

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Migration of Birds."

TEXT: "The stars in the heaven know their appointed times, and the turtle the time of her coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord."—Jeremiah vii. 1.

When God would set fast a beautiful thought He plants it in a tree. When He would put it about His fashions it into a fish. When He would have it glide the air He holds it into a bird. My text speaks of four birds of beautiful instinct—the crane, the swallow, the turtle, and the crane.

Now you know it is no easy thing for one with ordinary delicacy of eyesight to look into the deep blue of the noonday heaven, but the prophet looks up, and there are flocks of storks and turtles and cranes and swallows drawn out in long lines for flight southward.

There is not a belted kingfisher, or a chaffinch, or a fire created wren, or a plover, or a red legged partridge but expects to spend the winter at the south, for there are apartments in the south for them in South America or in Africa.

It is a good sign when you hear a workman whistle. It is a better sign when you hear him hum a roundelay. It is a still better sign when you hear him sing the words of Isaac Watts or Charles Wesley.

Some one asked Hyden, the celebrated musician, why he always composed such cheerful music. "Why," he said, "I can't do otherwise. When I think of God my soul is so full of joy that the notes leap and dance from my pen."

The church of God never will be a triumphant church until it becomes a singing church. I go further and remark that the birds of the air are wiser than we in the fact that in their migration they fly very high.

Oh, for some of the faith of George Munier, of England, and Alfred Coxman, one of the church militant, now of the church triumphant! So poor is the type of piety in the church of God now that men actually caricature the idea that there is any such thing as a higher life.

Then, I ask, is anything impossible for the Lord? I do not believe that God exhausted all His grace in Paul and Luther and Edwards.

You tell me that Paul went up to the top of the Alps of Christian attainment, then I tell you that the stork and crane have four to five times the Alps plenty of room for free flying.

Lo, my brethren, let us have some novelty of combat at any rate by changing, by going on, by making advancement, trading off our stale prayers about sins we ought to have quit long ago, going toward a higher state of Christian character.

Again, I remark that the birds of the air are wiser than we, because they know when to start. If you should go out now and shout, "Stop storks and cranes; don't be in a hurry!" they would say: "No, we cannot stop; last night we heard the roaring in the woods bidding us away, and the shrill flute of the north wind has sounded the retreat."

Lo, that we were as wise as the birds! We are wiser than we are, because we are wiser than we are. We are wiser than we are, because we are wiser than we are.

Some of you have felt the pinching frost of sin. You feel it to-day. You are not happy. I look into your faces, and I know you are not happy.

Another frost is bidding you away—it is the frost of sorrow. Where do you live now? "Oh, you say, 'I have moved.' Why did you move?" You say, "I don't know."

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One of Grant's Arabian Horses.

One was a magnificent jet black stallion, but in riding him the minister thought he discovered a fault, and he insisted that the dragoman should take him back to the Sultan.

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AMONG THE BROTHERHOODS.

What the Various Fraternal Societies are Doing.

MASSONS. The order of the Eastern Star is an advanced order of Masonry; its membership embraces the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons.

Oregon has a membership of nearly 30,000. At the end of the year it will not be far from that mark. Maine has now seventeen chapters of Eastern Star, whereas three years ago it had none.

Michigan conferred the degrees on 2,096 applicants this year. Richmond has four Masonic halls. California has over 16,000 members.

Over 10,000 Masons were buried last year. There are 1,300 Knights Templars in Ireland. Canada has a membership of nearly 21,000.

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DAVID C. COOK.

The Pioneer Publisher of Sunday-School Literature.

David C. Cook, of Chicago, whose name has become a household word through his Sunday-school publications, is but 42 years old. He was born in East Worcester, N. Y., in 1850, a son of Rev. E. S. Cook, a Methodist minister.

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It is said that he once visited a menagerie in Cincinnati where a man-eating tiger was on exhibition, and after listening to the descriptions of its strength and ferocity given by the animal lecturer, offered to enter the cage stark naked, and whip the tiger out of its boots.

Jack grabbed it by the tail, dragged it around the cage, and then to the horror of the spectators, threw open the door, pulled it out into the circus ring and rolled it in the sawdust. Now, a tiger that has been reared in a cage and fed on cold potatoes and stale meat is a very different brute from one reared in an Asiatic jungle.

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