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Rev. Dr. Talmage at His Best In a Sermon Declaring the Goodness and Power and Watchfulness of God-Looking at the Midnight Heavens.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.-This sermon of Dr. Talmage, looking at the midnight heavens through the eyes of one of the ancients, is unique for practicality and must set all to useful thinking. His text is Amos v, 8, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

A country farmer wrote this text, Amos of Tekoa. He plowed the earth and thrashed the grain by a new thrashing machine just invented, as formerly the cattle trod out the grain. He gathered the fruit of the sycamore tree and scarified it with an iron comb just before it was getting ripe, as it was necessary and customary in that way to take from it the bitterness. He was the son of a poor shepherd and stuttered, but before the stammering rustic the Philistines and Syrians and Phœnicians and Moabites and Ammonites and Edomites and Israelites trembled.

Moses was a law giver, Daniel was a prince, Isaiah a courtier and David a king, but Amos, the author of my text, was a peasant, and, as might be supposed, nearly all his parallelisms are pastoral, his prophecy full of the odor of new mowning, and the rattle of locusts, and the rumble of carts with sheaves, and the roar of wild beasts devouring the flock while the shepherd came out in their defense. He watched the herds by day, and by night inhabited a booth made out of bushes, so that through these branches he could see the stars all night long, and was more fa-A. Commander, Alson B. Seeley, B; miliar with them than we who have tight roofs to our houses and hardly ever see the stars except among the tall Geo. W. Cobb; onstable and Chief brick chimneys of the great towns. But of Police-Wm. Brooks; Street Com- at seasons of the year when the herds were in special danger he would stay out in the open field all through the darkness, his only shelter the curtain of the night heaven, with the stellar embroideries and silvered tassels of lunar

Alone With His Herds.

What a life of solitude, all alone with his herds! Poor Amos! And at 12 o'clock at night hark to the wolf's bark. and the lion's roar, and the bear's growl, and the owl's te-whit te-who, and the serpent's hiss as he unwittingly steps too near while moving through the thickets. So Amos, like other herdsmen, 7:15 p. m. Episcopal, Rev. L. L. Wil- got the habit of studying the map of the liams, rector; services every Sunday at heavens because it was so much of the time spread out before him. He noticed some stars advancing and others reced-317, Dr. W. W. Griggs, W M.; G. W. ing. He associated their dawn and setting with certain seasons of the year. He had a poetic nature, and he read night by night and month by month and year by year the poem of the constellations, divinely rhythmic. But two rosettes of stars especially attracted his attention while seated on the ground or lying on his back under the open scroll of the midnight heavens-the Pleiades, or seven stars, and Orion. The former group this rustic prophet associated with the spring, as it rises about the first of May. The latter he associated with the winter, as it comes to the meridian in January. The Pleiades, or seven stars, connected with all sweetness and joy J. Jordan, Reporter; T. B. Wilson, Fi- Orion, the herald of the tempest. The ancients were the more apt to study the physiognomy and juxtaposition of the they had a special influence upon the earth-and perhaps they were right. If the moon every few hours lifts and lets Spires, C. of R; S. H. murrel K. of W. down the tides of the Atlantic ocean and the electric storms in the sun, byall scientific admission, affect the earth, E. Kramer, Chairman; F. M. Godfrey, why not the stars have proportionate J. W Williams. Sheriff T P. Wilcox, effect?

And there are some things which make me think that it may not have been all superstition which connected the movements and appearance of the heavenly bodies with great moral events Select School, I. N. Tillett, Princi- on earth. Did not a meteor run on evangelistic errand on the first Christmas night and designate the rough cradle of our Lord? Did not the stars in their courses fight against Sisera? Was it merely coincidental that before the destruction of Jerusalem the moon was hidden for 12 consecutive nights? Did it merely happen so that a new star apthere were no clouds to obscure it?

Astrology, after all, may have been something more than a brilliant headent; C. H. Bobinson, Secretary and thenism. No wonder that Amos of the text, having heard these two anthems the pen of a prophet and advised the recreant people of his time to return to God, saying, "Seek him that maketh Ksamer, J. B. Flora, H. F. Smith and the seven stars and Orion." This command, which Amos gave \$85 years B. Naval Reserves .- W. J. Griffin, Lieu. C., is just as appropriate for us 1897

tenant commanding; J. B. Ferebee, A. D. A God of Order. In the first place, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made the Pleiades and Orion must be the God of order. It was not so much a star here and a star there that impressed the inspired herdsman, but seven in one group

of the Almighty on the dome of the sky. BEFORE THE STAMMERING RUSTIC persistent order, sublime order, omnipo from everlasting to everlasting to them lar windows, stellar domes. How our

times seem going pellmell and the world ruled by some fiend at haphazard, and in all directions maladministration! The God who keeps seven worlds in right circuit for 6,000 years can certainly keep all the affairs of individuals and nations and continents in adjustment. We had not better fret much, for the peasant's argument of the text was right. If God can take care of the seven worlds of the Plaiades and the four chief worlds of Orion, he can probably take care of the one world we inhabit.

