GOD'S WATCHFUL CARE

He Exercises It Over all His Children.

Even the Birds are Controlled by His Will-"A Man's Heart Deviseth His Ways, but the Lord Directeth His Steps.

Dr. Talmage preaches a very comforting doctrine to those who are unfortunate and urges them to learn to be content with the path God has mapped out for them. His text was: Matthew 10: 29: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father."

You see the Bible will not be limited in the choice of symbols. There is hardly a beast, or bird, or insect, which has not been called to illustrate some divine truth—the ox's patience, the ant's industry, the spider's skill, the hind's surefootedness, the eagle's speed, the dove's gentleness, and even the sparrow's meanness and insignificance. In oriental countries none but the poorest people buy the sparrow and eat it-so very little meat is there on the bones, and so very poor is it, what there is of it. The comfortable population would not think of touching it any more than they would think of eating a bat or a lamprey. Now, says Jesus, if God takes such good care of a poor bird that is not worth a cent, will He not care for you, an immortal?

We associate God with revolutions. We can see a divine purpose in the discovery of America, in the invention of the art of printing, in the exposure of the gunpowder plot, in the contrivance of the needlegun, in the ruin of an Austrian or Napoleonic despotism; but how hard it is to see God in the minute personal affairs of our lives! We think of God as making a record of the starry host, but cannot realize the Bible truth that He knows how many hairs are on our head. It seems a grand thing that God provided food for hundreds of thousands of Israelites in the desert; but we cannot appreciate the truth that, when a sparrow is hungry, God stoops down and opens its mouth and puts the seed in. We are struck with the idea that God fills the universe with His presence, but cannot understand how He encamps, in the crystal palace of a dewdrop, or finds room to stand between the alabaster pillars of the pond lily. We can see God in the clouds. Can we see God in these flowers at our feet?

We are apt to place God on some great stage-or to try to do it-expecting Him there to act out His stupendous projects, but we forget that the life of a Cromwell, an Alexander, or a Washington, or an archangel, is not more under divine inspection than your life or mine. Pompey thought there must be a mist over the eyes of God because He so much favored Caesar. But there is no such mist. He sees everything. We say God's path Magnificent truth! but no more certain truth than that He decides which road or street you shall take in coming to church. Understand that God does not sit upon the indifferent or unsympathetic throne, but that He sits down beside you to-day. and no affair of our life is so insignifieant but that it is of importance to God.

In the first place, God chooses our occupation for us. I am amazed to see how many people there are dissatisfied with the work they have to do. I think three-fourths wish they were in some other occupation, and they spend a great deal of time in regretting that they got in the wrong trade or profession. I want to tell you that God put into operation all the influences which led you to that particular choice. Many of you are not in the business that you expected to be in. You started for the ministry and learned merchandise; you started for the law and you are a physician; you preferred sgriculture and you became a mechanic. You thought one way; God another. But you ought arranged all these circumstances by

which you were made what you are. Hugh Miller says: "I will be a stonemason;" God says: "You will be a geologist." David goes out to attend his father's sheep; God calls him to govern a nation. Saul goes out to hunt his father's asses, and before he gets back finds the crown of regal dominion. How much happier would we be if we were content with the places God gave us! God saw your temperament and all the circumstances by which you were surrounded, and I believe ninetenths of you are in the work you are best fitted for. I hear a great racket in my watch, and I find that the hands and the wheels and the springs are getting out of their places. I send it down to the jeweler's and say: "Overhaul that watch, and teach the wheels, and the spring, and the hands to mind their own business." You know a man having a large estate. He gathers his working hands in the morning, and says to one, "You go and trim that vine;" to another, "You go and weed those flowers;" to another, "You plow that tough glebe;" and each one goes to his particular work. The swner of the estate points the man to what he knows he can do best, and so it is with the Lord.

I remark further that God has arranged the place of our dwelling. What particular city or town, street or house you shall live in seems to be a mere matter of accident. You go out to hunt for a house, and you happen to pass up a certain street, and happen to see a sign, and you select that house. Was it all happening so? Oh, no! God guided you in every step. He foresaw the future. He knew all your circumstances, and He selected just that one house, however humble the roof and however lowly the portals, is as near

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I remark further that God arranges all our friendships. You were driven to the wall. You found a man at that crisis who sympathized with you and helped you. You say, "How lucky I was!" There was no luck about it. God sent that friend just as certainly as He sent the angel to strengthen Christ, Your domestic friends, your business friends, your Christian friends, God sent them to bless you, and if any of them have proved traitorous, it is only to bring out the value of those who remain. If some die, it is only that they may stand at the outposts of Heaven to greet you at your coming.

