#### SERMON. TALMAGES

THE AGONY OF GETHSEMANE THE SUBJECT LAST SUNDAY.

"Ye Are Bought with Price"-- First Book of Corinthians, Chapter VI, Verse 20 -The Temptation of the Savier-Divine Sympathy.

(Copyright, 1901, by Louis Klopsch, N. Y.) Washington, Marca 31.-- in this discourse Dr. Talmage shows the Messianic sacrifices for the saving of all nations and speaks of Gethsemane as It appeared to him; text, I Corinthians

vi. 20, "Ye are bought with a price." Your friend takes you through his valuable house. You examine the arches, the frescoes, the grass plots, the fish ponds, the conservatories, the parks of deer, and you say within yourself or you say aloud, "What did all this cost?" You see a costly diamond flashing in an earring, or you hear a costly dress rustling across the drawing room, or you see a high mettled span of horses harnessed with silver and gold, and you begin to make an estimate of the value.

The man who owns a large estate cannot instantly tell you all it worth. He says, "I will estimate so much for the house, so much for the furniture, so much for laying out the grounds, so much for the stock, much for the barn, so much for the equipage, adding up in all making this aggregate.

Well, my friends, I hear so much about our mansion in heaven, about its furniture and the grand surroundings, that I want to know how much it is all worth and what has actually been paid for it. I cannot complete in a month nor a year the magnificent calculation, but before I get through today I hope to give you the figures. "Ye are bought with a price."

### Bringing Glad Tidings.

Let us open the door of the caravansary in Bethlehem and drive away the camels. Pass on through the group of idlers and loungers. What, O Mary, no light? "No light," she says, "save that which comes through the door." What Mary, no food? "None," she says, "only that which was brought in the mack on the journey." Let the Bethlehem woman who has come in here with kindly attentions put back the covering from the babe that we may look upon it. Look! Look! Uncover your head. Let us kneel, Let all voices be hushed. Son of Mary! Son of God! Child of a day! Monarch of eternity! In that eye the glance of a God. Omnipotence sheathed in that Babe's arm. That voice to be changed from the feeble plaint to the tone that shall wake the dead. Hosanna! Hosanna! Glory to God that Jesus came from throne to manger that we might rise from manger to throne, and that all the gates are open, and that the door of heaven that once swung this way to let Jesus out now swings the other way to let us in. Let all the belimen of heaven lay hold the rope and ring out the news, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for today is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!"

The second installment paid for our souls' clearance was the scene in Quarantania, a mountainous region, full of caverns, where are today panthers and wild beasts of all sorts, so that you must now go there armed with knife or gun or pistol. It was there that Jesus went to think and pray, and it was there that this monster of bell-more sly, more terrible, than anything that prowled in that country—satan himself, met Christ.

Jeens to Roman Srnate.

The rose in the cheek of Christ-that Publius Lentullus, in his letter to the Roman senate, ascribed to Jesus-that rose had scattered its petals. Abstinence from food had thrown him into emaciation. A long abstinence from food recorded in profane history is that of the crew of the ship Juno. For twenty-three days they had nothing to eat. But this sufferer had fasted a month and ten days before he broke Hunger must have agonized every fibre of the body and gnawed on the stomach with teeth of death. The thought of a morsel of bread or meat must have thrilled the body with comething like ferocity. Turn out a pack of men hungry as Christ was a-hungered, and if they had strength with one yell they would devour you as a kid. It was in that pang of hunger that Jesus was accosted, and satan said, "Now, change these stones, which look like bread, into an actual supply of bread." Had the temptation come to you and me under those circumatances we would have cried, "Bread it shall be!" and been almost impatient at the time taken for mastication, but Christ with one hand beat back the hunger and with the other hand beat back the monarch of darkness. O ye tempted ones! Christ was tempted. We are told that Napoleon ordered a coat of mail made, but he was not quite certain that it was impenetrable, so he said to the manufacturer of the coat of mail, "Put it on now yourself and let us try it." And with shot after shot from his own pistol the emperor found out that it was just what it pretended to be, a good coat of mail. Then the man received a large reward.

I bless God that the same coat of mail that struck back the weapons of temptation from the head of Christ we may now all wear, for Jesus comes and says: "I have been tempted, and I know what it is to be tempted. Take this robe that defended me and wear it for yourselves, I shall see you through all trials, and I shall see you through all temptation."

