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SIMPLE FAITH IN CHRIST THE TEST OF CHRISTIANITY.

Washington, April 22. - At a time when the old discussion of creeds is being vigorously and somewhat bitterly revived this discourse of Dr. Talmage has a special interest. The text is folin ii, 44: "Loose him and let him go."

My Bible is at the place of this

text written all over with lead pen-cil marks made at Bethany on the ruins of the house of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. We dismounted from our horses on the way up from Jordan to the Dead Sea. Bethany was the summer evening retreat of Jesus. After spending the day in the hot city of Jerusalem he would come out there almost every evening to the house of his three friends. I think the occupants of that house were orphans, for the father and mother are not mentioned, But the son and two daughters must have inherited property, for it must have been, judging from what I saw of the

foundations and the size of the rooms. an opulent home. Lazarus, the brother, was now at the head of the household, and his sisters depended on household, and his sisters depended on him, and were proud of him, for he was very popular, and everybody liked him, and these girls were, splendid girls—Martha a first rate housekeeper and Mary a spirituelle, somewhat dreamy, but affectionate and as good a girl as could be found in all Palestina. tine. But one day Lazurus got sick.
From the characteristics otherwise

developed, I judge that Martha pre-pared the medicines and made tempt-ing dishes of food for the poor ap-petite of the sufferer, but Mary pray-ed and sobbed, Worse and worse gets Lazarus until the doctor announces that he can do no more. The shriek that went up from that household when the last breath had been drawn and the two sisters were being led by sympathizers into the adjoining room all those of us can adjoining room all those of us can imagine who have had our own heart broken. But why was not Jesus there as he so often had been? Far away in the country districts, preaching, healing other sick, how unfortunate that this omnipotent Doc-tor had not been at that domestic crisis in Bethany. When at last Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been buried for days and dissolution had taken place. In that cli-mate the breathless body disintegratmate the oreatness body disintegrates more rapidly than in ours. If, immediately after decease, the body had been awakened into life, unbelievers might have said he was only in a comatose state or in a sort of trance and by some vigorous manipulation or powerful stimulant vitality had been renewed. No! Four

At the door of the sepulcher is a crowd of people, but the three most memorable are Jesus, who was the family friend, and the two bereft sis-ters. We went into the traditional tomb one December day, and it is deep dawn and dark, and with torches we explored it. We found it all quiet that afternoon of our visit, but the day spoken of in the Bible there was present an excited multitude. I wonder what Jesus will do? He orders the door of the grave removed, and then he begins to descend the steps. Mary and Martha close after them. Deeper down into the shadows and deeper. The hot tears of Jesus roll over his cheeks and plash upon the back of his hands.

Now all the whispering and all the crying doll all the sounds of shuf-ding feet are stopped. It is the sil-ence of expectancy. Death had con-quered, but now the vanquisher of death confronted the scene. Amid the awful hush of the tomb, the familiar name which Christ had often had up-on his lips in the hospitalities of the village home came back to his tongue, and with a pathos and an al-mightiness of which the resurrection of the last day shall only be an echo he cries, "Lazarus, come forth!" The eves of the slumberer open, and he rises and comes to the foot of the steps and with great difficulty begins to ascend, for the cerements of tomb are yet on him, and his feet, are fast and his hands are fast and are so great that Jesus commands: "Take off these cerements!. Remove these hindrances! Unfasten these graveclotties! Loose him, and let him go!"

The milortimate thing now is that so many Christians are only half liberated. They have been raised from erated. They have been raised from the death and burial of sin into spir-fluid lifes but they have the gravearms, hobbling up the stairs of the tout bound hand and foot, and the objects of this sermon is to help free present and the standard free their souls, and I shall try to obey the Master's compand that seems to me and comes him, and let him go!" misus are bound land and foot he religious creeds. Let no man mising terpret me as aniagonizing creeds.

about religion, a creed about art. a creed about social life, a creed about something that g man believes, whether it be written or unwritten. The Presbyterian Church is now agitated ft are fer leeping it because it was framed from the belief of John Cal-Other good men in it want revision. I am with neither party. Instead of revision I want substitution. I was sorry to have the quesnot hinder us from offering the par-don and the confignt of the gospel to all men, and the Westminster Confes-sion has not interfered with metons

Rev. Dr. Talmage Revives the Old Discussion of the Creeds.

lights have been turned on the imperfections of that creed—and everything that man fashions is imperfect thing that man fashions is imperfect the clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul." No wonder he said, "Sinners, of whom I am chief."

