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BROOKLYN, Feb. 13.—Over 600 persons have joined the Brooklyn Tabernacle, pastor the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., during the present revival, making the communicant membership of this church about 4,000. Professor Henry Eyre Browne rendered an organ solo, second sonata in E minor, by A. G. Ritter. The congregational singing was like the voice of many waters when the pastor gave out the hymn:

He, that leadeth me; O, blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! The subject of Dr. Talmage's sermon was

"The Ransomed," and his text was I Corinthians, vi. 20: "Ye are bought with a price." Your friend takes you through his valuable house. You examine the arches, the fresco,

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 costly apparel 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 what it is all 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, so 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 or a year the magnificent calculation; but before I get through to-day I hope to give you the figures. "Ye are bought with

With some friends I went into London Tower to look at the crown jewels of England. We walked around, caught one glimpse of them, and being in the procession were compelled to pass out. I wish that to-day I could take this audience into the tower of God's mercy and strength, that you might walk around just once at least and see the crown jewels of eternity, behold their brilliance and estimate their value. "Ye are bought with a price," Now, if you have a large amount of money to pay, you do not pay it all at once, but you pay it by installments-so much the 1st of January, so much the 1st of April, so much the 1st of July, so much the 1st of October, until the entire amount is paid. And I have to tell this audience that "You have been bought with a price," and that that price was in different installments.

The first installment paid for the clearance of our souls was the ignominious birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Though we may never be carefully looked after afterward, our advent into the world is carefully guarded. We come into the world amid kindly attentions. Privacy and silence are afforded when God launches an immortal soul into the world. Even the roughest of men know enough to stand back. But I have to tell you that in the village on the side of the hill, there was a very bedlam of uproar when Jesus was born. In a village capable of, accommodating only a few hundred people many thousand people were crowded; and amid hostlers and muleteers, and camel drivers yelling at stupid beasts of burden, the Messiah appeared. No si,ence. No privacy. A better adapted place bath the eaglet in the eyrie-bath the whelp in the lion's lair. The exile of heaven lieth down upon the straw. The first night out from the palace of heaven spent in an outhouse. One hour after laying aside the robes of heaven, dressed in a wrapper of coarse linen. One would have supposed that Christ would have made a more gradual descent, coming from beaven first to a half-way world of great magnitude, then to Casar's palace, then to a merchant's castle in Gali lee, then to a private home in Bethany, then to a fisherman's but, and last of all to the stable No. It was one leap from the top to the bettom.

Let us open the door of the caravansary in Bethlehem and drive away the camels. Press on through the group of idlers and loungers. What, O Mary, no light "No light," sue says, "save that which comes through the door "What, Mary, no food! "None," she says, "only that which is brought in the sack on the journey " Let the Bethlehem woman who has come in here with kindly affection 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 be 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 new: "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for to-day is born in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ, the Lord!" The second installment paid for our soul's

clearance was the scene in Quarantania, a mountainous region full of caverns, where there are to this day panthers and wild beats of all sorts; so that you must now, the traveller says, 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 hell, more sly, more terrific than anything that prowled in that country-Satan himself, met Christ. The rose in the cheek of Christ-that Publius Lentulus, in his letter to the Roman senate, ascribed to Jesus-that rose had scattered its petals. Abstinence from food had thrown him into emaciation. The longest 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 fast. Hunger must have agonized every fiber of the body and gnawed on the stomach with teeth of death. The thought of a morsel of bread or most must have thrilled the body with something 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 lion a kid. It was in that pang of hunger that Jesus was accosted, and Satau said: "Now change these stones, which look like bread, into an actual supply of bread." Had the temptation come to you or me under those circumstances, 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 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 that cost 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 heart of Christ we may all now 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 will see you through all trials, and I will see you through all temptations."

"But," says Satan still further to Jesus," "come and I will show you something worth looking at," and after a half 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 Belginm, so Satan brought Christ to the top of the temple. Some people at a great height feel dizzy, and have a strange disposition to jump: so Satan comes to Christ with a powerful temptation in that very crisis. Standing there at the top of the temple they look off. A magnificent reach of country. Grain fields, vineyards, olive groves, forests and streams, cattle in the valleys, flocks on the hills, and villages 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 India, I'll give you China, I'll give you Ethiopia, 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 humiliation it must have been.

Go to-morrow morning and get in an altercation with some wretch crawling up from a gin cellar in the Fourth ward, New York, "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 that great wretch of hell, and fought him in the wilderness and on the top of the temple. But I bless God that in that 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 tempted.

In a violent storm at sea the mate told a boy-for the rigging had become entangled in the mast-to go up and right it. A gentleman standing on the deck said: "Don't send that boy up; he will be dashed to death." The mate said: "I know what I am about." The boy raised his hat in recognition of the order, and then rose, hand over hand, and went to work; and as he swime; in the storm the passengers wrung their bands and expected to see him fall. The work done, he came down in safety, and a Christian man said to him: "Why did you go down in the forecastle before you went up!" NAh," said the boy, "I went down to pray My mother always taught me before I undertook any thing great to pray." What is that you have in your rest f" said the man. O, that is the New Testament," he said, "I thought I | Low Prices, would carry it with me if I really did go overboard." How well that boy was protected! I care not how great the height or how vast the depth, with Christ within us, and Christ beneath us, and Christ above us and Christ all around us, nothing shall bef: I us in the way of harm. Christ Himself, having been in the tempest, will deliver all those who put their trust in Him. Blessed be His glorious name forever.

The third installment paid for our redenstion was the Saviour's sham trial I call . a sham trial-there has never been anything so indecent or unfair in the Tombs court of New York 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 subprenating wit nesses. 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 respeciable men, and at that hour, 2 o'clock in the morning, of course they were at home asleep. Consequently Christ entered the court from with the rullians.

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 syrapathy for this, the best friend the world ever had. Himself now utterly friendless, arofficer 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 pulie rises for the sentence! It is against the law to give sentence unless there has been an adjournment of the court between condemnation and sentence, but what cares this 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-His blood. Hand him out here to us. Away with him! away with him! Oh, I bless God that amid all the injustice that may be 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 home, in every store, and says: 'Courage! By all my hours of maltreatment and abuse, I will protect those who are trampled on." And when Christ forgets that 2 o'clock morning scene, and the stroke of the ruffian 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.

Some of you want deliverance from your troubles. God knows you have enough of them. Physical troubles, domestic troubles, spiritual troubles, financial troubles. You have been gathering them up, some perhaps for five, or six, or seven years, and you have them divided into two classes—those you can talk about and those you cannot talk about; and as those griefs are the most grinding and depressing which you cannot mention, you get condolence for the things you can speak of, while you get no condolence for the things that you cannot. In your school days you learned how to bound the states and could tell what rivers and lakes and mountains ran through them. If you were asked to-day to bound your worldly estate you would say it is bounded on the north by trouble, and on the south by trouble, and on the east by trouble, and on the west by trouble, while rivers of tears and lakes of woe and mountains of disaster run through it. What are you going to do with your troubles? Why do you not go to the theatre and have your mind absorbed in some tragedy. "Oh," you sny, "everything I have seen on the boards of the stage is tame compared with the tragedy of my own life!" Well, then, why do you not go to your trunks and closets and gather up all the mementoes of your departed friends

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