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THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: The Sacred Number-Significance of Seven-Important Truths of the Bible Illustrated by the Use of That Numeral-Favored by the Divine Mind, [Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1899.]

Washington, D. C.—Many of the most important doctrines of the Bible are by Dr. Talmage presented in this sermon in a very unusual way. Genesis il., 3, "God blessed the seventh day."

The mathematics of the Bible is noticeable; the geometry and the arithmetic; the square in Ezekiel; the circle spoken of in Isaiah; the curve alluded to in Job; the rule of fractions mentioned in Daniel; the rule of loss and gain in Mark, where Christ asks the people to cipher out by that rule what it would "profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul." But there is one mathematical figure that is crowned above all others in the Bible; it is the numeral seven, which the Arabians got from India, and all following ages have taken from the Arabians. It stands between the figure six and the figure eight. In the Bible all the other numerals bow to it. Over 300 times it is mentioned in the

plunged in the Jordan seven times; the dead child, when Elisha breathed into its mouth, signaled its arrival back into consciousness by sneezing seven times; to the house that Ezekiel saw in vision there were seven steps; the walls of Jericho, before they fell down, were compassed seven days; Zechariah describes a stone with eyes; to cleanse a leprous house the door must be sprinkled with pigeons' blood seven times; in Canaan were overthrown seven nations; on one occasion Christ east out seven devils; on a mountain He fed a multitude of people with seven loaves, the fragments left filling seven baskets, and the closing passages of the Bible are magnificent and overwhelming with the imagery made up of seven churches, seven stars, seven candlesticks, seven seals, seven angels and seven heads and seven crowns horns and seven spirits and seven vials and seven plagues and seven

with the divine mind outside as well as in-side the Bible, for are there not seven prismatic colors? And when God with the rainbow wrote the comforting thought that the world would never have another deluge He wrote it on the scroll of the sky in ink of seven colors. He grouped into the Pleiades seven stars. Rome, the capithe Pleiades seven stars. Rome, the capital of the world, sat on seven hills. When God would make the most intelligent thing on earth, the human countenance, He fashioned it with seven features—the two ears, the two eyes, the two nostrils and the mouth. Yea, our body lasts only seven years, and we gradually shed it for another body after another seven years, and so on, for we are, as to our bodies, septennial animals. So the numeral seven ranges through nature and though revelation. It is the number of perfection, and so I use it while I speak of the seven candlesticks, the seven churches. I speak of the seven candlesticks, the seven | churches. stars, the seven seals and the seven thun-

The seven golden candlesticks were and are the churches. Mark you, the churches never were, and never can be, candles. They are only candlesticks. They are not the light, but they are to bold the light. A room in the night might have in it 500 candiesticks, and yet you could not see your hand before your face. The only use of a candiestick and the only use of a church is to hold up the light. You see it is a dark world, the night of sin, the night of trouble, the night of superstition, the night of persecution, the night of poverty, the night of sickness, the night of death. Aye, about fifty nights have interlocked their shadows. The whole race goes stumbling over prostrated hopes, and failen fortunes, and empty flour barrels, and desolated cradles and deathbeds. How much we have use for all the seven candlesticks, with lights blazing from the top of each one of them! Light of pardon for all sin! Light of comfort for all trouble! Light of encourage-ment for all despondency! Light of eternal riches for all poverty! Light of rescue for all persecution! Light of re-union for all the bereft! Light of heaven for all the dying! And that light is Christ. who is the light that shall yet irradiate the

gold blooming all along in six lilies of gold each and lips of gold, from which the candles lifted their holy fire. And the best houses in any city ought to be the churches—the best built, the best ventilated, the best swept, the best windowed and the best windowed and the best of the future. They are trying to peep into things they have no business with. chandeliered. Log cabins may do in neighborhoods where most of the people live in log cabins, but let there he are the people live in log cabins, but let there he are the people live in log cabins. churches for regions where many of the people live in palaces. Do not have a bet-ter place for yourself them. lace for yourseit than for your Lord and King. Do not live in a parlor and put your Christ in a kitchen. These seven candlesticks of which I speak were not candlesticks of which I speak were not made of pewter or iron; they were golden candlesticks, and gold is not only a valuable but a bright metal. Have everything about your church bright—your ushers with smiling faces, your music jubilant, your bandshaking cordial, your entire service attractive. Many people feel that in church they must look duil, in order to look teverential and many whose der to look reverential, and many whose faces in other kinds of assemblage show all the different phases of emotion have in church no more expression than the back wheel of a hearse. Brighten up and be responsive. If you feel like weeping, weep. If you feel like smiling, smile. If you feel indignant at some wrong assailed from the pulpit, frown. Do not leave your naturalness and resiliency home because it is Sunday morning. If as officers of a church you meet people at the church door with a have the impression black, few will come, and those who do come will wish they had