one day when we were going to the country mill to get a grist ground, and of the wagon, and our yoke of oxen ran and gather merchandise from other away with us and along a labyrinthian lands." But Orion was the storm sigthought every moment we would be snug or put into harbor, for the hurrito me with a face perfectly calm and the spring, Orion was the warning said: "De Witt, what are you crying prophet of the winter. about? I guess we can ride as fast as the oxen can run." And, my hearers, why ever had! There are two sermons I nevshould we be affrighted and lose our er want to preach—the one that presents equilibrium in the swift movement of God so kind, so indulgent, so lenient, so worldly events, especially when we are imbecile that men may do what they assured that it is not a yoke of unbroken will against him and fracture his every steers that are drawing us on, but that law and put the pry of their impertiorder and wise government are in the nence and rebellion under his throne

then trust to God, and if things are all ed brow and cheek, saying, "Of such is mixed and disquieting and your brain is the kingdom of heaven." The other hot and your heart sick, get some one kind of sermon I never want to preach to go out with you into the starlight and is the one that represents God as all fire 1248, only a few years ago completed. point out to you the Pleiades, or, better and torture and thundercloud and with More than 600 years in building. ly, 200 stars in the Pleiades, and that lieves in a God of loving, kindly warn- chapel of St. Agnes with masterpieces in what is called the sword of Orion ing, the God of spring and winter, the of painting. Its spire springing 511 feet there is a nebula computed to be two God of the Pleiades and Orion. trillion two hundred thousand billions of times larger than the sun. Oh, be at peace with the God who made that and controls all that, the wheel of the constellations turning in the wheel enrich our fields, and then you will have back against carved stalls and down of galaxies for thousands of years without the breaking of a cog, or the eteries. "A green Christmas makes a and queens of the earth have walk slipping of a band, or the snap of an fat graveyard" was the old proverb. ed to confessional. Nave and aisles and paper, called The News. axle! For your placidity and comfort through the Lord Jesus Christ I charge at 3 degrees below zero to tone up the splendors of sunrise and sunset. Interyou, "Seek him that maketh the seven system. December and January just as laced, interfoliated, intercolumned stars and Orion."

The God of Light. saw that God was not satisfied with this we would have been impersonations making one star or two or three stars, of selfishness and worldliness and disbut he makes seven, and having finished gusting sin and puffed up until we that group of words makes another would have been like Julius Cæsar, who group-group after group. To the was made by sycophants to believe that God likes light so well that he keeps face were said to be as the stars of the deep emotion came into my eyes, as l making it. Only one being in the universe knows the statistics of solar, lunar, stellar, meteoric creations, and that is the Creator himself. And they have all been lovingly christened, each one a name as distinct as the names of your given to them, and they are Alcyone, Merope, Celæno, Electra, Sterope, Taygete and Maia.

But think of the billions and trillions of daughters of starry light that God calls by name as they sweep by him with beaming brow and lustrous robe! heavenly bodies because they thought So fond is God of light-natural light, moral light, spiritual light! Again and again is light harnessed for symbolization-Christ, the bright and morning star; evangelization, the daybreak; the redemption of nations, sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings. Oh, men and women, with so many sorrows and sins and perplexities, if you want light of comfort, light of pardon, light of goodness, in earnest prayer through Christ, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion!"

