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GRIMSBY, Canada, Aug. 26.—The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., of Brooklyn, preached on the camp ground at this place today. All Canada is represented in the immense throngs assembled. Dr. Talmage has preached at Grimsby many summers. This closes his summer absence. He has preached, lectured and visited in thirteen states of the Union this summer, his andiences numbering ten and fifteen thousand people. The subject of his sermon here today was "Great Results May Depend on Small Events." Dr. Talmage took for his text: "Through a window, in a basket, was I let down by the wall' (II Cor. ii, 33). He said:

Damascus is a city of white and glistening architecture, sometimes called "the eye of the east," sometimes called "a p-arl sur-rounded by emeralds," at one time distinguished for swords of the best material, called Damaseus blades, and upholstery of richest fabric called damasks. A horseman by the name of Paul, riding toward this city, had been thrown from the saddle. The horse had dropped under a flash from the sky, which at the same time was so bright it blinded the rider for many days, and, I think, so permanently injured his eyesight that this defect of vision became the theen in the flesh he afterwards speaks of. He started for Damascus to butcher Christians, but after that hard fail from his horse he was a changed man and preached Christ in Damascus till the city

was shaken to its foundation. The mayor gives authority for his arrest, and the popular cry is, "Kill him! Kill him!" The city is surrounded by a high wall, and the gates are watched by the police lest the Cilician preacher escape, Many of the houses are built on the wall, and their balconics projected clear over and hovered above the gardens outside. It was customary to lower baskets out of these balconies and pull up fruits and flowers from the gar-To this day visitors at the monastery of Mount Sinai are lifted and let down in baskets. Detectives prowled around from house to house looking for Paul, but his friends hid him now in one place, now in another. He is no coward, as fifty incidents in his life demonstrate. But he feels his work is not done yet, and so he evades assassina-"Is that preacher here?" the foaming tion. mob shout at one house door. "Is that fanatic here?" the police shout at another house door. Sometimes on the street, incognito, he passes through a crowd of elenched fists, and sometimes he secretes himself on the housetop. At last the infuriate populace get on ours track of him. They have positive evidence that he is in the house of one of the Christians, the balcony of whose home reaches over the wall. "Here be is! Here he is!" The vociferation and blasphemy and howling of the pursuers are at the front door. They break in. "Fetch out that Gospelizer, and let us hang his head on the city gate. Where is hef" The emergency was terrible. Providentially there was a good, stout busket in the house. Pani's friends fasten a rope to the basket. Paul steps into it. The basket is lifted to the edge of the baleony on the wall, and then while Paul holds on to the rope with both bands his friends lower away, carefully and enutiously slowly but surely, further down and further down until the basket strikes the earth and the apostle steps out, and afoot and alone starts on that famous missionary tour, the story of which has astonished earth and heaven. Appro-

"Through a window, in a basket, was I let down by the wall." Observe, first, on what a slender tenure great results hang. The ropemaker who twisted that cord fastened to that lowering basket never knew how much would depend on the strength of it. How if it had been broken and the apostle's life had been dashed out? What would have become of the Christian church? All that magnificent missionary work in Pamphilia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Macedonia would never have been accomplished. All his writings that make up so indispensable and enchanting a part of the New Testament would never have been written. The story of resurrection would

priate entry in Paul's diary of travels:

never have been so gleriously told as he told That example of heroic and triumphant endurance at Philippi, in the Mediterranean curoclydon, under flagellation and at his beheading would not have kindled the courage of ten thousand martyr doms. But that rope holding that basket, how much depended on it! So again and again great results have hung on what

seemed slender circumstances. Did ever ship of many thousand tons crossing the sea have such important passenger as had once a boat of leaves, from taffrail to stern only three or four feet, the vessel made waterproof by a coat of bitumen, and floating on the Nile with the infant lawgiver of the Jews on board! What if some crocodile should crunch it? What if some of the cattle, wading in for a drink, should sink it! Vessels of war sometimes carry forty guns looking through the portholes, ready to open But that tiny craft on the Nile seems to be armed with all the guns of thunder that bombarded Sinai at the law giving. On how fragile craft sailed how much of historical

importance! The parsonage at Epworth, England, is on fire in the night, and the father rushed through the hallway for the rescue of his children. Seven children are out and safe or the ground, but one remains in the consum ing building. That one wakes, and finding his bed on fire and the building crumbling comes to the window, and two peasants make a ladder of their bodies, one peasant standing on the shoulder of the other, and down the human ladder the boy descends-John Wesley. If you would know how much depended on that ladder of peasants, ask the millions of Methodists on both sides of the sea. Ask their mission stations all around the world. Ask their hundreds of thousands already ascended to join their founder, who would have perished but for the living stairs of peasants' shoulders,