cavairy horses in St. Paul's Cathedral, and many now use the church in which to and many now use the church in which to stable vanities and worldliness. A worldly church is a candlestick without the candle, and it had its prototype in St. Sophia's in Constantinople, built to the glory of God by Constantine, but 22 ansformed to base uses by Mohammed the Second. Built out of colored marble; a cupola with twenty-four windows soaring to a height of 180 seet; the ceiling one great bewilderment of mosaic; galleries supported by eight columns of porphyry and sixty-seven coltmns of green jasper; nine bronze doors with alto-relievo work, fascinating to the eye of any artist; vases and vestments in-

crusted with all manner of precious stones. Four walls on fire with indescribable splendor. Though labor was cheap, the building cost \$1,500,000. Ecclesiastical structure, almost supernatural in pomp and majesty. But Mohammedanism tore down from the walls of that building all the down from the walls of that building all the saintly and Christly images, and high up in the dome the figure of the cross was rubbed out that the crescent of the bar-barous Turk might be substituted. A great church, but no Christ! A gorgeous candlestick, but no candle! Ten thousand such churckes would not give the world as much light as one home made tallow canmuch light as one home-made tallow candle by which last night some grandmother in the eighties put on her specticles and read the Psalms of David in larger type. Up with the churches, by all means! Hundreds of them, thousands of them, and the more the better. But let each one be a blaze of heavenly light, making the world brighter and brighter, till the last shadow has disappeared, and the last of the suffering children of God shall have reached the land where they have no need of candlestick or "of candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign forever and ever." and they shall reign forever and ever.'

it. Over 300 times it is mentioned in the Seriptures, either alone or compounded with other words. In Genesis the week is rounded into seven days, and I use my text because there this numeral is for the first time introduced in a journey which halts not until in the close of the book of Revelation its monument is built into the wall of heaven in chrysolite, which, in the strata of precious stones, is the seventh.

In the Bible we find that Jacob had to serve seven years to get Rachel, but she was well worth it, and, foretelling the years of prosperity and famine in Pharaoh's time, the seven fat oxen were eaten up of the seven lean oxen, and wisdom is said to be built on seven pillars, and the ark was left with the Philistines seven years, and Naaman, for the cure of his leprosy, plunged in the Jordan seven times; the dead child when Filesh breathed into the series and in the genuine they get their light from the great central sun around which they make revolution. Let each one keep in his own sphere. The solar system would be soon wrecked if the stars, instead of keeping their two or bits, should go to hunting down other stars. Ministers of religion should never clash. But in all the centuries of the Christian church some of these stars have been hunting an Edward Irving or a Horace Bushnell or an Albert Barnes. And the stars that were in pursuit of the other stars loat their own orbits, should go to hunting down other stars. Ministers of religion should never clash. But in all the centuries of the Christian church some of these stars have been hunting an Edward Irving or a Horace Bushnell or an Albert Barnes. And the stars that were in pursuit of the other stars loat their own orbits, should go to hunting down other stars. Ministers of religion should never clash. But in all the centuries of the Christian church some of the stars have been hunting and some of them could never again find it. Alas for the heresy hunters! The best way to destroy error is to preach the stars have been hunting and some of them coul Over 300 times it is mentioned in the genuine they get their light from the great room enough for all the ministers. The ministers who give up righteousness and the truth will get punishment enough anyhow, for they are "the wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." ness forever."