The Temptation of Joseph, "But," says satan still further to lenne, "come, and I will show you something worth looking at." And atter a haif a day's journey they came to Jerusalem and to the top of the temple. Just as one might go up in the tower of Antwerp and look off upon Belgium, so satan brought Christ to the top of the temple. Some people at a great height feel dizzy and a strange disposition to jump. So satan comes to Christ in that very crisis, Standing there at the top of the temple, they looked off. A magnificent reach of country. Grainfields, vineyards, olive groves, forests and streams, cattle in the valley, flocks on the hills and viilages and cities and realms. "Now," says satan, "I'll make a bargain. Just jump off. I know it is a great way from the top of the temple to the valley, but if you are divine you can fly. Jump off. It won't hurt you. Angels will catch you. Your Father will hold you. Besides, I'll make you a large present if you will. I'll give you Asia Minor, I'll give you China, I'll give you Ethopia, I'll give you Italy, I'll give you Spain. I'll give you Germany, I'll give you Britain. I'll give you all the world." What a temptation it must

have been! Go tomorrow morning and get in an altercation with some wretch crawling up from a gin cellar in the lowest part of your city. "No," you say, "I would not bemean myself by getting into such a contest." Then think of what the king of heaven and earth endured when he came down and fought the great wretch of hell and fought him in the wilderness and on top of the temple. But bless God that in the triumph over temptation Christ gives us the assurance that we also shall triumph. Having himself been tempted, he is able to succor all those who are

The Agony at Gethseman,

The third installment paid for our redemption was the agonizing prayer in Gethsemane. As I sat in that garden at the foot of an old gnarled and twisted olive tree the historic scene came upon me overwhelmingly. These old olive trees are the lineal descendants of those under which Christ stood and wept and knelt. Have the leaves of whole botanical generations told the story of our Lord's agony to their successors? Next to Calvary the solempest place in Palestine is Gethsemane. While sitting there it seemed as if I could hear our Lord's prayer, taden with sobs and groans. Can this be the Jesus who gathered fragrance from the frankincense brought to his cradle and from the lilies that flung their sweetness into his sermons and from the box of alabaster that broke at his feet? Is this Jesus the comforter of Bethany, the resurrector at Nain. the oculist at Bethsaida? Is this the Christ whose frown is the storm, whose amile is the sunlight, the spring morning his breath, the thunder his voice, the ocean a drop on the tip of his finger, heaven a sparkle on the bosom of his love, the universe the dust of his charlot wheel? Is this the Christ who is able to heal a heartbreak or hush a tempest or drown a world of flood immensity with his glory? Behold him in prayer, the globules of blood by sorrow pressed through the skin of his forehead! What an installment in part payment of the greatest price that was ever paid!

The Sham Trial. The fourth installment paid for our redemption was the Saviour's sham trial. I call it a sham trial—there has never been anything so indecent or unfair in any criminal court as was witnessed at the trial of Christ, Why they hustled him into the court room at 2 o'clock in the morning. They gave him no time for counsel. They gave him no opportunity for subpoensing witnesses. The ruffians who were wandering around through the midnight, of course they saw the arrest and went into the court room. But Jesus' friends were sober men, were respectable men, and at that hour, 2 o'clock in the morning, of course they were at home asleep. Consequently Christ entered the court

room with the ruffians. Oh, look at him! No one to speak a word for him. I lift the lantern until I can look into his face, and as my heart beats in sympathy for this. the best friend the world ever had. himself now utterly friendless, an officer of the court room comes up and smites him in the mouth, and I see the blood stealing from gum and lip. Oh, it was a farce of a trial, lasting only perhaps an hour, and then the judge rises for sentence! Stop! It is against the law to give sentence unless there has been an adjournment of the court between condemnation and sentence, but what cares the judge for the law? The man has no friends. Let him die," says the judge. And the ruffians outside the rail cry: "Aha, aha, that's what we want! Pass him out here to us! Away with him! Away with him!""

