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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 throngs had sung "The Star of Bethlehem." Text, Rev. xxii., 16: "I am the bright and the morning star."

This is Christmas Eve. Our attention and the attention of the world is drawn to the star that pointed down to the caravansary where Christ was born. But do not let us forget that Christ Himself was a star. To that luminous

anxious to make up for the damage it did our race in furnishing the forbidden selves to Christ. What is that light 1 anthems, and all the falling waters are fruit. If that fruit wrought death among the nations, now all the natural products shall become a symbol of blessing. The showering down of the wealth of the orchard will make us think of What is that light I see breaking over gins to rise, and all the tears of earth If im whom Solomon describes as the apple tree among the trees of the wood; and the flowers of tangied glen and cultured parterre shall be the dew-glinted to look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the Morne of the hour of the look at the gate of the Normal land of the part of the second land of the look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the look at the look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the look at the look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the look at the look at the dawn; the Chinaman will other side, and you push against the gate of the look at the look a garland for the brow of the Lord Jesus. Yea, even the night shall be taxed, and gian will get up on the rocks, and all the and, as the gate flashes open, you find it its brightest star shall be set as a gem in the coronet of our holy religion.

Have you ever seen the morning star agony. advantageously? If it was on your way home from a night's carousal, you saw none of its beauty. If you merely turned over on your pillow in the darkness, glaneing out of the window, you know nothing about the cheerful influence of that star. But there are many in this house to night, who, in great passes of their life, some of them far out at sea, have gazed at that star and been thrilled and the sea shall become the walking through with indescribable gladness. place of him who trod the wave cliffs of That star comes trembling as though with the perils of the darkness. and yet bright with the anticipation of the day. It seems emotional to the earth until it rebounds again to with all tenderness, its eyes filled with the throne of the Almighty, and the the tears of many sorrows. It is the morning star of Christian hope will be gem on the hand of the morning, thrust come the full sunburst of millennial up to signal its coming. Other stars are glory. dim, like holy candles in the catherdral, heaven upon every Christian's dying or silver beads counted in superstitious litany; but this is a living star, a speak- the characteristics of people in their ing star, an historic star, an evangelistic star—bright, and brilliant, and trium. healthy days are very apt to be their characteristics in their dying days. The star-bright, and brilliant, and triumplant symbol of the great Redeemer.

The telegraph operater puts his finger ment 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 ing of my text is this: As the morning star precedes and promises the coming of the day, so Christ heralds the natural and spiritual dawn.

In the first place, Christ heralded the coming of the creation. There was a time when there was no order, no sound of beauty. No wing stirred. No word was uttered. No light sped. As far as God could look up, as far down, as far out, there was nothing. Immeasurable solitude. Height and depth, and length, and breadth of nothingness. Did Christ then exist? Oh! yes. "By him were all things made that are made; things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth." Yes, he antedated the creation. He led forth Arcturus and his sons. He shore before the first morning. His voice was heard in the general when the heard in the concert when the morning stars serenaded the advent of our infant earth, when, wrapped in swaddling clothes of light, it lay in the arms of the great Jehovah. He saw the first fountain laid. He saw the first light kindled. That hand which was afterward crushed upon the cross was thrust into chaos, and it brought out one world and swung it in that orbit; and brought out another world and swung it in another orbit; and brought out all the worlds, and swung them in their particular orbits. They came like sheep at the call of a shepherd. They knew his voice, and he called them all by their names.

Oh!, it is an interesting thought for me to know that Christ had something to do with the creation. I see now why 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 maniac; He first created the intellect. I see now why it was so easy for Him to swing fish into Simon's net; He made the fish. I see now why it was so easy for Ilim to give sight to 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 body of Lazarus, and the rock that shut him in. Some supposed that Christ came a

stranger to Bethlehem Oh! no. He created the shepherds and the flocks they watched and the hills on which they pastured and the heavens that overarched their heads and the angels that chanted the chorus on 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. Before the world was, Christ was. All the worlds came trooping out of darkness, and He greeted as a father greets his children, with a "Good-morning" or a "Good-night." Hail, Lord Jesus, morning star of the

first creation.

