

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

BIRTH OF JESUS, THE CHRIST.

A Discourse By Dr. Talmage Adapted to Christmas Eve.

TEXT: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke II, 14.

At last I have what I longed for, a Christmas eve in the Holy Land. This is the time of year that Christ lived. He was a Deacon of the church in the city of Nazareth.

The village inn was crowded with the shepherds who had come up by the command of the government to have their names in the census.

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into his pharmacy has none left for his heart. Preferring and complaining do not belong to the family of Christian grace.

Again, my subject impresses me with the fact that glorious endings sometimes have very humble beginnings.

The New Testament Church was on a small scale. Fishermen watched it. Against the uprising walls of infernal empires.

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every town brighter than that which fell upon Bethlehem, and more overwhelming than the song that fell on the pasture fields.

I wish you a merry Christmas, not with worldly dissipations, but merry with Gospel gladness, merry with parting words.

The mother looked down into the face of her dying child and said: "My dear, I think that must be heaven that you see."

Under his mighty sway May we behold the day Of right and righteousness advance.

MANUFACTURES FROM AFRICA. "I have directly learned," says Dr. Dorchester, in the Congressional Record.

BARNUM'S STATISTICS. A small controversy is going on now among certain English newspapers regarding the duration of life of persons using intoxicating liquors.

CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENTS. The consolidation of departments was one of the most important advance steps of the recent national convention of the W. C. T. U.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES. There are more than 5000 licensed saloons in Chicago.

There has been an increase of fifty per cent. in the number of admissions to the seven retreats in England licensed for the treatment of intemperance.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JANUARY 5.

Lesson Text: "The Forerunner Announced," Luke I, 5-17—Golden Text: Mat. III, 1—Comm. mentary.

The four verses of this Gospel which precede our lesson tell us that many were writing down in order a record of the sayings and doings of Jesus of Nazareth.

Five persons are mentioned by name in our lesson and in the verses immediately following.

8. "He executed the priests' office before God in the order of his course." What a glorious motto for every day are those two words, "before God, in the order of his course."

11. "There appeared unto him an angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense."

12. "Woe to Zacharias say him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him."

13. "Fear not, Zacharias." Thus God and His angels are always seeking to comfort those who look to Him.

14. "Thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at thy birth."

15. "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord." This is the summit of all greatness, and nothing can compare with it.

RELIGIOUS READING.

THE DYING YEAR.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Psalm xc, 12.

Another year is fading into the shadowy past. What if for me, my Saviour, This year should be the last.

"Will the angels sing?" At this merry Christmas time, And, auntie, shall I hear them.

Gentle ones, who into darkness Bring the lamp of love for light; Strong and brave ones, who, like heroes, Fight the battle of the right.

Do they hear the pleasant singing? Nay, perhaps they miss the song Through the noise that are near them.

Will you hear them? Ah, my darling! You are liker than I am To receive into your spirit.

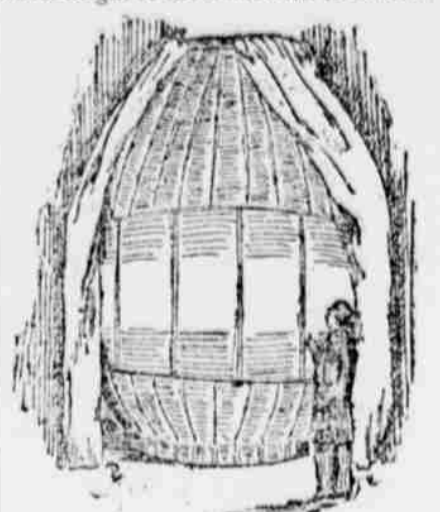
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A Gigantic Lamp.

A volume might be written of the light-houses in this vicinity and of the wonderful sights to be seen at the Tompkinsville headquarters.



A GIANT PRESENT.

The lamps of the first order, which are at present the largest in use, measure only six feet in diameter.



Brief But Significant.

Farmer to Sportsman—"Did you shoot my mule?" Sportsman—"I—I—yes—Most unfortunate accident!"

That Moving Wheel Problem. Every now and then somebody will write to a newspaper this question: "Does the top of a buggy wheel in motion travel faster than the bottom?"



The above picture was traced from an "instantaneous" photograph of a bicycle in motion. The photographic dry plate was exposed about the fiftieth part of a second.

This climate, with its many changes, demands woolen underclothing, and suits of three different weights should be provided for the changing seasons.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At Ebensburg Richard L. Davis, proprietor of a boot and shoe store, committed suicide by taking Paris Green.

Edward Lantz, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania, had his foot crushed and his left arm broken by a fall from a moving car at Berry, Sunday night.

Mrs. Mary Callahan, an old lady residing at Irwin, was run down by the Pacific Express at Greensburg, and instantly killed.

A body, supposed to be that of a deckhand who was lost from the towboat Gould a few days since, was found Sunday evening at Montgomery island, about two miles above industry.