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two archipelagoes of stars must be an unchanging God. There had been no change in the stellar appearance in this herdsman's lifetime, and his father, a shepherd, reported to him that there had been no change in his lifetime. And these two clusters hang over the celestial arbor now just as they were the first night that peared in constellation Cassiopeia and they shone on the Edenic bowers the then disappeared just before Charles IX same as when the Egyptians built the of France, who was responsible for the pyramids, from the top of which to watch for them!" We have a nice little world horses, but to provide work for more St. Bartholomew massacre, died? Was it them; the same as when the Chaldeans here that we stick to, as though losing men than they displace, just as railways without significance that, in the days of calculated the eclipses; the same as the Roman empire Justinian, war and when Elihu, according to the book of off this little raft of a world. We are famine were preceded by the dimness of Job, went out to study the aurora borethe sun, which for nearly a year gave alis; the same under Ptolemaic system no more light than the moon, although and Copernican system; the same from Calisthenes to Pythagoras and from Pythagoras to Herschel. Surely a changeless God must have fashioned the Pleiades and Orion. Oh, what an anodyne amid the ups and downs of life of the stars, put down the stout, rough and the flux and reflux of the tides of staff of the herdsman and took into his prosperity to know that we have a brown hand and cut and knotted fingers | changeless God, "the same yesterday, | paroxysm of its demolition. today and forever!" Xerxes garlanded and knighted the

steersman of his boat in the morning them larger and grander and more re by a Brooklyn man and has come so and hanged him in the evening of the same day. Fifty thousand people steed around the columns of the national capitol shouting themselves hoarse at the presidential inaugural, and in four months, so great were the antipathies, that a ruffian's pistol in Washington depot expressed the sentiment of many a ment!" "Look there," says Amos, the disappointed office seeker. The world herdsman, "at the seven stars and sits in its chariot and drives tandem, and the horse ahead is Huzza, and the and seven in the other group. He saw horse behind is Anathema. Lord Cobthat night after night and season after ham, in King James' time, was applaudseason and decade after decade they had ed and had \$35,000 a year, but was aftkept step of light, each one in its own erward execrated and lived on scraps place, a sisterhood, never clashing and stolen from the royal kitchen. Alexannever contesting precedence. From the der the Great after death remained untime Hesiod called the Pleiades the buried for 30 days because no one would 'seven daughters of Atlas" and Virgil do the honor of shoveling him under. wrote in his Æneid of "stormy Orion" The Duke of Wellington refused to have until now they have observed the order his iron fence mended because it had open their gates to let us in. established for their coming and going- been broken by an infuriated populace folk Thursdays and Mondays p. m 3. order written not in the manuscript that in some hour of political excitement. are many mansions, 'I do not know but

ADVICE OF A FARMER may be pigeonholed, but with the hand and he left it in ruins that men might | that each world is a room and as many learn what a fickle thing is human fa- rooms as there are worlds, stellar stairs so that all nations may read it-order, vor. "But the mercy of the Lord is stellar galleries, stellar hallways, stelthat fear him, and his righteousness departed friends must pity us, shut up in What a sedative to you and me, to unto the children's children of such as these cramped apartments, tired if we whom communities and nations some- keep his covenant and to those who re- walk 15 miles, when they some mornmember his commandments to do them." This moment "seek him that maketh circuit of the whole stellar system and the seven stars and Orion." A God of Love.

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two beacons of the oriental night sky must be a God of love and kindly warning. The Pleiades, rising in midsky, said to all the herdsmen and shepherds and husbandmen, "Come out and enjoy the mild weather and cultivate your gardens and fields." Orion, coming in winter, warn-So I feel very much as my father felt ed them to prepare for tempest. All navigation was regulated by these two constellations. The one said to shipmas-L a boy of 7 years, sat in the back part ter and crew, "Hoist sail for the sea road through the woods, so that I nal and said "Reef sail; make things dashed to pieces, and I made a terrible canes are getting their wings out." As outcry of fright, and my father turned the Pleiades were the sweet evangels of

Oh, now I get the best view of God I and while they are spitting in his face In your occupation, your mission, and stabbing at his heart he takes them your sphere, do the best you can and up in his arms and kisses their infuriatthan that, get into some observatory, and redhot pitchfork tossing the human Europe taxed for its construction. It through the telescope see farther than race into paroxysms of infinite agony. | chapel of the Magi with precious stones Amos with the naked eye could-name- The sermon that I am now preaching be- enough to purchase a kingdom. Its

tion and ice to bind the rivers and snow to can do no more, but faints and falls to enlarge your hospitals and your cem- on pavements over which the kings Storms to purify the air. Thermometer transept and portals combining the Again, Amos saw, as we must see, we do the sunshine. There are more men the forest of pinnacles, higher and high that the God who made these two groups | ruined by prosperity than by adversity. of the text was the God of light. Amos If we had our own way in life, before Pleiades he adds Orion. It seems that he was divine, and the freckles on his floor of that cathedral. And tears of