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of comfort in a Christian soul. Sometimes we come to passes in life where all kinds of tribulations meet us. You are building up some great enterprise. You have built the foundation-the wallyou are just about to put on the cap-stone, when everything is demolished. You have a harp all strung for sweetest accord, and some great agony crushes it. There is a little voice hushed in the household. Blue eye closed. Color dashed out of the cheek. The foot still. Instead of the quick feet in the hall the heavy tread of those who march to the grave. Oh! what are people to do amid all these sorrows? Some sit down and mourn. Some bite their lip until the blood comes. Some wring their pale hands. Some fall on their faces. Some lie on their backs helpless, and look up into what seems to them an unpitying heaven. Some pull their hair down over their eyes and look through with a fiend's glare. Some with both hands press their hot brain, and want to die, and cry. "O, God! O, God! 'Long night, bitter night, stupendous night of the world's suffering! Some know not which

way to turn. a morning star! a star of comfort! a star of grace! a star of peace! the Star you think that you are 250 feet in a Now Jesus, the great heart-healer, comes takes you into what is called the "Star

a right to break off a flower to wear over | are stars coming out in constellationshis heart or to set in the vase in the a brilliant night heavens—and you inmansion, who has a right to touch the voluntarily exclaim: "Beautifu! beauti

flower? And when Christ comes down into our garden to gather lilies, shall we fight lift back? Shall we talk as though lie on, and wanders off, until he comes up beautiful in our homes, then our Master has, and He will take it, and He will set it in the vase of the palace eternal. "The of the morning, and soon the gloom is away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of

night in India, night in Siberia, night for the vast majority of the world's population. But it seems to me there are some intimations of the morning. All Spain is to be brought under the influence of the Gospel. What is that light I see breaking over the top of the Pyrenees? The morning! Yea, all Italy shall receive the Gospel She shall have her schools, It seems as if the natural world were and her colleges, and her churches; her temples of iniquity shall be demolished. come up on the granite cliffs, the Norwe- that swings between the two pillars,

> They shall come from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south, and sit down in the Kingdom of God. These sweltered under tropical temperatures. These plucked the vinevards in Italy. These packed the tea boxes in China. These were aborigines lifting up their dusky faces in the dawn. And the wind shall waft it, and every mountain shall become a transfiguration. stormy Tiberias, and the song of joy shall rise toward Heaven, and the great sky shall become a sounding-board which shall strike back the shout of salvation

Again, Christ heralds the dawn of pillow. I suppose you have noticed that dying words of ambitious Napoleon were: "Head of the army." The dying words of poetic Lord Byron were: on the silver key of the electric instru-ment and the tidings fly across the conti-affectionate Lord Nelson were: Kiss me, Hardy." The dying words of Voltaire were, as he saw one whom he

supposed to be Jesus in the room: Crush all we were to see. that wretch." But I have noticed that through all the earth: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Behold, I am the gone and there is great quietude through a route to the larger of the craters, which "She looked up, and said, pointing to some supernatural being that seemed to be in the room, 'Look at that bright form. Why, they have come for me now.'

The lattice is turned so that the light is very pleasant. It is peace all around. You ask yourself: "Why, can this be a the floor, and you look out of the window, except that the face is becoming more and then it comes on up until it reaches the girdle, and then it comes on up until it reaches the lip, and the soul is about to be floated away into glory, and you er the life is gone or not. Indeed, you cannot tell when she goes away, she goes away so calmly. Perhaps it is 4 we had been gone from Tacoma nearly the dying one looks out into the night sky, and she sees something that attracts her attention, and you wonder what it is.

to please you?" "Oh," she says, "that is them near the top. the morning star-Jesus!" I would like to have my death-bed under that evangelistic star—I would like to have my eye above the sea with an initial grade of that star, so I could be assured of the forty-five degrees. The speed of the morning. Then the dash or the surf of the sea of death would only be the billowing up of the promise, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be flames from the burning lamps of a ban-

to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have kept the faith." until he could say, "The breezesof heaven which I cannot describe. All this would en fan me." Dr. Goodwin kept his eye have been very entertaining if so many on that evangelistic star until le could of the flying rocks had not passed near say, "I am swallowed up in God!" John Tennant kept his eye on that enngelistic star until he could say, "Velcome, sweet Lord Jesus—welcome dernity" No other star ever pointed a mariner in to so safe a harbor. No other star ever sunk its silvered anchor in the waters. No other star ever pierced such accumulated cloud or beckoned with such a holy lustre.

