

# A MEMORABLE DAY.

The Earth Enveloped in a Mysterious Darkness.

Sages and Scientists Alike at Fault for an Explanation of the Phenomenon Which Filled the People with Terror.

The most memorable phenomenon of the heavens in modern times was that day of remarkable darkness over New England and May, 1878. That day, says a writer in the Chicago Times, made a more profound impression, has been more written and talked about, than all the auroras, comets and meteoric showers that the world has seen.

The great astronomer Herschel placed it in the domain of the unexplainable. So pronounced was the darkness that settled down over the earth that fowl went to their roosts, horses and cattle showed distress, dogs whined, and thousands of persons anticipated the dawn of doom. The great colonial struggle for American independence was still in progress, the federal minor was not yet established; there was that chaotic state that generally prevails during great changes, and there was considerable rancor in the minds of the people.

Patriot and royalist each regarded the ominous sky and the threatening gloom as the evidence of Heaven's displeasure against the other, and the general conclusion was that the impending mystery would eliminate the fate of Solom and Gomorrah. The ignorant gave way to all sorts of grotesque conjectures, and the few progressive minds were unable to advance any rational explanation of the very unusual occurrence.

The legislature of Connecticut was in session on that memorable day, and most of the members made no secret of their belief that now had come the great day foretold in the apocalyptic vision. A member got up and proposed adjournment, and the assembly opened for discussion a legislative named Davenport arose and said:

"Mr. Speaker, it is either the day of judgment or it is not. If it is not there is no need of my sitting here, if it is, I am here to find God my duty. Let candles be brought and let business continue."

But the motion to adjourn was decisively carried, and the lawmakers who fashioned the laws for the men of steady habits went forth from their chamber to gaze at the weird and somber sky.

It was Friday and the intensity began soon after ten o'clock a. m. and continued till past the middle of the following night. The wind was from the southwest, and the darkness seemed to come with the usual direction. It soon became too dark to read common print readily, and candles were lighted in order to attend to household duties.

After a time the darkness seemed to grow dead calm followed and added to the solemnity. The darkness was all over New England, westward as far as Albany, N. Y., southward along the coast of Maryland, and northward as far as communication was had with any settlements.

Nothing was known beyond these horizons, but there is reason to believe that a much greater area was involved.

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"Literature seemed to be about the only thing left open to me. I set out to be known as the brightest writer in the class. I wrote a whole lot of stuff for the college periodicals, and sat down and waited for it to be printed. The editors didn't look at the stuff in the light I did, and they rejected every blank word of it. All avenues for greatness in the college world were closed to me then, and I was pretty blue for a few days. Finally I hit on something. I made a study of the lives of the great men in my line. Harvard ever had."

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"I was not an alligator expert when I went down on Indian rivers for the first time, and was ignorant of the dire consequence of touching alligators when they were still bottled up in a shell in a liquid state. Scouring a nest and three eggs on the bank of the river, I captured them, without seeing any maternal saurian, and took them home with me. Here I put the eggs under a stove, and in the course of a few days they hatched for several days. The reptiles broke through the sides of the shell, which remained fastened to them by umbilical cords, and did not free themselves from their late place of confinement for several days. They were fierce from the moment of birth and would strike at anyone who approached them. Running around with the egg still attached to them and their mouths open, they presented a strange spectacle."

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