Christ is used to climbing. He climbed to the top of the temple. He climbed to the top of the cliffs about Nazareth. He climbed to the

The Story of Lazarus Told Again in Vivid Words of Intense

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Conviction. sequent improvements in navigation, and go back to John Gutenberg, the inventor of the art of printing, and reject all modern newspaper presses, and go back to the time when telegraphy was the elevating of signals or the burning of bonfires on the hilltops and reject the magnetic wire which is the tongue of nations as to ignore all exegetes and the philologists and the theologians of the last 336 years and put your head under the sleeve of the gown of a sixteenthe century doctor.

'But," you say, "it is the same old Bible, and John Calvin had that as well as the present student of the Scriptures." Yes, so it is the same old sun in the heavens, but in our time it has gone to making daguerreotypes and photographs. It is the same old water; but in dur century it has gone to running steam engines. It is the same old electricity; but, in our time it has become a lightning-footed errand boy. So it is the old Bible, but new applications, uses, new interpretations. You must remember that during the last 300 years words have changed their meaning, and some of them now mean more and some less. I,, do not think that John Calvin believed, as some say he did, in the damna-tion of infants, although some of the recent hot disputes would seem to imply that there is such a thing as

the damnation of infants. We must remember that good John Calvin was a logician and a metaphysician, and by the proclivities of his nature put some things in an unfortunate way. Logic has its use and metaphysics has its use, but they are not good at making creeds.

What a time we have had with the

dogmatics, the apologetics and the heremeneutics. The defect in some of the creeds is that they try to tell us all about the decrees of God. Now competent to handle that subject was Paul, and he would not have beef competent had he not been inspired. I believe in the sovereignty of God and I believe in man's free ascar cy, but no one man can harmonize the two. It is not necessary that we harmonize them. Every sermon that I have ever heard that attempted such harmonization was to me as clear as a London fog, as clear as mud. My brother of the nineteenth century, give us Paul's stalement and leave out your own. Better one chapter of Paul on that subject than all of Calvin's institutes, able and honest and mighty as they are. Do not try to measure either the throne of God or the thunderbolts of God with your little steel pen. What do you know about the decrees? You cannot pry open the door of God's etcrnal counsels. You cannot explain the mysteries of God's government now: much less the mysteries of his government five hundred quintillion

vears ago. nominations made out of Scripture quotations pure and simple. That would take the earth for God. That would be impregnable against infidelity and Apollyonic assault. That would be beyond human criticism. The denomination, whatever its name be, that can rise up to that will be the church of the millennium, will swallow up all other denominations and be the one that will be the bride and be the one that will be the bride when the Bridegroom cometh. 'Let people to get into the kingdom of

But there are those who could add unto the tests rather than subtract from them. There are thousands who would not accept persons into church membership if they drink wind or if they smoke cigars or if they attend the theatre or if they play cards or if they drive a fast horse. But do not substitute tests which the Bible does not establish. There is one passage of Scripture wide enough to let all in who ought to enter and to keep out all who ought to be kept out, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Get a man's heart right, and his life will be right!

