

STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

DR. TALMAGE'S BEAUTIFUL XMAS SERMON.

He preaches to a Great Throng of People in the Brooklyn Tabernacle. The Edifice Elaborately Decorated—'I Am the Bright and the Morning Star.'

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Christmas in the Tabernacle was a great event. Standing before the organ, festooned with Christmas green, this sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Talmage after the church had sung "The Star of Bethlehem."

It seems as if the natural world were anxious to make up for the damage it did our race in frustrating the forbidden fruit. If that fruit wrought death among the nations, now all the natural products shall become a symbol of blessing.

Have you ever seen the morning star advantageously? If it was on your way home from a night's carousal, you saw none of its beauty.

The telegraph operator grips his finger on the silver key of the electric instrument and the tidings fly across the continent, and so it seems to me that the finger of inspiration is placed upon this silver point in the heavens, and it thrills through all the wires of the world.

Oh, it is an interesting thought for me to know that Christ had something to do with the creation of the world. It was so easy for Him to change water into wine; He first created the water; I see now why it was so easy for Him to cure the blind man; He created the optic nerve; I see now why it was so easy for Him to raise Lazarus from the dead; He created the voice of Lazarus, and the rock that sent him out.

Some supposed that Christ came a stranger to Bethlehem. Old Joe, the watchman, and the shepherds who watched the flocks, they pastured and the heavens that overarched their heads and the angels that chanted the choruses that Christmas night. That hand which was afterward nailed to the cross, was an omnipotent and creative hand, and the whole universe was poised on the tip of one of His fingers.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of comfort in a Christian's life. We come to Christ in life where all kinds of tribulations meet us. You are building up some great enterprise. You have built the great heart-breaking wall; you are just about to put on the capstone, when everything is demolished.

A right to break off a flower to wear over his heart or to set in the vase in the mansion, who has a right to touch the flower?

And when Christ comes down into our garden to gather lilies, shall we fight him? He has a right to pick a rose, though he has no right to come? If anyone in all the universe has a right to that which is beautiful in our homes, then our Master has, and he will take it, and we will see it over the palace eternal.

Christ heralds the dawn of millennial glory. It is night in China, night in India, night in Siberia, night in the vast majority of the world's population. But it seems to me there are no intimations of the morning. All Spain is to be brought under the influence of the Gospel.

They shall come from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south, and shall stand before the throne of God. These shivered under Icelandic temperatures. These plucked the vineyards in Chile. These were aborigines lifting up their dusky faces in the dawn.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of heaven upon every mortal's dying pillow. I suppose you have noticed that the characteristics of people in their healthy days are very apt to be their characteristics in their dying days. The dying words of ambitious Napoleon were: "Head of the army."

The lattice is turned so that the light is very pleasant. It is in the room. You ask yourself: "Why, can this be a dying room? It is so different from any thing I ever expected. And you walk the characteristics of their dying days, and you come back and look at your watch, and you look at the face of the patient again, and there is no change, except that the face is becoming more radiant, more illuminated.

With lanterns and torches and a guide we went down in the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. You may walk 10 miles and see no sunlight. It is a stupendous place. Some places the roof of the cave is 100 feet high. The grottoes filled with wild echoes, cascades falling from invisible heights to invisible depths.

are stars coming out in constellations a brilliant night heavens—and you involuntarily exclaim: "Beautiful! beautiful!"

Then he takes the lantern down in other depths of the cavern, and wanders on, and wanders on, until he comes up and behind the rocks gradually, and it seems like the dawn of morning, and it gets brighter and brighter. The guide and he imitates the voices of the morning, and soon the glow is all gone, and you stand congratulating yourself over the wonderful spectacle.

Our Divine Guide takes us down into the great caverns, and we have the lamp to our feet and the light to our path, and all behind the rocks gradually, and it seems like the dawn of morning, and it gets brighter and brighter.

On November 23, 1893, St. Helens scattered ashes over the Dalles of the Columbia river, fifty miles away, and burned continuously until February 16, 1894.

Why, it is a star. It is a star that out of its silver rim is pouring a supernatural light into that dying experience. And you say: "What is the bright light looking at?" She says: "It is a star. You say, 'What star is it that seems so down to please you?' 'Oh, it's a star, 'that is to have my death bed under that angelic star—I would like to have my eye on that star, so I could be assured of the morning.'"

The venerable ex-Judge James Campbell, who died recently, was a great favorite among young lawyers to whom he never tired of giving advice and with whom he loved to sit and chat of the days when he was prominent among the young men at the "Palace."

No halberd draws sharper than intellect on a man. It works day and night; in fair weather and foul. It gnaws at a man's substance with invisible teeth. It finds industry with its him as a fly in a house with a spider's web. It is a man over and over, blinding him hand and foot and letting him hang on the fatal mesh till the long-legged interest devours him.

SURROUNDED BY MYSTERY! A Great Mistake.

A recent discovery is that headache, dizziness, dullness, confusion of the mind, etc., are due to derangement of the nerve centers which supply the brain with nerve force; that indigestion, dyspepsia, neuralgia, wind in stomach, etc., arise from the derangement of the nerve centers supplying these organs with nerve force.

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