I should like, as a minister, when I am dying, to be able truthfully to say what a captain of the English army, fallen at the head of his column and dying on the Egyptian battlefield, said to General Wolseley, who came to condole with him: "I led them straight. Didn't I lead them straight, general?" ters as captains in this battlefield of truth ters as captains in this battlefield of truth against error. Great at last will be our chagrin if we fall leading the people the wrong way; but great will be our gladness if, when the battle is over, we can hand our sword back to our great Commander, saying: "Lord Jesus! We led the people straight! Didn't we lead them straight?"

The ministers are not all Pecksniffs and canting hypocrites, as some would have you think! Forgive me, if having at other times glorifled the medical profession, and the legal profession, and the literary profession-I glorify my own. I have seen them in their homes and heard them in their pulpits, and a grander array of men never breathed, and the Bible figure is not strained when it calls them stars; and whole constellations of glorious ministers

and they are the seven seals. St. John in vision saw a scroll with seven seals, and he heard an angel cry, "Who is worthy to loose the seals thereof?" Take eight or ten sheets of foolscap paper, paste them together and roll them into a scroll, and have the scroll at seven different places scaled with scaling wax. You unroll the scroll till you come to one of these seals, and then you can go no farther until you break that seal; then unroll again until you come to another seal, and you can go you come to another seal, and you can go no farther until you break that seal; then you go on until all the seven seals are broken, and the contents of the entire scroll revealed. Now, that scroll with seven seals held by the angel was the prophecy of what was to come on the earth; it meant that the knowledge of the future was with God, and no man and no angel was worthy to open it; but the Bible says Christ opened it and broke all the sev-en seals. He broke the first seal and unrolled the scroll, and there was a picture of rolled the scroll, and there was a picture of a white horse, and that meant prosperity and triumph for the Roman empire, and so it really came to pass that for ninety years virtuous emperors succeeded each other— Nerva, Trajan and Antoninus. Christ in the vision broke the second seal and un-rolled again, and there was a picture of a red horse, and that meant bloodshed, and so it really came to pass, and the next bemispheres.

But, mark you, when I say churches are not candles, but candlesticks, I cast no slur on candlesticks. I believe in beautiful candlesticks. The candlesticks that God ordered for the ancient tabernacle were something exquisite. They were a dream of beauty carved out of loveliness. They were made of hammered gold, stood They were made of hammered gold, stood to be a fixed and had six branches of the broke all the seven seals and opened all the seven

ualist or soothsayer or fortune teller to find out what is going to happen to your-self or your family or your friends. Wait till Christ breaks the seal to find out whether in your own personal life or the life of the nation or the life of the world it is going to be the white horse of prosperity or the red horse of war or the black horse of famine. You will soon enough see him paw and hear him neigh. Take care of the present, and the future will take care of the present, and the future will take care of itself. If a man live seventy years, his biography is in a scroll having at least seven seals, and let him not during the first ten years of his life try to look into the twenties, nor the twenties into the thirties nor the thirties into the the thirties, nor the thirties into the forties, nor the forties into the fifties, nor the fifties into the sixties, nor the sixtles into the seventies. From the way the years have got the habit of racing along, I guess you will not have to wait a great while before all the seals of the future are broken. I would not give two cents to know how long I am going to live, or in day morning. If as officers of a enurerly a day morning. If as officers of a enurerly a meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. I would rather meet people at the church door with a to be demolished. your personal history and should tell you that on the next 4th of July, 1901, you were to die, the summer after next, how much would you be good for between Golden candlesticks! Scour up the six this and that? It would from now would more lovely and bright they are the more fit they are to hold the light. But a Christless light is a damage to the world counting the months and the days, and your family and friends would be rather than a good. Cromwell stabled his would rub your hands together and whine: counting them, and next 4th of July you would rub your hands together and whine:
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fettering the pristine freedom of the Teutonic race. Hotel and restaurant keepers in Germany have begun to insist on their shaving off their mustaches, and the demand has invoked an indignant protest against what is described as "a custom imported from England." "We are robbed!" exclaim the waiters, in a strain of impassioned eloquence, "of our rights as German Why does not the public interfere? We claim to wear a mustache, like every other free man." The answer of the restaurateurs-a bald appeal to convention-that "it is the custom of waiters to be clean-shaven," is denounced as "nothing but servile submission to the English," and, no doubt, to a German waiter, accustomed to a society in which the wearing of a mustache by coachmen and other private domestic servants is not at all unusual, the new prohibition might well appear to be a slavish following of the foreigner. Here, however, the hotelkeeper's rule would be considered reasonable, and we are old-fashioned enough to trust that it will continue to be upheld-if necessary, by judicial decision, A clean-shaven waiter is, to our thinking, as indispensable an adjunct of a refined repast as a clean napkin, and their opposites are almost equally unappetizing. It is all very well to describe a mustache as an "ornament" to the face; but that depends. There are mustaches and mustaches; and to sanction them in the attendants at a dinner table is to run an unnecessary risk of the unsightly. In the razor there is always safety. Besides, if a mustache is to be allowed to a waiter, why not a beard-even the beard of old age: Why not assent at once to the incongruity of being waited upon by patriarchs? True, it may be urged that the same sort of objection was raised to the wearing of mustaches and beards by the clergy and that it was overruled. Yes; but are we sure that the right cause prevailed? Is the church stronger than it was when its ministers could be correctly described by the old appellation of "shavelings?" May