With lanterns and torches and a guide we went down in the Mammdh Cave of Kentucky. You may walk 14 miles and bell, who died recently, was a great see no sunlight. It is a stupendous favorite among young lawyers to place. Some places the roof of the cave is 100 feet high. The grottes filled with whom he never tired of giving advice weird echoes, cascades falling from in- and with whom he loved to sit and chat visible height to invisible depth. Stag- of the days when he was prominent mites rising up from the floor of the eve—stalactites descending from the roo of the cave, joining each other and making pillars of the Almighty's sculpturing. There are rosettes of amethyst in hills of average. As the cavida carries his of gypsum. As the guide carries his lantern ahead of you the shadows hive long life? asked one of the company of an appearance supernatural and spectal. the octogenarian. To a weak stomach, The darkness is fearful. Two people, replied Mr. Campbell, with his usual getting lost from their guide only for a kindly smile and a humorous twinkle. tter night, stupendous night of the orders orders ago, were demented, and for years ago, were demented, and for years sat in their insanity. You stomach," reitersted the old gentleman, feel like holding your breath as ou walk across the bridges that seem to that I had it, and I started in to take looks toward the heavens. He sees a bright appearance in the heavens. Can it be only a flashing meteor? Can it be only a falling star? Can it be only a felusion? Nay, nay. The longer he looks, the more distinct it becomes, until, after a while, he cries out: "A star! a morning star! a star of comfort! a span the bridges that seem to lake care of it. As a result I established a regimen that has resulted beneficially to not only my stomach but my whole system and here I am today over eighty. Take care of your stomachs' boys, and your stomachs will take care of your stomachs. A sense of suffocation comes upon your stomachs. star of grace! a star of peace! the Star of the Redeemer!" Peace for all trouble.

Balm for all wounds. Life for all dead.

The guide, after awhile, fair weather and foul. It graws at a

had no right to come? If anyone in all from behind the rocks gradually, and it the universe has a right to that which is seems like the dawn of morning, and it yourself over the wonderful spectacle. Peace, troubled soul! I put the balm on Well, there are a great many people your wounded heart to night. The morn- | who look down into the grave as a great ng star, the morning star of the Re cavern. They think it is a thousand miles subterraceous, and all the echoes seem to be the voices of despair, and the millennial glory. It is night in China, cascades seem to be the falting tears that always fall, and the gleom of earth seems coming up in stalagmite, and the gloom of the eternal world seems descending in the stalactite, making pillars of indescribable horror. The grave is

no such place as that to me, thank Our Divine Guide takes us down into the great caverns, and we have the lamp to our feet and the light to our patir, and see breaking over the top of the Alps? fourtains of salvation, and after awhile, The morning. All India shall come to God. Her idols shall be cast down. Her Juggernauts shall be broken. Her ber. And, while we are looking at the pomp of it, an everlasting morning bebeach of heaven will be crowded with is one of the 12 gates which are 12 pearls. celestial inhabitants come out to see the Blessed be God that through this Gospel sun rise over the ocean of the world's the mammoth cave of the sepulchre has become the illumined Star Chamber of

the King! I would God that if my sermon to-day does not lead you to Christ, that before morning, looking out of the window, the suns. These shivered under Icelandic astronomy of the night heavens might lead you to the feet of Jesus.

