They were in hard situation. They were in evil situation.

Nothing Ever Happens.

Kings of Judgment.

Music of Kind Words.

Let us be careful how we shoot at the others lest we take down the wrong one, remembering the servant of King William Rufus, who shot at a deer but the arrow glanced at a tree and killed the king. Instead of going out with shafts to pierce and razors to cut we had better imitate the friendship of Richard Coeur de Lion. Richard, in the war of the Crusades was captured and imprisoned. No more of his friends knew where to find his loyal friend Blondel went around the land from stronghold to stronghold and sang at each window a snatch of song that Richard Coeur de Lion had taught him in other days. And one day coming before a certain castle where he suspected his king might be imprisoned he sang over the first lines of song, and immediately King Richard replied from his cell with the other line of the song. And so the wheels about us are full of music and a success ful movement to set those free who are in captivity. So let us go up and down the world with the music of kind words and encouragement, helping the unfortunate and trying to [illegible]

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The "HEATHEN CHINESE."

Peculiar Traits of the Almond-Eyed Celestial.

RIVERS ARE TREACHEROUS.

In Times of Freshet They Frequently Change Their Course.

The rivers of China, like the people, are extremely treacherous. They have no fixed channels, but move in the impetuous floods that come pouring down from the mountains in the rainy season, sometimes as much as 10 miles from their old beds, leaving the intervening tracts buried deep under the sand destroying life, making a desert of cultivated fields over an area of many hundreds of miles, and plunging the farming population into terrible poverty and famine. The enormous [illegible] by the Kaou-ho have been [illegible] although they [illegible] past great [illegible] and merchandise [illegible] markets at [illegible] engineering [illegible] who [illegible] Chinese [illegible] challenge [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]