An English ship stopped at Piteniru Island, and right in the midst of surrounding cannibalism and squalor the passengers discovered a Christian colony of churches and schools and beautiful homes and highest style of religion and civilization. For fifty years no missionary and no Christian influence had landed there. Why this casis of light amid a desert of heathendom! Sixty years before a ship had met disaster, and one of the sailors, unable to save anything else, went to his trunk and took out a Bible which his mother had placed there, and swam ashere, the Bible held in his teeth. The Book was read on all sides until the rough and victous population vere evangelized, and a church was started, and an enlightened commonwealth established, and the world's history has no more brilliant page than that which tells of the transformation of a nation by one book. It did not seem of much importance whether the sailor

circumstance depended what mighty re-

There are no insig-Fructical inference: nideances in our lives. The minutest thing is part of a magnitude. Infinity is made up of infinitesimals. Great things an aggregation of small things. Bethlehem manger pull ing on a star in the eastern sky. One book in a dreuched saflor's mouth the evangelization of a multitude. One boat of papyrus on the Nile freighted with events for all ages. The fate of Christendom in a basket let down from a window on the wall. What you do, do well. If you make a rope make it strong and true, for you know not how much may depend on your workmanship. If you fashion a boat let it be waterproof, for you know not who may sail in it. If you put a Bible in the trunk of your boy as he goes from home, let it be heard in your prayers, for it may have a mission as far reaching as the book which the sailor carried in his teeth to the Pitchirn beach. The plainest man's life is an island between two eternities-eternity past rippling against his shoulders, eternity to come touching his brow. The casual, the accidental, that which merely happens so, are parts of a great plan, and the rope that lets the fugitive apostle from the Damascus wall is the cable that holds to its meering the ship of the Church in the northeast storm of the centuries. Again, notice unrecognized and unrecorded

ervices. Who spun the rope? Who field it to the basket? Who steaded the illustrious preacher as he stopped into it? Who relaxed not a muscle of the arm or dismissed an auxious look from his face until the basket touched the ground and discharged its magmificent cargo! Not one of their names has come to us, but there was no work done that day in Damascus or in all the earth compared with the importance of their work. What if they had in the agitation tied a knot that could slip! What if the sound of a mob at the door had led them to say: "Paul must take care of himself, and we will take care of ourselves." No, no! They held the rope, and in doing so did more for the Christian church than any thousand of us will ever accomplish. But God knows and has made eternal record of their undertaking. And they know, How exultant they must have felt when they read his letters to the Romans, to the Corinthians, to the Galatians, to the Ephesians, to the Philippians, to the Colossians, to the Thessalonians, to Timothy, to Titus, to Philemon, to the Hebrews, and when they heard how be walked out of prison with the earthquake unlocking the door for him, and to k command of the Alexandrian cornship when the sailors were nearly seared to death, and preached a sermon that nearly shook Felix off his judgment seat. I hear the men and women who helped him down through the window and over the wall talking in private over the matter and saying: "How glad I am that we effected that rescue! In coming times others may get the glory of Paul's work, but no one shall rob us of the satisfac

tion of knowing that we held the rope.' There are said to be about 69,000 ministers of religion in this country. About 50,000 ! warrant came i.om early homes which had to struggle for the necessaries of life.

