

Saturday Night
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THE WONDER OF THE WORLD.

Dec. 13, '08—(1 Kings 8: 1-11.)

The magnificent temple of Solomon was not one of the wonders of the world, it was its one solitary wonder; the one national house of worship erected on earth for the honor and glory of the only living and true God. At its dedication it stood a sculptured creed, a matchless poem frozen into gold and silver and marble—a witness against idolatry, a warning to infidelity, a hymn of praise to God, a proof of man's visible consecration to His service. Every portion of it was saturated with spiritual meaning.

In its grandly decorous ritual was an unvarying undertone of the coming sacrifice. It, like the forerunner, John the Baptist, came to herald another which should be "a house of prayer for all nations."

Dedication Ceremonies.

For twenty centuries that temple stood, the silent, eloquent witness of the name and attributes of God. It was a standing protest against idolatry. When that temple was dedicated the whole nation assembled to assist in the joyous service. A stately procession, led by the king himself, attended by princes in robes of state, and priests in flowing garments of sacred splendor or pure white linen, bearing the ark, the sacred symbol of the divine presence, swept up the holy hill of Zion, with songs, and blending harmonies of silver trumpets and instruments of music, toward the completed building. One hundred and twenty priests lifted up their voices in the grand Te Deum of the ancient church. For He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Descending from his ivory throne, Solomon bowed before that matchless altar and made the prayer of consecration—a prayer of adoration, confession, supplication and thanksgiving, and at its conclusion the answering fire, the descending cloud, the glory-filled temple, attested the Divine presence and love. Mutely majestic or flashing with glory that building was a constant testimony that there is a Father above, bending down in tenderness, compassion and sympathy toward the children of men.

A Spiritual Temple.

Twenty-eight centuries have passed and the temple that Solomon built has perished from the earth. But in its place has risen a spiritual temple, the graceful, invisible, but none the less real, structure of the Christian church into which, not the Jews only, but the Gentile world, is steadily flowing. The church in every community embodies and illustrates the idea of Solomon's temple. That was but a wonderful object lesson lifting the minds of the people upward, and every church spire has the same mission. That was to emphasize the need of worship and every sacred edifice teaches the same lesson. The church is not, primarily, a place for the exchange of social sweets in retired corners, nor untimely amusements for the world, nor coquetting with operatic fancies. It is not a rostrum for political hucksters, nor a public dressing room for vulgar ostentation, nor a platform where brittle cups are filled with the wine of human eloquence. It is no place for man worship, nor sect pride, nor vain glorious display. It is a house where "the rich and the poor meet together, the Lord the maker of them all." There should be no footstool for the poor and a soft cushion for the rich. Whether grand cathedral or plain meeting house, the church should be the hospital for the sick, the training school for the undeveloped, the refuge for the oppressed, the home for the homeless. As such the church is worthy the respect, the honor, the devout appreciation of every one who is interested in his own welfare and that of his fellowmen.

Get In Somewhere.

Without at this time expressing any preference one way or the other, my advice is to all to join some church. Look over the list of churches and clergymen, and get in somewhere. You will be peculiarly constituted and an unaccountable exception if you cannot find one good enough for your soul. Do not seek for perfection, for if you succeeded in finding it, it would not be so after you had joined. Keep, if you must, your prejudices against all other institutions, but love this one. To some, I commend a liturgy; to others, informal worship. Some will prefer a holy stillness; others boisterous vociferation. There are natures which abhor racket, and there are others to whom a thunderstorm is a lullaby. Some prefer to be sprinkled; others would be satisfied with nothing but submersion in the flood. Written sermons suit one class; extemporaneous speech is the only preaching for another class. Quartet singing satisfies this one; congregational music is the only appropriate form for that one. Old-fashioned doctrines are preferred by one; more conservative utterances are pleasing to another. Amid all the denominations there must be one place where your soul will be blessed. Find that place and help to perpetuate and build up on earth the temple of God.