The Divine Sympathizen. Oh, I bless God that amid all the injustice that may have been inflicted upon us in this world we have a divine sympathizer. The world cannot lie about you nor abuse you as much as they did Christ, and Jesus stands to-day in every court room, in every house, in every store, and says: "Courage! By all my hours of maltreatment and abuse I will protect those who are trampled upon." And when Christ forgets that 2 o'clock morning scene and the stroke of the ruman on the mouth and the howling of the unwashed crowd, then he will forget you and me in the injustices of life that may be

inflicted upon us. Further, I remark: The last great | digging in the Lake Lemargarningue installment paid for our redemption | district. A Jesuit has recognized the was the demise of Christ. The world cross, which has two bars, as one of has seen many dark days. Many summers ago there was a very dark day Huron Indians in the early part of the when the sun was eclipsed. The fowl sixteenth century, to bribe them te at noonday went to their perch, and fight for France against the Iroquote we felt a gloom as we looked at the Indians, who were then friendly to astronomical wonder. It was a dark | England.

day in Loudon when the plague we at its height, and the dead with uncovered faces were taken in open carts and dumped in the trenches. It was a dark day when the earth opened and Lisbon sank, but the darkest day since the creation of the world was when the carnage of Calvary was en-

Drawing the Curtain. It was about noon when the curtain began to be drawn. It was not the coming on of a night that soothes and refreshes. It was the swinging of a great gloom all around the heavens. God hung it. As when there is a dead one in the house you bow the shutters or turn the lattice, so God in the afternoon shut the windows of the world. As it is appropriate to throw a black pall upon the coffin as it passes along, so it was appropriate that everything should be somber that day as the great hearse of the earth rolled on, bearing the corpse of the King. A man's last heurs are ordinarily kept sacred. However you may have hated or caricatured a man, when you hear he is dying silence puts its hands on your lips, and you would have a loathing for the man who could stand by a deathbed making faces and scoffing. But Christ in his last hour cannot be left alone. What, pursuing him yet after so long a pursuit? You have been drinking his tears. Do you want to drink his blood? They come up closely, so that notwithstanding the darkness they can glut their revenge with the contortions of his countenance. They examine his feet. They want to feel for themselves whether those feet are really spiked They put out their hands and touch the spikes and bring them back wet with blood and wipe them on their gar ments. Women stand there and weep but can do no good. It is no place for the tender hearted women. It wants a heart that crime has turned into granite. The waves of man's hatred and of hell's vengeance dash up against the mangled feet, and the hands of sin and pain and torture clutch for his holy heart. Had he not been thoroughly fastened to the cross they would have torn him down and trampled him with both feet. How the cavalry horses arched their necks and champed their bits and reared and snuffed at the blood! Had a Roman officer called out for a light, his voice would not have been heard in the tumult, but louder than the clash of spears, and the wailing of womanhood. and the neighing of the chargers, and the bellowing of the crucifiers, there comes a voice crashing through-loud. clear, overwhelming, terrific. It is the groaning of the dying Son of God!

what you have done!

Look, what a scene! Look, world, at

Christ on the Cross. I lift the covering from the maltreated Christ to let you count the wounds and estimate the cost. Oh, when the nails went through Christ's right hand and through Christ's left hand, with all their power to work and lift and write! When the nails went through Christ's right foot and Christ's left foot, that bought your feet, with all their power to walk or run or climb. When the thorn went into Christ's temple, that bought your brain, with all its power to think and plan. When the spear cleft Christ's side, that bought your heart, with all its power to love and repent and pray.

DEATH'S VISITS IN SLEEP. Apoplexy Frequently Attacks Its Victime White They Stumber.

The frequent occurrence of apoplexy during sleep was illustrated in the case of Colonel Albert D. Shaw. He had made a patriotic speech during the evening and had retired in apparently good health. In his instance there was a combination of causes to bring about the result-a banquet, mental excitement, probable indigesetion and a coincident lowering of vital tone. some respects the circumstances were similar to those attending the demise of Henry George, who was likewise stricken after forced efforts on the platform. Why the accident in question should occur at a time when all the bodily functions are seemingly at rest is at first thought somewhat difficult to explain. When, however, the arteries of the brain become brittle by age the slightest change of blood pressure is often enough to precipitate a rupture of those vessels and cause the escape of a clot either upon the surface or into the substance of the brain. High mental tension, being always associated with congestion, is in itself an active predisposing cause of apoplexy. This condition is apt to continue during a more or less troubled sleep, and with an overtired nervous system there is less resistance to overstretching of the cerebral arteries than during the waking hours. Nature, instead of rebounding, simply succumbs. The fullness of the vessels increases until the final break occurs. Generally the effusion of blood is sufficiently large to be followed by instantaneous death, causing one sleep to pass quietly into the other. As evidence of this peaceful ending, it is often noticed that the patients are found as if in natural slumber, comfortably lying on the side, with bedclothes undisturbed and with countenance perfectly calm. -New York Herald.