One of the swiftest transatlantic vovages made one summer by the Etruria pinnacle has fallen and not one stone was because she had a stormy wind of all that cathedral glory shall remain the appearance of individuals, such abaft chasing her from New York to uncrumbled. He is now a Lazarus in as are contained, for instance, in children. "He telleth the number of the Liverpool. But to those going in the opstars; he calleth them all by their posite direction the storm was a buffetnames." The seven Pleiades had names ing and a hindrance. It is a bad thing to have a storm ahead, pushing us back, but if we be God's children and aiming toward heaven the storms of life will only chase us the sooner into the harbor. I am so glad to believe that the

monsoons, typhoons and mistrals and siroccos of the land and sea are not un- sented by the crucifix before which he chained maniacs let loose upon the earth, but are under divine supervision. I am so glad that the God of the seven stars is also the God of Orion. It was out of Dante's suffering came the sublime "Divina Commedia," and out of John Milton's blindness came "Paradise Lost," and out of miserable infidel attack came the "Bridgewater Treatise" in favor of Christianity, and out of David's exile came the songs of consolation, and out of the sufferings of Christ came the possibility of the world's redemption, and out of your bereavement, your persecution, your poverties, your misfortunes, may yet come an eternal

Oh, what a mercy it is that in the text and all up and down the Bible God and allied trades; agriculture in many induces us to look out toward other branches, railway companies and, last worlds! Bible astronomy in Genesis, in by by no means least, the war depart-Joshua, in Job, in the Psalms, in the ment of every country in the world. prophets, major and minor, in St. He expects them as they grow common John's Apocalypse, practically saying: to interfere more or less with trades that we lose all. We are afraid of falling | did when they drove out coaches. will some night smash it, and we want canals have done in Holland and make Francisco Argonaut. everything to revolve around it and are communication so cay that the rush of disappointed when we find that it re- perishable product to market will be volves around the sun instead of the sun greatly quickened and increased. They revolving around it. What a fuss we will change the the le face of war, he make about this little bit of a world, its thinks, and be use to move guns and existence only a short time between two do all transport with spasms, the paroxysm by which it was

splendent. "Look there," says Job, "at | near real existence as to have its picture Mazaroth and Arcturus and his sons!" in the newspapers. It is a terrific lookmoon under Christ's feet!" "Look tion seems fit to make a cable car on a ing still above Gibeon!" "Look there," Weekly. says Moses, "at the sparkling firma-Orion!" Do not let us be so sad about those who shove off from this world under Christly pilotage. Do not let us be to meet clerk hire, including that of the so agitated about our own going off this president's private secretary, which is little barge or sloop or canalboat of a \$5,000 a year; stenographer, typewritworld to get on some Great Eastern of the heavens. Do not let us persist in doorkeepers, a steward and housekeeper wanting to stay in this barn, this shed, this outhouse of a world, when all the king's palaces, already occupied by many of our best friends, are swinging wide

When I read, "In my Father's house

ing, by one stroke of wing, can make be back in time for matins! Perhaps yonder twinkling constellation is the residence of the martyrs; that group of 12 luminaries may be the celestial home of the apostles. Perhaps that steep of light is the dwelling place of angels cherubic, seraphic, archangelic-a mansion with as many rooms as worlds and all their windows illuminated for fes

Oh, how this widens and lifts and stimulates our expectation! How little it makes the present, and how stupendous it makes the future! How it consoles us about our pious dead, that, instead of being boxed up and under the ground, have the range of as many rooms as there are worlds, and welcome every where, for it is the Father's house, which there are many mansions! Lord God of the seven stars and Orion how can I endure the transport, the ecstasy, of such a vision! I must obey my text and seek him. I will seek him. seek him now, for I call to mind that is not the material universe that is most valuable, but the spiritual, and that each of us has a soul worth more than all the worlds which the inspired herds man saw from his booth on the hills of Tekoa.

I had studied it before, but the cathe dral of Cologne, Germany, never im pressed me as it did one summer. It is admittedly the grandest Gothic structure in the world, its foundation laid in into the heavens. Its stained glass the You must remember that the winter is | chorus of all rich colors. Statues encirjust as important as the spring. Let one cling the pillars and encircling all winter pass without frost to kill vegeta- Statues above statues, until sculpture important as May and June. I tell you, grandeur. As I stood outside, looking at we need the storms of life as much as the double range of flying buttresses and er and higher, until I almost reeled from dizziness, I exclaimed: "Great doxology in stone! Frozen prayer of many na-

man enter and put down his pack and installment plan, so to speak, every kneel beside his burden on the hard said to myself: "There is a soul worth more than all the material surroundings. That man will live after the last rags and poverty and weariness, but im- The Voz do Povo (The Voice of the mortal and a son of the Lord God Almighty, and the prayer he now offers, though amid many superstitions, I believe God will hear, and among the apostles whose sculptured forms stand in the surrounding niches he will at litical organ of the more radical oplast be lifted, and into the presence of that Christ whose sufferings are reprebows, and be raised in due time out of all his poverties into the glorious home built for him and built for us by 'him who maketh the seven stars and Orion.

