A BLESSED MISTAKE.

MARY MAGDALENE STANDING AT THE RIFLED TOMB.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Pictures the Working Christ in Common Apparel—The Scars of Earth—Glorious Thoughts Inspired by the Resurrection of Christ.

Washington, April 18.—This sermon by Talmage will set the readers to thinking on new lines and will make an Easter more inspiring than ever. The text is John xx. 15, "She, supposing him to be the gardener."

Mary Magdalene and Christ, two of his best converts. For 4000 years a cruel and ghastly tyrant had been killing and dragging them into his dominion. He had a passion for human flesh. For 40 centuries he had been unchallenged in his work. He had taken countless millions of queens and conquerors and statesmen and men of fame. In that cold palace were shelves of skulls, and pillars of skulls, and altars of skulls, and even the tables at the table were made of the dead skulls. To the skeleton of Alexander had added the skeleton of Cæsar, and to that Napoleon's, and about 1,867 years ago I may calculate it, a mighty stranger came to the door of that awful palace, rolled back the door and went in and slew the tyrant, threw him down the precipice and put upon the tyrant's neck the heel of triumph.

Then the mighty stranger, exploring all the dismal furniture of the place and walking through the labyrinths, and groping through the chambers of mystery and tarrying in the dungeons of which were keys of human bone—carrying for two nights and a day the mighty key of the dungeon door of death, he seized the pillars of that awful palace and threw down the whole of it from its hinges and with a shout of victory, crying, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," re-elected that temple of the soul which has set the place of the sepulcher.

Scene at the Tomb.

Of the two or four things which the world and the church have not no Christ is the correction. For 4000 years the world had been under the dominion of death, and Christ had come to reverse that dominion, and now, on new lines and with new motives, will