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POISONOUS FLOWERS. Symptoms Which Follow the Eating of

Some of Them. It seems a shame to connect thoughts of poison with, for instance, such delicate and lovely things as that baby of the flowers, the snowdrop, as the narcissus, with its delicious breath, as the hyacinth and the jonquil, says the Engineering Magazine. But one is obliged to see to it that the children do not put the bulbs of these flowers into their mouths. The oxalis also is not a safe thing to put between the lips; and all the lobelias will produce dizziness and general disaster. The monk's hood, too, and the beautiful foxglove, as well, are noxious affairs, from which powerful drugs are obtained, more than a few drops of their extracts being usually a fatal dose. Certain of the crocuses if eaten, even if nothing be swallowed but the juice, produce vomiting; the bulb of the intricately beautiful lady's slipper poisons externally as the noxlous lvy, dogwood and sumac do; the quaint jack-in-the-pulpit, although not a garden plant, is another enemy to health and life; and so, also, is the marvelous Queen Anne's lace, which now and then will creep in through the paling, and looks so enchanting when far and wide it embroiders field and roadside. The laughing little buttercup, that might be a drop of visible sunlight, is by no means as innocent as it looks; the cow in the pasture knows enough to avoid it; that and all its cousins, the rich, profuse peonles, the dazzlingly blue larkspurs and the rest. are full of toxic properties. The oleander tree, that is set out of doors when spring comes and that lines the streets of various of our southern cities, 15 another hive of deadly poison. The superb catalpa tree, towering with its

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riosities. In one village there is a remarkable woman who has been legally married twenty-nine times. She commenced her career as a wife at 15, and is now 37. She expresses the determination to have a record of 100 husbands before she bids farewell to her youth. In another case a husband, finding that his wife had the bad taste to prefer another gentleman to himself, did not rave, or swear, or repair to the divorce court. He acted like a philosopher. Calling the pair together, he calmly proposed that, as they appeared to hit it, they should marry. All he demanded was the usual commission of a matrimonial middleman. Most marriages are conducted in Japan by an interediary, and it is usual to pay them a bonus on the transaction. This commission the complaisant husband obtained, and everything ended up amicably .- London Leader.

Know When They've Got Enough. "You have a great country," said an Englishman to an American. "I admit it. But your climate. It is averred that Americans die early."

"Die early?" "Yes, sir, and especially your busi-

ness men." "And don't you know the reason? Is it to be found in the nature of our climate? No, sir. The reason Americans die early is because they know when they've got enough. Public spirited, patriotic and unselfish, they die early, sir, to make room for the rising generation."-London Tid-Bits.

Making Their Mouths Water. The method employed by Dutch fishermen to insure "astonishing catches" is thus described by the Golden Penny: The fisherman puts a number of live worms and insects in a bottle partially filled with water, and then corks it securely. The bottle is dropped into the water, the fisherman sinking his line alongside. It appears that the sight of the wriggling contents of the bottle so excites the appetite of the finny tribe that they fall easy vicims to the baited hoove.

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