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HEZEKIAH REOPENS THE TEMPLE.

December 4th, 1904,

After a monotonous succession of in-

ompetence and viciousaess in the dynasty

of Judah, Hezekiah comes to the throne. It is like finding a lily on a dunghill. He stands between his Meloch - worshiping

father and his evil-doing son, unsullied by either. He cultivated the arts of peace and enriched himself and his people. He

undertook extensive fortification and en-

gineering works, especially the strengthen-ing of the city walls and perfecting the

water supply. He compiled a hymn-book

for the Hebrew Church from the Psalms

of David and Asaph, and made noble con-

tributions to it himself if his sole-surviv-

ing hymn (Isa. xxxviii, 10-20) may be

taken as an example. But these are minor matters as compared with his wide-vision-

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by inspiration .-- Camb. Bib. Cymbals, No reasons of State or policy deterred the young king from at once mending this evil. He did not wait until he had tested the allegiance of his subjects or debated the matter with his counsel of princes. He immediately addressed himself to the task of restoring religion and strenuously squared himself to the difficulties involv-

The account of this house-cleaning extraordinary is given with interesting detail. The immense debris which filled the courts may be judged from the fact that it was neccessary to clear it away first before access to the interior could be had, and that it required eight days of in-cessant toil to achieve it. Eight days there. more were spent in the temple proper be-fore the last load of filth was dumped into the Kidron. The restoration of the furniture followed-the brazen altar, the brazen sea, the lavers, and the golden shewbread table and the vessels of various kinds. Some of these Ahaz had sacrilegionsly cut to pieces, or had polluted by using them at idol altars. This great and beautiful temple, itself a sermon in stone, each area of which, with its accompanying furniture, had its particular significance,

was now ready for solemn reopening. With irrepressible solicitude the king hastened the service. The ritual of Moses and the orchestra and chorus of David were revived. These was first the expiatory service for the kingdom; i. e., royal family; for the sanctuary itself, which had been pollated; for the priests who had been negligent and unholy, and for Jadah, the whole mass of the people. Then the people praised with gladness and worshiped

Hezekiah naturally wished to crown this revival by observing the long-omitted festival of the Passover, and to make it the occasion of a national reunion of the long-dismembered empire. This he could do without having sinister motives ascribed to him, for the northern kingdom was already extinct. The king's carefully worded appeal was carried by flying postmen from Dan to Beersheba. It was treated just as the urgent gospel message of to-day is. Some mocked; some humbled themselves. The latter were namerous enough to make a great assembly. The simple, beautiful, significant rite of Passover was observed again under happy auspices. A crusade against the false rites naturally followed the revival of the true. Altars and idols went down into that mataral receptacle of the offscouring, the chasm of Kidron.

MOSAIC FROM COMMENTARIES. Hezekiah the king: Hezekiah-Jeho-

vah makes strong; Counting Queen Athaliab, the thirteenth sovereign of Judah. The most pions of kings, was confirmed by the noblest of prophets (Isaiah)-Smith. His reign the culminating point in the history of the kings of Judah.—Stanley. All the vessels cast away: All the vessels which King Abaz had polluted and ren-

ed statesmanship which undertook the unification of the dismembered nation dered abominable by strange idols when he reigned in his transgression against the work of the Lord we have collected and The times were very evil and irreligious. The Chronicler tells of Israel's neglect of hidden and others have we prepared to time .--- Henry. Good use was immediatelamps, and ceased from incense and offerly made of the cleansed temple.-Ibid. Seven bullocks: For ritual of sin-offering, The sacred ritual was entirely discontinued. Neglect of a public edifice is a species of vandalism, slower, but ultisee Lev. iv. Sprinkled: Literally dashed. Ballocks, rams, lambs, he-goats: Seven mately as effective as the hammer of the iconoclast. When sweeper and artisan left off their daily work, filth accumulated, of four different sacrificial animals because be very slow. not for an individual, but a whole nation. and the hely and magnificent house was on -Camb. Bib. Lord by prophets: Chroni-

psaltries, barps: Reinstitution of the Levitical service of music.-Papit Com. Musical instruments well calculated to animate the devotions of the prople .-J. F. R.