The sons of rich bankers and merchanti enerally become bankers and merchants. The most of those who become ministers are the sons of those who had terrifle struggle to get their everyday bread. The collegiate and theological education of that son took every luxury from the parental table for eight years. The other children were more cantily appareled. The son at college every little while got a bundle from home. In it were the socks that mother had knit, sitting up late at night, her sight not as good as once

And there also were some delicacies from the sister's hand for the voracious appetite of a langry student. The lather awang the heavy cradle through the wheat, the sweat rolling from his chin bedowing every step of the way, and then sitting down under the cherry tree at noon thinking to himself: "1 am fearfully tired, but it will pay if I car. once see that boy through college, and if I pel after I am dead." The younger children for his life, and the basket was let down over want to know why they can't have this and the wall with the maltreated man in it, and that as others do, and the mother says: "Be I was one who helped hold the rope."

The years go by and the son has been orlained and is preaching the giorious Gospel, and a great revival comes, and rouls by it might have belonged to one of the scores and hundreds accept the Gospel from martyrs, and it said: "Not many mighty, the lips of that young preacher, and father not many noble are called, but God bath and mother, quite old now, are visiting the chosen the weak things of the world to conson at the village parsonage, and at the close of a Sabbath of mighty blessing, father and mother retire to their room, the son lighting the way and asking them if he could do anything to make them more comfortable, saying if they want anything in the night just to knock on the wail. And then all alone came, and lo! it was the very one who had father and mother talk over the gracious said: "Through a window, in a basket, was I influences of the day, and say: "Well, it was let down by the wall." worth all we went through to elimente on till the work was done. The world may not know it, but, mother, we held the rope, didn't we?" And the voice, tremulous with joyful emotion, responds: "Yes, father, we

do, he has begun so well." Something occurs to me quite personal. 1 was the youngest of a large family of children. My parents were neither rich nor poor; four of the sons wanted collegiate edugreat home struggle. We never heard the old people say once that they were denying themselves to effect this, but I remember now Mother would sit down in the evening and say: "Well, I don't know what makes me feel so tired!" Father would full immediately to sleep, scated by the evening stand, overcome with the day's fatigues. One of the four brothers after preaching the Gospel for about fifty years entered upon his heavenly rest. Another of the four is now on the other side the earth, a missionary of the cross. Two of us are in this land in the holy ministry, and I think all of us are willing to acknowledge our obligation to the old folks at home. About twenty-two years ago the on the right side of the figure one, a million, one, and about twenty-four years ago the and our nothingness placed on the right side

they still hold the rope. O men and women here assembled, you brag sometimes how you have fought your way in the world, but I think there have been helpful influences that you have never fully acknowledged. Has there not been reach to you from among the Canadian hills, or western prairie, or from southern plantation, or from English or Stottish or Irish

spurs, and to let the reins He loose upon the eck, and to give a shout to a racer, if you are going to ride out of reach of your mother's prayers. Why, a ship crossing the Atlantic in coven days can't sail away from that! A sailor finds them on the lookout as he takes his place, and fluds them on the most as he climbs the rathines to disentangle a rope in the tempest, and finds them swinging on the hammock when he turns in. Why not be frank and anknowledge it the most of us would long ago have been dasked to pleces had not gracious and loving hands steadily and lovingly and mightily he d the

But there must come a time when we shall find out who these Daniascenes were who lowered Paul in the Insket, and greet them and all these who have rendered to Gol and the world unrecognized and unrecorded services. That is going to be one of the glad excitements of beaven-the hunting up and picking out of those who did good on earth and got no credit for it. Here the church has been going on nineteen centuries, and this is probably the first sermon, ever recog nizing the services of the people in that Damascus balcony. Charles G. Finney said to a dying Christian; "Give my love to St. Paul when you meet him." When you and I meet him, as we will, I shall ask him to introduce me to those people who got him out of the Damascene peril.

We go into long sermon to prove that we will be able to recognize people in heavewhen there is one reason we full to present and that is better than all -Cod will into duce us. We shall have them all pointed out. You would not be guilty of the impoliteness of having friends in your parlor not introduced, and celestial politeness will demand that we be made acquainted with all the heavenity household. What rehearsal of old times and recital of stirring reminiscences. others fail to give introduction, Ged will take us through, and before our first twenty-four hours in heavenif it were calculated by earthly timepieces have passed, we shall meet and talk with more heavenly celebrities than in our entire mortal state we met with earthly celebrities. Many who made great noise of usefulness will sit on the last seat by the front door of the heavenly temple, while right up within arm's reach of the heavenly throne will be many who, though they could not preach themselves or do great exploits for God, nevertheless held the rope.