Again, there are Christians who are under sepulchral, shadows and fears and hoppled by doubts and fears and sins long ago repented of. What they need is to understand the liber-ty of the sons of God. They spend more time under the shadow of Sinai than at the base of Calvary. What many of you Christians most

need is to get your graveclothes off.
I rejoice that you have been brought from the death of sin to the life of the gospel, but you need to get your hand loose, and your feet loose, and your tongue loose, and your soulloose. There is no sin that the Bible so arraigns and punctures and flagel-lates as the sin of unbelief, and that is what is the matter with you. "Oh," you say, "if you knew what I once was and how many times I have grievously strayed you would understand why I do not come out call yourself the chief of sinners. I am glad you hit upon that term, for I have a promise that fits into your case as the cogs, of one wheel tween the cogs of one wheel be-as the key fits into the labyrinths of

A man who was once called Saul. is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Mark that—"of whom I am chief." "Put down your overcoats and hats, and I will take care of them while you kill Stephen."
So Saul said to the stoners of the light; and if you are already like lazarus, reanimated, but still have your surplus, apparel while you do the murder." The New Testament and let him go,"

climbed to the top of Mount Olivet.
He climbed to the top of the cliffs about Nazareth. He climbed to the top of Golgotha. And to the top of the hills and mountains of your transgression he is ready to climb with pardoo for every one of you. The groan of Calvary is mightier than the thunder of Sinai. Full receipt is of fered for all indebtedness. If one throw a stone at midnight into a bush where the hedge bird roosts, it immediately begins to sing, and into the midnight hedges of your despondency these words I hurl, hoping to awaken you to anthem. Drop the tunes in the minor key and take the major. Do you think it pleases the Lord for you to be carrying around with you the debris and carcasses of old fransgressions? You make me think of some ship that has had a tempestuous time at sea and now that it proposes another voyage keeps on its davits the damaged lifeboats and the splinters of a shivered mast and the broken glass of a smashed skylight. My advice is: Clear the decks, overboard with all the damaged rigging, brighten up the salted smokestacks, open a new logbook, haul in the planks, lay out a new course and set sail for heaven. You have had the spiritual dumps long enough. You will please the Lord more by being happy than by being miserable.

Again, my text has good advice concerning any Christain hampered and bound by fear of concerning any Christain hampered and bound by fear of the converning. He left west St. John at 8 of his own dissolution. To such the book refers when it speaks of those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. The most of us, even if we have the Christian hope, are cowards about death. If a plank fall from a scaffolding and just grazes our hat, how pale we look! If the Atlantic ocean plays with the steamship, pitching it towards the heavens and letting it suddenly drop, how even the Christian passengers pester the steward or stewardess as to, whether there is any danger, and the captain, who has been all night on the bridge and chilled through, coming in for a cup of coffee, is a sasailed with a whole battery of questions as to what he thinks of the weather. And many of the best people are, as Paul says, throughout their lifetime in bondage by fear of death. My horders and \$2 bill and a 10 cent piece. The blade by for of death with a whole the set of the trousers. The monte year a \$2 bill and a 10 cent piece. The blade by for of death with a whole and a \$2 bill and a 10 cent piece. The blade by for of death with a whole the best people are, as Paul says, throughout their lifetime in bondage by fear of death. My horders and \$2 bill and a 10 cent piece. The blade by for of death with the whole expecting the could not make out what it was a \$10 and a \$2 bill and a 10 cent piece. The blade by a sprille reason and wire and a \$2 bill and a 10 cent piece. The blade by a sprille reason and wire and a set the stream and wire and a spring the could not piece. The blade by a sprille reason and the captain who has been all night on the bridge and chilled through, coming in for a cup of coffee, is a sasailed with a whole the piece of seel and wire and an invasion of the canadian market threat the contingency. Canadian nail makes the rousers. The money was a \$10 and with a whole the piece of seel and wire and an invasion of the canadian market threat and walked down the piece of seel and wire an sisters, if we made full use of our religion we would soon get over this. One of our first realizations in getting out of this world, I think, will be that in this world we were very much pent up and had cramped apartments and were kept on the limits. The most, even of our small verdict: to the human race, "Don't come thousand feet up in the atmosphere is uninhabitable, and the atmosphere says to the human race, "Don't come up here or you cannot breathe." A few miles down the earth is a furnace of fire, and the fire says, "Don't come here or you will burn." The caverns of the mountains are full of