VICTIM TELLS HOW LOCKJAW FELT

Doctor was Worried When His Face Began to Stiffen—Fought Disease St. Louis.—Dr. F. W. Grundmann of Washington avenue, who was pronounced out of danger from lockjaw, after suffering for almost three weeks, described how he felt during his illness.

"In diagnosing my own symptoms a week after the germs of tetanus had entered my blood, I thought I had the disease, but I was not sure," said Dr. Grundmann. "One day, as I was stepping off a street car, it started prematurely and threw me on my knee on the street. A hole was ripped in my trousers, and a gash cut in the flesh of my knee, into which earth from the street was ground.

"It gave me no trouble, pained me very little and I gave it no further thought. About a week later I found that I had fever and that the muscles of my neck pained me and were constricted. Next I observed spasmodic jerking of the limbs. These I knew to be premonitory symptoms of lockjaw.

"I was alarmed, naturally, but thought perhaps I might be mistaken, so I visited a physician and told him how I felt. He did not think seriously of the matter, and I believed I might have been mistaken, but nevertheless I was worried, and when that night the symptoms grew more pronounced and became more perceptible I watched them all the more closely.

"That night I got a real shock. I observed a growing rigidity of the muscles of the jaws. If it kept on they would become locked beyond all hope of unlocking them.

"In one day I had 6,000 units, about a fluid ounce, of the serum injected. My jaws continued slowly to grow more rigid, but we fought the disease with the serum until at last we saw that we had the disease going the other way, and we fought it out.

"The germs of tetanus may be in any manner of dirt. If you have a wound in your finger and go out into the garden and stick it into the fresh earth you stand a chance of getting lockjaw."

RELIGION CAUSES NERVE CURES IN EVERY CASE.

Rev. Dr. McWilliams of Cleveland Says No Case Has Been a Failure.

Cleveland.—The Rev. Dr. I. S. McWilliams, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, this city, made public a statement, in which he declared that for several months he has had success in healing both the body and mind by religious influence. He set forth that he has wrought cures of serious nervous ailments and dipsomania. In not a single case, it was said, has there been failure.

"I have wonderfully expanded my sphere of pastoral work by the use of religious therapeutics," said Dr. McWilliams. "I do not pretend to be a faith healer. Instead, I merely try to make the patient know the power of his mind. I have told all the sufferers who have come to me about the sub-conscious mind. I have told him this mind is a reservoir upon which he may draw. I lead the patient to see he has been battling against disease with only a fraction of his force.

"I have found that the patient need not reach the sub-conscious mind when the conscious mind is passive and quiescent. I instruct the patient how to relax those muscles which have been drawn like the strings of an overtuned violin. When the sub-conscious mind is reached I suggest ideas to work against the disease. I would not dare to say I myself know all about this method of treatment; what I do know is that it has wrought cures in every instance. The one man who was difficult was a drunkard. I treated him twice before going on my vacation, and I have heard he has taken only two glasses of beer since."

A BUFFER STRIP.

Victoria Government Sets Aside Land Along American Boundary.

Victoria, B. C.—The provincial government has set aside a strip of land sixty feet wide along the international boundary line, which will not be available for pre-emption, and on which a permanent reserve, extending to all mining rights, will be placed. This follows an arrangement with the United States government by the British Ambassador at Washington. Frequent trouble has been occasioned heretofore by the lack of this buffer strip in the arrest of criminals and in the application of mining and other laws. The United States government also sets aside a similar strip, and thus the neutral zone will be 120 feet wide.

Royal Donkey Wins Race.

London.—A donkey belonging to Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein won the open donkey race, at Windsor Forest athletic sports. The animal, which is named The Sirdar, formerly belong to Queen Victoria. It was almost twice as large as any other donkey competing.

Find Fossil Eggs.

Reno, Nev.—Fossil eggs, some of them as large as a man's head, which were found in the two thousand-foot tunnel at Copperfield, have been pronounced genuine by Horace Chapman, of the University of Pennsylvania faculty.

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