Cross in Lake Lemargaraingue. A solid silver cross was recently received in Montreal from Michael Cit Col, an Indian, who had found it while the fifty silver crosses presented to the



The customs, traditions and superstitions connected with Easter are almost innumerable. Their origins are in many cases impossible to determine, because they evidently took place at a time when the season was still pagan in its character. Others, again, are directly connected with the Christian observance of the festival. The early

greet one another on Easter morning with the salutation: "Christ is risen."

The reply to this was: "Christ is risen, indeed, and hath appeared to Simon."

"This custom, it is said, is still observed in the Greek church.

Christians in many countries used to

The giving of eggs at Easter, or the spring festival, is one of the most widely known, as it is also one of the oldest, of the customs. From the remotest times the egg has stood to the Eastern nations as the symbol of the universe, and its breaking at that time has represented the opening of the new life of the year. When the custom was carried over into Christian practice the Easter eggs were usually sent to the priests to be blessed and sprinkled with holy water. In later times the coloring and decorating of the eggs was introduced, and in a royal

roll of the time of Edward I., which is preserved in the Tower of London. there is an entry of 18d, for 400 eggs, to be used for Easter gifts.

REPORT OF THE PROCEED

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Tuesday, March 26.

Among the bills introduced in the house

By Mr. Kelley: Concerning crimines Int

"It shall be unlawful for any person to

sell, or offer for sale, or to print or pub

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purpose of selling, giving away or other

wise disposing of, any paper, book, per-

feature or characteristic of which is the

record of the commission of crime of the

display by cut or illustration of crimes committed, or the acts or pictures

women in lewd or unbecoming positions

or improper dress. Any person guilty of

a violation of this act shall be fined no

By Mr. Allen, providing that the an-

of taxation shall be one-half instead of

Wednesday, March 27. The house postponed to April 4 considers

ation of the steering-committee resolution

for a sine-die adjournment on April 38.

The senate passed a resolution for a sine

die adjournment on May 2 and sent it to

the house, where it was laid on the speak-

er's table, which means that it will re-

main without action till it shall please the

Governor Yates sent the following nouts

William Olin Forbes of Cook county, 500

member of the state board of health, to

succeed L. Adelsberger of Monroe county,

Thomas J. Clark of Adams county, for

commissioner of the Southern Illinois pen-

itentiary, to succeed Thomas W. Scott of

William P. Smith of Platt county, for

member of the state board of live stock

commissioners to succeed James H. Pad-

Emil G. Hirsch of Cook county, for

member of the state board of charitten.

to succeed Ephraim Banning of Cook

Thursday, March 28.

Benator Dawson introduced a bill to tax

bachelors. The bill provides that when an

unmarried man above the age of 40 years

applies for a marriage license he shall

pay a fee of \$100 and the money collecter

shall be used for the erection of a an

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Friday, March 10.

A bill abolishing the fee system for

courts and fixing salaries of such clerks

The house adjourned to 10 a. m. April &

The subcommittee of the house appro-

the matter of an appropriation for an Dis-

note exhibit at the Charleston (M. C.)

appropriating \$35,000 for the purpose. It is

probable that this bill will be approved

Only five senators were present in the

senate, and the session of that body did

POTES OF THE SESSIONS.

William A. Bowles of Will county in-

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Merday, March 38.

Disposal of Criminal Lib

visions—To Increase Assess

In the last few years artificial eggs of caudy, china and other materials and egg-shaped articles of all kinds, have largely replaced the real eggs as Easter gifts. The shop windows each



"CHRIST IS RISEN! "

year at this season testify to the ingenuity expended in devising new and attractive objects in which the idea of the Easter egg shall be preserved. In Paris these Easter presents are generally given on the first day of Passion Week. All are emblematic of eggs. and are known as "oeufs des Paque," or "Paschal eggs." 

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Children's Easter

It was the Saturday before Easter, and the children all ran out to the barn to hunt eggs, with Egypt, the tame crow, hopping after them. Nanny was sure there must be several dozen eggs in the hen house, Billy thought the haymow was the best place to find them, and Kitty said she had seen old Topknot flying out from Dobbin's manger. Egypt said nothing,



OUT IT CAME WITH A LOUD "OW but I rather think he knew as much about the nests as they did,

Egypt was a sly old fellow. He liked buttons and pennies, but he had the greatest fancy for pins. He would pull them out of every pin cushion in the house when he could get a chance, so you might search through room after room, and not come across single pin. Nobody knew what he did with them all. He was fond of eggs, too, and I am afraid this was the reason that the children had such a long hunt for them, and found so few.