You always will have friends, warmhearted friends, magnanimous friends; and when sickness comes to your dwelling, there will be watchers; when trouble comes to your heart, there will be sympathizers; when death comes, there will be gentle fingers to close the eyes and fold the hands, and gentle lips to tell of a body-guard of friends! Every man, if he has behaved himself well, is surrounded by three circles of friends-those of the outside circle wishing him well; those in the next circle willing to help him; while close up to his heart are a few who would die for him. God pity the wretch who has not any friends!

I remark again, that God puts down the limit to our temporal prosperity. The world of finance seems to have no God in it. You cannot tell where a man will land. The affluent fail; the poor rise. The ingenious fall; the ignorant succeed. An enterprise opening grandly, shuts in bankruptcy, when out of the peat dug up from some New England marsh the millionaire builds his fortune. The poor man thinks it is chance that keeps him down; the rich man thinks it is chance which hoists

him; and they are both wrong. My brethren, do not kick against the divine allotments. God knows just chains, one chain reaching through all how much money it is best for you to lose. You never gain unless it is best for you to gain. You go up when it is best for you to go up, and go down when it is best for you to go down. Prove it, you say. I will, Romans 8: 28: "All things work together for good to them that love God." You go into a factory and you see twenty or thirty wheels, and they are going in different directions. This band is rolling off this way, and another band another way; one down and the other up. You "What confusion in a factory!" Oh, no! all these different bands are only different parts of the machinery. So I go into your life and see strange things. Here is one providence pulling you one way, and another in another way. But these are different parts of one machinery by which he will advance your everlasting and present well-being.

Now you know that a second mortgage, and a third and fourth mortgage, are often worth nothing. It is the first mortgage that is a good investment. I have to tell you that every Christian man has a first mortis in the great waters. True enough; gage on every trial, and on every dis- before she administers sympathy. The but no more certainty than He is in aster, and it must make a payment of child comes in with the least bruise. the water in the glass on the table. eternal advantage to his soul. How and the mother kisses it. God does not many worriments it would take out of | wait for some tremendous crisis in our your heart, if you believed that fully You buy goods and hope the price will go up, but you are in a fret and frown for fear the price will go down. You do not buy goods using your discretion in the matter, and then say: "O. Lord. I have done the best I could: I commit this whole transaction into Thy hands!" That is what religion is good for, or it is good for nothing.

There are two things, says an old proverb, you ought not to fret about: First, things that you can help; and second, things which you cannot help If you can help them, why do you not apply the remedy? If you cannot help them, you might as well surrender first as last. My dear brethren, do not sit any longer moping about your ledger. Do not sit looking so desponding upon your stock of unsalable goods. Do you think that God is going to allow you, a Christian man, to do business alone? God is the controlling partner in every firm; and, although your debtors may abscond, although your securities may fail, although not to sit down and mourn over the your store may burn, God will, out of past. You are to remember that God an infinity of results, choose for you the very best results.

A man of large business concludes to go out of his store, leaving much of his investments in the business, and he says to his sons: "Now, I am going to leave this business in your hands. Perhaps I may come back in a little while, and perhaps not. While I am gone you will please look after affairs." After awhile the father comes back and finds everything at loose ends, and the whole business seems to be going. He says: "I am going to take possession of this business-you know I never fully surrendered it; and henceforth consider yourselves subordinates." Is he not right in doing it? He saves the business. The Lord seems to let us go on in life, guided by our own skill, and we make miserable work of it. God comes down to our shop, or our store, and says: "Things are going wrong, I come to take charge. I am master, and I know what is best, and I proclaim my authority." We are merely subordinates. It is like a boy at school with a long sum that he cannot do. He has been working at it for hours, making figures here and rubbing out figures there, and it is all mixed up; and the teacher, looking over the boy's shoulder, knows that he cannot get out of it, and, cleaning the slate, says, 'Begin again." Just so God does to us. Our affairs get into an inextricable entanglement, and he rubs everything out and says, "Begin again!" Is he not wise and loving in so doing?