Hark! hark! to God the chorus breaks,

The Flying Rocks of Mount St. Helens, A recent issue of the New York Sun contains an account of the ascent of St. Helens, State of Washington, by Mr. Fred. G. Plummer, from which we take the following:

On November 23, 1843, St. Helens senttered ashes over the Dalies of the Columbia River, fifty miles away, and burned continuously until February 16, 1844. Dense masses of smoke rose from the craters in immense columns, and in the evenings the fires "lit up the mountain side with a flood of soft yet brilliant radiance."

I determined to investigate the most active volcano in Washington. We left Tacoma by the midnight train on August 10, 1893, with packs contain-

ing the necessaries for the trip and the

instruments for observing and recording gone, and there is great quietude through a route to the larger of the craters, which the room. As one of these brothers told | would not cross any of the great creme of his mother in the last moment: vasses in the ice slopes. Our ascent began immediately, and in less than an hour became very steep and in places

Our progress was checked by an enormous canyon, several hundred feet deep, which appeared a counterpart of the grand canyon of the Yellowstone. Its dying room? It is so different from anything I ever expected." And you walk formation showed several old lava, flows, which, being firmer than the cinders and and you come back and look at your | broken rock, in most places overhang watch, and you look at the face of the the walls of the canyon and made descent patient again, and there is no change, out of the question. The great glacier radiant, more illuminated. The wave of at its head was fully 160 feet deep at the death seems coming up higher and high- foot, and was plowing its way into a er, until it has touched the ankle; then it hage terminal moraine of small rocks. comes on up until it touches the knee, We could plainly hear the rocks grinding together as the great body of ice slowly forced them down the canyon. This great glacier headed in the ice cap at roll back the patient's sleeve, and you the summit of the mountain, and, alput your finger on the pulse, and it is though it looked steep and slippery, we getting weaker and weaker, and the decided to try this route. It was then pulse stops, and you hardly know wheth- 10 o'clock in the morning—a bad time to climb ice slopes and snow fields--but o'clock in the morning, and you have the bed wheeled around to the window, and more days.

We had proceeded but a short distance cutting steps in the steepice slopes when a bombardment of rocks warned Why, it it a star. It is a star that out us that our route was to be a dangerous of its silver rim is pouring a supernatural one. The surface of the glacier seemed a light into that dying experience. And you say, "What is it that you are looking at?" She says, "It is a star." You large and small as fast as the noonday say, "What star is it that seems so well sun melted the ice and snow which hele

Imagine a toboggan slide about three miles long, starting nearly 10,000 fee with thee, and the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." All other lights will fall face of the glacier, making a metallic -the light that falls from the scroll of sound as they chipped the ice into fame, the light that flashes from the gem | cloud which trailed them like a comer's in the beautiful apparel, the light that tail. Here and there great rocks lay upon the surface of the glacier, probabil quet-but this light burns on and burns having been held by a fall of new snow and new and then one of these flying Paul kept his eye on that morning rocks would strike those which were star until he could say, "I am nor ready held by the ice, and, amid a shower of held by the ice, and, amid a shower of sparks and chips, would bound into the air fifty feet or more, still whirling like Edward Payson kept his eye on that star a buzz saw and giving out a sound

> We were exposed to this danger for over an hour while climbing a quarter of a mile, and to say that we were at thoroughly frightened would not do the rocks justice. When at last we reached a place of comparative safety, we were too much awed to speak.

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Now Jesus, the great heart-healer, comes into our home. Peace! Peace that passeth all understanding. We look up through our tears. We are comforted! It is the morning star of the Redeemer. "Who broke off that flower?" said one servant in the garden to another. "Who broke off that flower?" said one forced in the garden to another. "Who broke off that flower?" and the other servant said, "The master." Nothing a more was said, for if the master had not take the lanterns and placing it in a cleft of the rock, there is a peffection cast on the dome of the cave, and there

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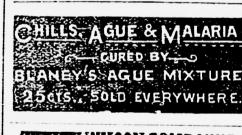
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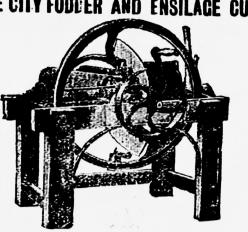
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