At last they climbed up the long ladder into the mow. The hay was piled almost to the roof and covered the windows. It was so dark that Nanny and Kitty were a little bit afraid, but Billy went first, floundering along in the hay, just as you wade through a snow drift.

"Guess there are nests on this beam." said Billy, "but it's so dark I can't see. I'll feel."

In went billy's hand, and out it came in a second, with a loud "Ow!"

"It's hornets or yellow-jackets or something!' 'he screamed, "Fetch the barn lantern, Kit, and I'll knock 'em

Kitty brought the lantern, and then ran to the other side of the barn, for fear of the yellow jackets. Billy held the lentern over his hear and peeped

What did he see? Not hornets, but

He had run his hand into Egypt's own little "hidy-hole," where the sly little rogue had laid away a whole pile of his favorite treasures. No wonder they pricked like hornets. But what the queer old bird was saving them for I never knew.

## Nature's Easter Girl.

The gladsome Easter-tide comes on. The sesame of spring; When birds begin to tune the voice, A summer's praise to sing.

The leaves upon the trees bud forth, The daffodils unfold All nature opens like a bud, The sun floods earth with gold.

No more in this, our better age, Do maidens seek in dress And costly bonnets to express

Their Easter happiness.

The modern maid, with brimming health, (lives locks a saucy curl; Brings forth her bike and natty suit-She's Nature's Easter girl.

# Origin of Easter Hats

To neglect the putting on of some entirely new article of dress on Easter Sunday was regarded by the Engaish of olden times as sure to bring bad luck, and certainly this is one of the practices which has lost nothing with the increase of years. Only now it has been slightly altered, so that to have no new clothes to exhibit at the Easter parade is considered sufficiently bad luck in itself, without the fear of any further misfortunes that may result from it. After donning their new Easter garments the English country people dined off tansy pudding and bacon or tansy pudding and "good red herring," the tansy being the symbol of the bitter herbs commanded to be eaten at the Paschal feast,

troduced in the house the three amendments to the Chicago drainage law which had been prepared by Judge O. N. Carter of Chicago. One bill provides that the Chicago sanitary district may borros money for corporate purposes and iss bonds therefor, but it shall not become indebted in any manner or for any pur pose to an amount in the aggregate to exceed 5 per cent of the valuation of the taxable property in the district. The second bill provides that for the purpose of widening or deepening any navigable stream which is a part of the main san lary channel the sanitary district may exercise the right of eminent domain for the purpose of taking land and may lev a tax of 1 per cent upon the ass valuation of property in the district exclusive of any other taxes which the con poration is authorized to levy. The thi hill provides the method of annexi territory to the sanitary district. Up petition of 1,000 voters resident with the limits of any territory proposed be annexed, the county judge sitting wi two circuit judges, to be selected by shall hear all persons interested and

empting the Milwaukee Exposition from taxation, on the ground that it was to constitutional, which came in Friday, was not reached, was read in the ass Monday morning, at Senator Rocks ! quest. Action on the veto was po until a week from Thursday, there was a chance that the got objections might be overcome by a

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Mr. Allen is pushing a bill t the insue of negotiable bonds by incorporated villages and found bill authorizes cities, villages and to issue refunding bonds to restanding obligations of its for other purposes, and provides that I bonds shall be issued for a lo than twenty years, and that the rate interest shall not exceed \$ per cent.

The house judiciary committee has h The retail merchants and labor me sented arguments, but the took no action.



Through the long night of darkness and gloom We follow Thee unto the opened tomb, And, standing by its side, Behold life glorified, Know immortality, Because of Thee.

Through the bright merning still we follow Thee, Our fears forgot, our faintest doubts shall flee. Let praises linger long, For death is conquered. Lo! the farthest skies Are filled with song!

O heart, rejoice! Art blinded at the door Of thy safe tent? Thy Pilot went before, He leads thee in; then sing, "Ours is the victory, O suffering One, Because of Thee!"

Homeless ere yet He knew the darkened tomb Memeless henceforth no more; in each glad heart His home. Wake! every flower of spring, And swell the Easter song, And every bird awing The praise prolong!