I think the trouble is, that there is so large a difference between the divine and the human estimate as to what is enough. I have heard of people striving for that which is enough, but I never heard of any one who had enough. What God calls enough house as better for you than any of for man, man calls too little. What the 10,000 habitations in the city. Our man calls enough God says is too little. The difference between a poor man and a rich man is only the differ-God's heart as an A hambra or a Krem. | ence in banks. The rich man puts his lin. Prove it, you say. Proverbs 3: money in the Washington bank or the forever. Amen.

Central bank or the Metropolitan bank, or some other bank of that character, while the poor man comes up and makes his investments in the bank of him who runs all the quarries, all the mines, all the gold, all the earth, all Heaven. Do you think a man can fail when he is backed up like that?

You may have seen a map on which is described, with red ink, the travels of the children of Israel through the desert to the Promised Land. You see how they took this and that direction, crossed the river and went through the sea. Do you know God has made a map of your life with paths leading up to this river and across that sea? But, blessed be God, the path always comes out at the Promised Land. Mark that!

I remark, again, that all those things that seem to be but accidents in our life are under the divine supervision. We sometimes seem to be going helmless and anchorless. You say: "If I had some other trade; if I had not gone there this summer; if I had lived in some other house." You have no right to say that. Every tear you wept, every step you have taken, every burden you have carried, is under divine inspection, and that event which startled your whole household with horror God met with perfect placidity, because He knew it was for your good. It was part of a great plan projected long ago. In eternity when you come to reckon up your mercies, you will point to that affliction as one of your greatest blessings.

God has a strange way with us. Joseph found his way to the prime minister's chair by being pushed into a pit; and to many Christians down is up. The wheat must be flailed; the quarry must be blasted; the diamond must be ground; the Christian must be afflicted; and that single event, which you supposed stood entirely alone, was a connecting link between two great eternity past and the other chain reaching through all eternity futureso small an event fastening two eternities together.

A missionary, coming from India to the United States, stopped at St. Helena while the vessel was taking water. He had his little child with him. They walked along by an embankment, and a rock at that moment became loosened, and falling instantly killed the child. Was it an accident? Was it a surprise to God? Had he allowed his servant, after a life of consecration, to come to such a trial? Not such is my God. There are no accidents in the Divine mind, though they may seem so to us. God is good, and by every single incident of our life, whether it be adverse or otherwise, before earth and Heaven, God will demonstrate His mercy.

I hear a man say: "That idea belittles God. You bring Him down to such little things." Oh, I have a more thorough appreciation of God in little things than I have in great things! The mother does not wait until the child has crushed its foot, or broken its arm; life, but comes down to us in our most insignificant trials and throws over us the arms of His mercy.

Going up the White mountains some years ago, I thought of that passage in the Bible that speaks of God as weigh ing mountains in a balance. As I looked at those great mountains, I thought, can it be possible that God can put these great mountains in scales? It was an idea too great for me to grasp; but when I saw a bluebell down by the mule's foot, on my way up Mount Washington, then I understood the kindness and goodness of God. It is not so much of God in great things I can understand, but of God in

There is a man who says, "That doetrine cannot be true, because things do go so very wrong." I reply it is no inconsistency on the part of God, but a lack of understanding on our part. I hear that men are making very fine shawls in some factory. I go in on the first floor, and see only the raw materials, and I ask, "Are these the shawls I have heard about?" "No," says the manufacturer; "go up to the next floor;" and I go up, and there I begin to see the design. But the man says, "Do not stop here; go up to the top floor of the factory and you will see the idea fully carried out." I do so, and, having come to the top, see the complete pattern of an exquisite shawl. So in our life, standing down on a low level of Christian experience, we do not understand God's dealings. He tells us to go up higher and higher, until we begin to understand the divine meaning with respect to us, and we advance until we stand at the very gate of Heaven, and there see God's idea all wrought out-a perfect idea of mercy, of love, of kindness. And we say, "Just and true are all Thy ways." It is all right at the top. Remember there is no inconsistency on the part of God, but it is only our mental and spiritual incapacity.

