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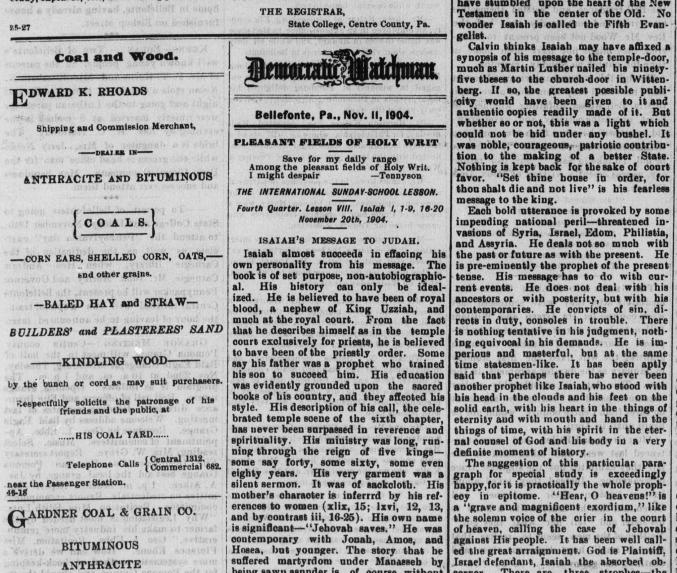
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being sawn asunder is, of course, without support. Over against this faint and uncertain personal notation, the definiteness and power of the message is all the stronger by contrast. Prophetic authorship cul-

minates in Isaiab. For the number and tion on amendment, and finally the threat-greatness of his ideas is unapproached. Yet symmetry is maintained in mani-gracious offer makes necessary. Yet symmetry is maintained in mani-foldness. Energy and liveliness are not wanting, yet a calm spirit of self-restraint breathes through it all. The vocabulary is rich and the diction pure. His images are striking, his representations dramatic, his antitheses pointed. Other prophets have an excellence. Isaiab has all excel-lencies. He is a "fire-tipped tongue sublime;" his nature glowing, intellect lucid, will imperious, imagination bril-liant. liant.

Amos is the only prophet who approach-es Isaiah in the high polish of his style. Yet the prophet's style is just as certainly subordinated to the substance of his mes-sage as his personal history is. It is a fearful and fearless, and at the same time highly matricitle arrangement of his matrices fearful and fearless, and at the same time highly patriotic, arraignment of his native land. King, nobles, priests, people are inexorably called to judgment. Charge, specifications, evidence, argument, verdict, sentence—all are here. The call to con-fession, contrition, and reformation; the profier of forgiveness and cleansing; the assurance of peace and joy; the...promise of personal and national security and pros-perity—these, too, are all here. We seem to have stumbled upon the heart of the New Testament in the center of the Old. No wonder Isaiah is called the Fifth Evanwonder Isaiah is called the Fifth Evangelist.

gelist. Calvin thinks Isaiah may have affixed a synopsis of his message to the temple-door, much as Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the church-door in Witten-berg. If so, the greatest possible publi-oity would have been given to it and authentic copies readily made of it. But whether so or not, this was a light which could not be hid under any bushel. It was noble, courageous, patriotic contribuwas noble, courageous, patriotic contribu-tion to the making of a better State. Nothing is kept back for the sake of court favor. "Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live" is his fearless

thou shalt die and not live'' is his fearless message to the king. Each bold utterance is provoked by some impending national peril—threatened in-vasions of Syria, Israel, Edom, Philistia, and Assyria. He deals not so much with the past or future as with the present. He is pre-eminently the prophet of the present tense. His message has to do with cur-rent events. He does not deal with his ancestors or with posterity, but with his contemporaries. He convicts of sin. di-rects in duty, consoles in trouble. There is nothing tentative in his judgment, noth-

the solemn voice of the crier in the court of heaven, calling the case of Jehovah against His people. It has been well call-ed the great arraignment. God is Plaintiff, Israel defendant, Isaiah the absorbed ob server. There are three strophes-the

THE TEACHERS' LANTERN.