Come, let us go right up and accost those on this circle of heavenly throngs. Surely, they must have killed in battle a million men. Surely, they must have been buried with all the cathedrals sounding a dirge, and all the towers of all the cities tolling the national grief. Who art thou, mighty one of heaven! "I lived by choice the unmarried daughter in an humble home that I might take care of my parents in their old age, and endured without complaints all querulousness and administered to all their ents for twenty 3 are

Let us pass on round the circle of throacs. Who art then, mighty one of heavent 'I was for thirty years a Christian invalid, and suffered all the while, occasionally writing a note of a mpathy for those worse off than 1, and was general confident of all those who had trouble, and once in a while I was strong enough to make a garment for that poor family in the back lane," Poss on to an other throne. Who art thou mighty one of heaven? I was the mother who relead a whole family of children for God and they are out in the world Christian merchants, Christian mechanics, Christian wives, and 1 have bad full roward of all my toil." Let us pass on in the circle of thrones. "I had a Subbath school class, and they were always on my heart, and they all entered the lang dom of God, and I am waiting for their ar

rival. But who are then, the mighty one of heaven, on this other throne! "In time of bitter persecution I owned a house in Damascus, a house on the wall. A man who preached Christ was bounded from street to street, and I hid him from the assausins, and when I found them breaking in my house and I could can know that he will be preaching the Gos- no longer keep him safely I advised him to flee patient, my children, until your brother said, "Is that all?" and he answered, "That graduates, and then you shall have more is all." And while I was lost in amazement uxuries, but we must see that boy through," I heard a strong voice that sounded as though it might once have been hourse from many exposures and triumphant as though found the things which are mighty, and base things of the world and things which are do spised bath God chosen, yea, and things which are not to bring to maught things which are, that no flesh should glory in his presence." And I looked to see from whouse the voice

Henceforth think of nothing as insignifithat boy. It was a hard pail, but we held cant. A little thing may decide your all A Cunarder put out from England for New York. It was well equipped, but in putting up a store in the pilot box a nail was driven too near the compass. You know how that held the rope; I feel my work is done. Now, nail would affect the compass? The ship's Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in officer, deceived by that distracted compass, peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salva- put the ship two hundred unles off her right tion." "Pshaw!" says the father, "I never course, and suddenly the man on the lookout felt so much like hving in my life as now. 1 cried, "Land he! and the ship was halted want to see a hat that fellow is going on to within a few yards of her demolition on Nam tucket shoals. A sixpenny nail came near wrecking a Camarder. Small ropes hold mighty destinies.

A minister seated in Boston at his table lacking a word, puts his hand behind his cation, and four obtained it, but not without bend and tilts back his chair to think, and the ceiling fails and crusies the table and would have crushed him. A minister in Januaica at night by the light of an insect, that my parents always looked tired. I called the candle fly, is kept from stepping don't think that they ever got rested until over a precipice a hundred feet. F. W. Rob they lay down in the Sommerville cemeiory, ertson, the celebrated English clergyman, said that be entered the ministry from a train of circumstances started by the barking of a dog. Had the wind blown one way on a certain day, the Spanish Inquisition would have been established in England; but it blew the other way, and that dropped the accursed institution with 75,000 tons of shipping to the bottom of the sea or flung the spiintered logs on the rocks.

Nothing unimportant in your life or mine. Three noughts placed on the right side of the figure one makes a thousand, and six noughts other, put down the burdons of this life, but may be augmentation illimitable. All the ages of time and eternity affected by the basket let down from a Damascus balcony.

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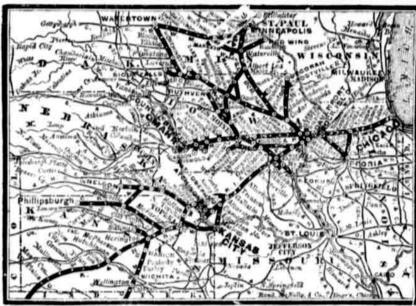
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