Some of you may be disappointed this summer-vacations are apt to be disappointments-but whatever your perplexities and worriments, know that 'Man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps." Ask these aged men in this church if it is not so, It has been so in my life. One summer I started for the Adirondacks, but my plans were so changed that I landed in, Liverpool. I studied law and I got. into the ministry. I resolved to go as a missionary to China and I stayed in the United States. I thought I would like to be in the east, and I went to the west; all the circumstances of life all my work, different from that which I expected. "A man's heart deviseth Lexpected. his way, but the Lord directeth his

So, my dear friends, this day take home this subject. Be content with such things as you have. From every grass blade under your feet learn the esson of Divine care, and never let the smallest bird flit across your path without thinking of the truth, that two sparrows are sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father's knowledge. Blessed be His glorious name for aver American



For Killing Injurious Insects on Melon or

For killing insects on melon or cucumber vines procure some tight boxes, such as sound cheese boxes, large enough to cover the vines. Tack a bunch of rags large enough to hold, say, an with the inverted box. Saturate the hill, pushing the edge of the box into



A HOMEMADE COVER.

the outside edges where any vapor would otherwise have a chance to escape. All the bugs will be killed in about an hour, and the rags can have a little more liquid and the box transferred to another hill. Whatever is used may afford some temas a cover had better not be much larger than necessary to cover the vines, as it will take more liquid to make a death atmosphere. If one has many vines to treat, it may be best to provide a good number of covers. Anything that will cover the vines and keep the vapor in will do, and if one has other work to do near by, a few covers will enable a person to treat a good many hills in a day, says the writer of the foregoing in letter to Ohio Farmer.

The illustration represents a homemade cover, which the authority quoted also describes: Take a barrel hoop, the Hypophosphites, cut it in two and fasten the pieces at right angles to each other by making a furnishes just the nourhole with a bradawl through both and inserting a screw eye with the eye on the convex side, to be used as a handle for lifting. Spring the hoops to make a cover of the size wanted, notch the ends those who are run down and tie a string around, as in making a kite; or, better, use a stiff wire or a full and pale and thin and hoop. Take manilla or even a newspaper, cover all of one side with paste and cover one section (one-fourth of the "dome") with it, turning all the surplus paper inside. The other three sections are covered with paper in the same way, turning the surplus paper either Emulsion now. Don't inside or outside, as it would naturally

A bundle of rags or cotton can be tied inside where the hoops cross to receive the charge of bisulphide. Any of the chemical left after treating one hill can be carried with little loss to the next. than one would at first think, even when made of newspapers, as when dry the paste will make them very stiff, especially when there are several thicknesses of paper. The covers will also be very resistent to the vapors of the bisulphide

Importation of Texas Cattle.

Governor Rich of Michigan has issued a proclamation prohibiting until Nov. the importation of Texas cattle or those raised south of the thirty-sixth parallel of north latitude which have not been continuously one winter north of said latitude. Cattle in transit across the state are excepted, but they can be unloaded only for watering and feeding, and then only at West Detroit, in the Texas cattle division of the Michigan Central stockyards. Cattle intended for immediate slaughter are also excepted, but they must be held in strict quarantine awaiting it.

A Simple Bordeaux Mixture. Rural New Yorker asks: Why not simplify the directions for making the stock solutions for the bordeaux mixture by using a pound of sulphate of Ion of water used in making the respective stock solutions? Then each gallon of the material used. Then, by taking 6 gallons of each solution and adding sufficient water to make 50 gallons of the compound, the proper proportions of the bordeaux mixture are readily se-

Phosphate Deposits In Pennsylvania.

A bulletin from the Pennsylvania state experiment station gives an account of the deposits of rock phosphate easily worked.

For Binding Wheat.

Last season The Farm Implement News gave considerable space to an account of a trial of a binder with grass ities for securing advance news of a twine which took place in Illinois. The semi-public character.



SPOOLS OF GRASS TWINE.

grass twine, according to a description given it by Rural New Yorker, is really a coarse braid of grass or hay about as large as a clothesline. It is coiled on a large spool-like those shown hereback under the driver's seat, and in the trials mentioned unwound readily and sold the bundles. The hope is expressed that this grass twine will still further sheapen the cost of harvesting wheat.

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