poisonous gases, and the gases say, "Don't come here or you will be asphyxiated." And, crossing a track, you must look out or you will be poiler, you must look out or you will be blown up. And pneumonias and pleurisies and consumption and apo-plexies go across this earth in flocks, in droves, in herds, and it is a world of equinoxes and cyclones and graves. Yet we are under the delusion, that it is the only fit place to stay in. We want to stick to the wet plank in midocean while the great ship, the City of God, of the Celestial line, goes sailing past and would gladly take us up in a lifeboat. My Christian friends, let me tear off your de-spondencies and frights about disso-

that hour would be a requiem, a fast day, a gloom, a horror, as compared with the poorest hour they have had in heaven since its first tower was built or its first gates awang or its first song caroled. "Oh," you say, that may be true, but I am so afraid of crossing over from world to the next. and I fear snapping of the cord between soul and body." Well, ail the surgeons and scientists declare that there is no pang at the parting of the body and soul, and all the restlessness at the closing hour of life is involuntary and no distress at all. The cage of the body has a door on easy hinges, and when that door of the physical cage opens the soul simply puts out

its wings and soars.
"But." you say, "I fear to go because the future is so full of mystery." Well. I will tell you how to treat, the mysteries. The mysteries have ceased bothering me, for I do as the judges of your courts often do. case and they say, "I will take these papers and give you my decision next week." So I have heard all the arguments in regard to the next world, and some things are uncertain and full of mystery, and so I fold up the papers and reserve until the next world my decision about them. I can there study all the mysteries to better advantage, for the light will be better and my faculties stronger, and I will ask the Christian philoso phers, who have had all the advantages of heaven for centuries, to help me, and I may be permitted myself humbly to ask the Lord, and I think there will be only one mystery left; that will be one so unworthy as myself got into such an enraptured place. Come up out of the sepulchral shadows. If you are not Christians

DEATH BY MISADVENTURE

and Mangan.

WITNESSES EXAMINED

Heard Cries Coming from the Shore Between Nine and Ten O'clock --Blade of a Broken Oar Identified as Having Belonged to the

The inquiry into the death of Peter Mangan and Charles Moore, who were

rocks Sunday morning last, was resumed last evening before Coroner F. L. Kenney in the city hall, West End.

The first witness called was Miss Mary Kane, who resides at the Bay Shore. Witness said she was at her home all Saturday evening last from 7 o'clock. Between 9 and 10.30 o'clock that evening she could hear a voice quite plainly but could not say what the cry was, but it seemed like one voice. The cry seemed to come from the direction of the shore. The window was open. The cries continued for five except sell people nails when they do not want them. train came along. It was not altogether a cry of distress. She spoke to her sister about it, but did not think very seriously

over it. Wilham Sullivan, who resides on the east side and occupied as a car checker for the C. P. R., said he was working last Satur-

throughout their lifetime in bondage by fear of death. My brothers and sisters, if we made full use of our recognized by Charles Scammell as belonging to Mangan. The break was at the shank and looked as if the oar had been

verdict:

"We, the jury empannelled to inquire into the cause of the death of Peter Mangan and Charles Moore, from the evidence before us, do shothat the decensed persons above mentioned were drowned by venture while returning from fishing be tween Negrotowh Point and Sheldon's Point, in the Bay of Fundy, between the

CHATHAM NEWS.

Joseph Goggin Dead - Boy Knocked Down by a Horse-Fire in a Newspaper Office.

Chatham, N. B., April 25-(Special)-The death of Mr. Joseph Goggin occurred at his residence last evening. Although ailing for some time Mr. Goggin was able prices, or as much as the advance in raw until about three weeks ago to attend to material warranted them in doing, will be his business. He was one of the best a very important factor in tiding them

spondencies and frights about dissolution. My Lord commands me regarding you, saying, "Loose him, and let him go!"

Heaven is 90 per cent, better than this world, a thousand per cent better, a million per cent better. Take the gladdest, brightest, most jubilant days you ever had on earth and compress them all into one shour, and that hour would be a requiem, a fast

A widow and family have the sympathy of the Community.

Robert Sutton, aged 13, son of Mr.