THE TEACHERS' LANTERN. The Jews' periodic neglect of their tem-ple should not surprise us overmuch or seem incredible. Something not unlike

it has occurred in Christain tines. Milman tells us how, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, laden mules were led through the aisles of St. Paul, bargains struck burglaries planned, and servants hired *

The state of a religious edifice in a given place is usually a faithful index to the A

state of religion itself in that place. A well-kept church as a rule indicates religion dominant and vice versa.

Hezekiah, with David and Josiah, are reckoned the three perfect kings of Judah. (2 Kings xviii, 5.) Hezekiah was preeminently pious. He stood for worship. It was a courageous thing for Hezekiah

to abruptly and completely reverse his father's policy both at home and abroad in matters of State and religion. It shows the strength and depth of his conviction. * No more appropriate text for a reopen-ing sermon could be found than Levite's

report to the king, "We have cleansed all the house of Jehovah," and no finer example of an orderly, dignified, and inspir-ing religious service can be found. It was a national act of worship, unanimous,

humble, and joyous. Java's Death Plant.

It Grows Only on the Sterile Soil of the Volcanic

Java, the land of the famous and much exaggerated Death valley, has many wonderful curiosities, the principal one being the kali mujab, or death plant. It grows only on the sterile soils of the adjoining islands and is even there reckoned as a curiosity on account of its extreme scarci-It grows from two and a half to three feet in height, with long, slender stems, well protected by stout thorns nearly an inch in length. The ground leaves are of a delicate, satinlike smoothness, heart

shaped, emerald green on one side and blood red, streaked and veined with light buff. on the other.

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The flowers of this death dealing beauty are even more beautiful than the plant itself, being very large and cup shaped and of a color almost deathly in its whiteness. The name of the plant is from a characteristic of these splendid flowers, which, beautiful though they are, continually drip with a deadly poison.

The poison, which is distilled in the bottom of the cup shaped blossom. has the sickening odor of chloroform intensified a dozen fold, it heing powerful enough to overthe temple in graphic phrase. They showed their backs to it instead of their faces. They shut the doors, put out the he heard the temple was ready, he lost no faces and the temple was ready and the seconds of the second the temple was ready and the second the seco he so called, produces insensibility in the form of convulsions, distorting the face, especially the mouth and eyes, into a hor-rid, crazy looking grin. Recovery from the effects of inhaling this odor is said to

> -It is but poor eloquence which only cler urges that David's arrangements were , shows that the orator can talk.

Newest Disease Which Makes Amercians tee Lazy to Think.

Surgeon W. H. Bucher, stationed at C. M. BOWER, & ORVIS, Attorneys at Law, Belle-BowER & ORVIS, Attorneys at Law, Belle-fonte, Pa., office in Pruner Block. 44-Olongapo, Philippine Islands, reports to the surgeon general of the navy his dis-covery of a new disease, which he styles J. C. MEYER-Attorney-at-Law. Rooms 20 & 21 21, Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte, Pa.44-49 "Philippinitis." He describes it as a N. B. SPANGLER.—Attorney at Law. Practices in all the courts. Consultation in Eng-lish and German. Office in the Eagle building; Bellefonte, Pa. 40 22 change which takes place gradually in Americans who go to these islands and says

The first symptom is loss of memory and necessitates the use of note book for even the most trifling memoranda. Later comes an almost overwhelming desire to put off action as far in the future as possible, the "manana idea of the Spaniard, and this culminates in the excessive use of alcohol and tobacco

dogs in the street are too lazy to get out of the way of a vehicle and would rather be crushed than move.

Woman Called as Pastor.

The Unitarian church of Our Father, of Rutherford, N. J., has called as pastor Rev. Elizabeth Padgham, of Perry, Ia. Miss Padgham is said to be an oloquent preacher. She was graduated from Smith college in the class of '98 and from the Unitarian Theological Seminary, at Mead ville, Pa., two years later. Since her ordi-nation she has been carrying on a successful work in the west organizing churches and holding religious services. She will begin her pastorate with the Rutherford church the first Sunday in December.

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