Advance of the Motor Vehicle. Motor vehicles (automotives is the name recommended for them) have bein England. Major Flood Page, who lectured about them the other day before the London chamber of commerce, speculated as to the results of their introduction and named as among the industries that would be affected were petrolenm, secondary battery manufacturers, mechanical engineers and allied trades; coach, car, wagon and carriage builders "Worlds, worlds! Get ready connected with omnibuses, cabs and He believes that in the country dis-

In Paris auton ves are in use; in

hurled from chaos into order, and the London they are in sight; in New York they are still only in prospect. An au-And I am glad that so many texts call tomotive fire truck, to be run by a comus to look off to other worlds, many of pressed air gas engine, has been devised "Look there," says St. John, "at the ing creation and as an engine of destructhere," says Joshua, "at the sun stand- turve seem like a child's toy. - Harper's

> Expenses of the White House. Congress appropriates between \$40,-000 and \$50,000 annually for the current expenses of the executive mansion ers, telegraph operators, messengers, and light and heat.

> Don't Lend. Don't lend anything. You know yourself how careless you are in paying back anything you borrow.-London An-

PORTUGAL'S NEWSPAPERS.

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They Are Few and Have Odd Titles and Primitive Methods.

There are fewer than 50 newspapers published in the entire kingdom of Portugal, the population of which is nearly 5,000,000, or about the same as that of Pennsylvania, in which the total number of newspapers published is 1433. Journalism in Portugal is conducted on a somewhat primitive plan, and the newspapers of Portugal have not only a primitive aspect, but somewhat primitive titles as well. The weekly newspaper having the largest circulation in the kingdom is The Pontos Nos II, which means literally in English, "The Dot on the Eye." It is published in Lisbon. Another Lisbon paper is called The Island, though why it has a geographical designation is not altogether clear. The medical journal of Lisbon is called The Contemporary Surgeon The city of Oporto, better known to many Americans than Lisbon, the capital, has a number of daily papers, the chief one of which is Actualidade, a Portuguese variation of the sort of journalism represented by the well known phrase, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." It is not the only Oporto journal with a peculiar name. There is another daily, claiming a circulation of 20,000, the title of which is Des de Marzo, which is Portuguese for the 10th of March. Still another daily paper of Oporto is called The Primerro de Janeriro, otherwise the 1st of January. The humorous paper of Oporto All is O Sorvete (The Sherbet), and three other daily papers of the same city are known as A Lucia, A Palavara and A Justica, otherwise The Light, The World and Justice. There is one daily paper published at Valencia, in Portugal, called The Coun-

The theory upon which Portuguese papers are conducted appears to be that they should be, above all things else, vivacious, and it is for this reason perhaps that weekly papers are at a discount in Portugal, the favorite plan being to divide what would be in the United States the contents of a weekly paper into But while standing there I saw a poor sevenths and publishing it on the day, and excluding from its columns, so far as possible, anything so sensational as what is called "the uncorroborated news." A fair and proper substitute for news is found in jocose and harmless allusions to People). In Lisbon there is published a journal called The Public Interest, which makes a feature of book reviews. The Lisbon Circle is a poponents of the local government. Another daily paper in Lisbon is

try, and one in Lisbon called The

Atlantic. In Coimbra, one of the old-

est of Portuguese cities and long

known as the seat of a university

founded in 1308, there is one daily

Coke and Cole.

called O Seculo. - New York Sun.

Senator Coke of Texas was once pitted in some kind of race against a man named Cole, who was an eloquent speaker and was getting rather the better of him. The Coke party gun to be matter for serious reflection gave a big barbecue, but their best speaker could not be on hand. The committee discovered that no talent was available except a rough and tumble fellow who had been a coal miner in West Virginia. He consented, when called on, and the committee was in fear and trembling, wondering what he would do. But they didn't fear and tremble long. "Feller citizens," said the speaker, "I am here today to talk to you about Coke and Cole. You know me, and you know I know what I'm talking about, and I want to ask you if you know the difference between Coke and Cole. But it ain't necessary; every man of you knows that the difference between them is afraid that some meteoric iconoclast tricts of England they will do what the gas that is in the Cole."-San