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George Sutton, met with quite a painful accident today. When going home from school at noon he attempted to cross the street not noticing a horse and carriage coming and was knocked down and run over. He was taken to Dr. John Benson's office. It was, found that no bones were broken but his body was badly bruised.

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The roof of the Chatham Advance office caught fire this forenoon, but the flames steamers in view of the opening of the 14pefore much damage was done. The firemen, hose cart and engine arrived prompt-ly on the scene but their assistance was

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SENSATION IN NAILS.

Verdict on the Death of Moore | Canadian Manufacturers to Meet in Montreal to

ARRANGE A NEW SCALE

Of Prices to Meet the Great Drop. Recently Made by the American Steel and Wire Trust--The Two Nail Works in St. John Affected by the Trust.

The far reaching influence of the gigan tic American trusts its being illustrated in a striking manner today. On Satur-day last, the American Steel and Wire Company reduced the wholesale price of nails from \$3.20 to \$2.20 a keg. Yesterday nail manufacturers from all parts of Canada hurried to Montreal where they will today lower their price in sympathy with the American drop. The American Steel and Wire Company

is about the biggest thing in the trust line the world has yet met. It controls the wire nail and wire market of the United States and can do about anything,

sation almost on a par with the manner in which the trust, under the guiding hand of John W. Gates, jumped this article from \$1.20 to \$3.20 in a year. The increase was made in twenty-five cent

duction. Canadian manufacturers, how-ever, did not squeeze the public on the advance as did the Americans, and hence have not to make such a drop. It is a of the treaty. Letters are being received

\$3.20 a keg they could be bought in St. John for \$3.10 in large lots. The American left for them but to fight. discount for cash is one per cent., making the net cost at Pittsburg \$3.17. To lay them down in Canada 60 cents duty and 25 cents freight would have to be paid, bringing the cost of the American nails up to \$4.02 landed here. With the recent dollar cut they can be laid down here now for \$3.02.

The two St. John nail factories quoting \$3.10 on large lots have given a discount of 3 per cent. for each or \$3.01 a keg net in St. John and are therefore still pro lected by a cent margin. The Upper Canadian makers have been getting a higher price, although not very much so.

The consequence of today's meeting in
Montreal should be a slight drop in the factory price of nails in St. John and a little larger drop by the Upper Canadian tor

nail makers.

The fact that Canadian manufacturers did not charge as much as they could have done when the American trust boosted the known and most respected citizens of this place and will be missed by many friends. A widow and family have the sympathy of the community.

people here are making contracts for SEVEN (27) of our students who ob vere extinguished by a few pails of water foot channel through the Canadian canals. There are great expectations of an increased trade, especially in grain via the St. Lawrence, although some doubt exists as | complish this. to whether the channel will be available upon the opening of navigation.

Trinidad having accepted the convention with the United States in preference to Canada's offer of free trade, the colonial

office is being urged to secure the mainten-ance of the vital Imperial principle that trade advantages granted by a British colony must be also granted to other por-

Canadian Horses.

Toronto, Ont., April 25-(Special)-The agents of Major Dent, the imperial govfound little difficulty in getting the sort of animals required and some 300 horses are now ready here for inspection.

The temperance element of Perth, Vic

against the issuing of liquor licenses in that constituency, and have retained Mr. T. J. Carter, of Andover, to look after their interests. They claim that as the law states that no licenses shall be granted where such did not exist before passing the act, and as there was but one in Perth at the time of passing the act, and as the license has since died, therefore there should be no licenses granted. Mr. Carter was in the city yesterday and obtained an order from Judge McLeod, of the supreme court, for a rule nisi to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be granted to restrain the commissioners from grant-ing any license in the parish of Perth. The order is returnable at the Trinity of proceedings. This is a matter which in-terests Andover also, as no liquor is sold there and if it is banished from Porth, which is directly across the river, it would 7 King Street, St. John, K. J. make a temperance community.

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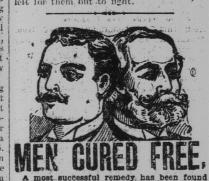
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