The very position of Isaiah in the canon is significant. Although written later than others, it yet stands first among the prophecies. Isaiah is easily first of the prophecies. He is more frequently quoted in the New Testament than all the other prophets and teacher prophets put together.

History of the prophets is absorbingly interesting. They make a brilliant gal-axy from the Samuel on-men like Othniel, Gideon, and Samson, prophets of the sword, and Hosea, Joel, Amos, prophets of the pen.

History of prophecy is equally enter-taining—the function and possibility of the prophetic office; how the personality of the prophet is conserved; he is not a speaking trumpet, but a speaking man; a seer or seaing man; not so much a mechan-ical predictor of future events as a man with a vision of the bearing of current events upon the future. events upon the future.

The excellence of Isaiab's style is large-ly due to his great familiarity with the Hebrew Scriptures. He shows his appre-ciation by incorporating several hymns into his writings. We have a modern analogy in the case of John Ruskin.

By the best translation one of the favor-ite texts is lost at least in the former use of it. "Come, let us reason together" can no longer be used as a proof-text of the condescension of God, entering into a discussion as with an equal. It is rather an ultimatum, the voice of the judge to the acoused. "Sum up the pleadings!" "Let us bring our dispute to an end."

"The ox and the ass knoweth." Jeremiah's contrast is between the sensible stork and insensible Israel. The Bible is an invaluable "Nature Book." Its observations are singularly wide, varied, minute, and accurate.

"Except the Lord had left a remnant." This historical fact of "the remnant" is the hope of every age, nation, and Church. Society always has salt. There are always those who will not bend the knee. That is the only reason why the "gates of hell" do not prevail.

Red is the most ineffaceable dye. You can not make red white without fairly destroying the fiber. But the alchemy of grace works the miracle. Special signifi-cance attaches to the words from the fact that the princes to whom they were attered wore crimson robes.

How a German Asked Permission of English Ladies to Smoke.

Euglish is a difficult language for foreign-ers to speak correctly. The crack linguist of a Bayarian school once said to an English girl. "Pardon, fraulein, but the down-stairs of your dress is torn." The speaker meant. of course, the bottom of the dress, the braid. At Wiesbaden a young Prussian officer asked the same girl polite-ly, "May I steam?" She explained to him, his mistake. "Engines steam, but men smoke," she said. "Acb, now I un-derstand," he replied; "I have said that

Irish Soldier's Dream,

A group of veterans were telling stories at the Allyn house last evening, and one of the number related one about when his egiment was down in northern Virginia. He said :

He said : "We were sitting around the campfire one night, and for lack of anything else to talk about we began to tell what we'd do if we had a lot of money. One soldier said if he had a pile of money he'd spend it all for tobacco, another said he'd get out of the army and go to Europe, one said he'd buy a yacht, and everybody had some special object in view on which to lavish untold wealth. An Irishman in the party sat smoking his pipe and didn't seem to have much to say about it. One of the boys asked him what he would do if he had a lot of wealth.

boys asked him what he would do if he had a lot of wealth. "'Well' Oi'll tell yez phat I'd do moighty quick. Oi'd hire a substitute and Oi'd go to New York and Oi'd put up at the biggest hotel in the city. Oi'd order about three pounds of porter-house steak and Oi'd have it smothered wid about a pound of butther, and Oi'd have the foinest feed of me loife. And thin, begorra, Oi'd buy a New York newspaper and go out in the hotel office and sit down and put me feet upon the winder and look over me paper and say, "Oi wonder why in hell the army don't move.""

His Only Chance.

The great orator, having run out of orig-inal ideas, resorted to quotation. "You can fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time," he shouted. "Yes, and it's a mighty good thing for you that the first class exists," grunted a knocker in the rear row. knocker in the rear row.

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