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The Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "From Ocean to Ocean: or, My Transcontinental Journey."

TEXT: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea."—Psalm 137: 8.

What two seas are referred to? Some might say that the text meant that Christ was to reign over all the land between the Arabian Sea and Caspian Sea, between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, or between the Black Sea and the North Sea.

First, consider the immensity of this possession. If it were only a small tract of land capable of nothing less than sage brush and with ability only to support prairie dogs, I should not have much enthusiasm in wanting Christ to have it added to his dominion.

But the immensity and altitude no one can imagine unless, in immigrant wagon or stage coach or in rail train of the United Pacific or the Northern Pacific or the Canadian Pacific or the Southern Pacific, you have traversed it.

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But while I speak of the immensity of the continent, I must remark it is not an immensity of monotone or sameness. The larger some countries are, the worse for the world.

white pillars. Standing down in this great chasm of the valley you look up and yonder is Cathedral Rock, vast, gloomy, minister built for the silent worship of the mountains.

No pause for the eye, no stopping place for the mind. Mountains hurled on mountains. Mountains in the wake of mountains. Mountains split. Mountains ground. Mountains fallen. Mountains triumphant.

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rainbows look now like the crowns to be cast at his feet. At the bottom of this great canyon is a floor on which the nations of the earth might stand and all up and down these galleries of rock the nations of heaven might sit.

Oh, the sweep of the American continent! Sailing up Puget Sound, its shores so bold that for fifteen hundred miles a ship's prow would touch the shore before its keel touched the bottom, I said: "This is the Mediterranean of America."

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olly of trusting their little ones to servants and nurses! Many a woman has wept over the sins of her child, little dreaming that while she pursued her round of idle pleasures, that child was taking its first lesson in sin from the example of an unprincipled nurse.

Nothing can be so much importance as the teaching and training of our children. Undoubtedly, at times, they are very troublesome, in asking questions, and they should certainly be taught not to interrupt conversation in company; but by giving due attention to these troublesome and often perplexing questions, a child's true education may be carried on.

Some observations on pianoforte teaching made in his annual report by Professor Waetzoldt, director of the Royal Elizabeth School in Berlin, have attracted much attention in Germany.

"It may be affirmed that the home music practice of girls is more responsible for the nervousness and weakness from which many of them suffer than the much-blamed school. Pianoforte teaching should not begin before the twelfth year. Moreover, music should only be studied by healthy girls, musically gifted, of whom it may be expected that their playing will one day give pleasure to their fellow-creatures.

A bedroom in a new house has the walls covered with a chocolate brown paper, with ribbed or corded ground, on which is a graceful leaf pattern in a slightly lighter shade of brown.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 1890. The Tribes United Under David.

LESSON TEXT. (2 Sam. 5: 1-12. Memory verses, 1, 3, 5.)

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Prosperity and Adversity. GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.—2 Chron. 26: 5.

LESSON TOPIC: The Blessings of Unity. (1) Increasing Strength, vs. 12. (2) Extending Conquest, vs. 6-10. (3) Enjoying Prosperity, vs. 9-11.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—2 Sam. 5: 1-12. The blessings of unity. T.—1 Sam. 16: 1-13. David anointed for the kingship.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. INCREASING STRENGTH. I. Kingship Recognized: Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh (1). This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh (Gen. 2: 23).

Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh (Judg. 9: 2). Ye are my brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh (2 Sam. 19: 12).

II. EXTENDING CONQUEST. I. Jerusalem Occupied. The King... went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites (6). As for the Jebusites, ... Judah could not drive them out (Josh. 15: 63).

III. ENJOYING PROSPERITY. I. Prospered in His Person. David waxed greater and greater (10). The spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David (1 Sam. 18: 13).

II. Prospered in His Estate: They built David an house (11). See now, I dwell in an house of cedar (2 Sam. 7: 2).

III. Prospered in His Kingdom: The Lord had established... his kingdom (12). The Lord had given him rest from all his enemies (2 Sam. 7: 1).

IV. Prospered in His Country: Thy throne shall be established for ever (2 Sam. 7: 16). I also will make him... the highest of the kings (Psa. 89: 27).

God shall give unto him the throne of his father David (Luke 1: 32). 1. "David waxed greater and greater." David's growth; (1) Its sphere; (2) Its manifestations; (3) Its causes; (4) Its consequences.

2. "The Lord God of hosts, was with him." Divine companionship with man; (1) Its possibility; (2) Its desirability;—(1) The Lord of hosts; (2) The King of Israel; (3) The Lord and the King.

3. "David perceived that the Lord had established him king." (1) A great fact; (2) A happy perception.

LESSON BIBLE READING. UNITY AMONG SAINTS. Desired (Gen. 13: 8; 1 Cor. 1: 10-15). Prayed for (John 17: 20-23). Commanded (1 Cor. 12: 25; Eph. 4: 3; Heb. 13: 1).

Essential (Rom. 12: 5; 1 Cor. 12: 21). Illustrated (1 Cor. 12: 20-25; Eph. 4: 4-6). Admits of diversity (1 Cor. 12: 4-11). Increases power (Lev. 26: 8; Deut. 32: 30). Blessfulness of (Psa. 133: 1-3).

INTERESTING EVENTS.—The second Book of Samuel opens with an account of how David received the tidings of Saul's death (vs. 1-12), of the punishment inflicted upon the Amalekites who slew him (vs. 13-16). There follows the touching lamentation of David for Saul and Jonathan (vs. 17-27). The story of the war between David and the party of Ishbosheth, Saul's son, occupies chapters 2-4. David, by Divine direction, established himself in Hebron. He at once sent a kind message to the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead, who had buried Saul (2 Sam. 2: 1-7). Abner made Ishbosheth king of Israel, but the tribe of Judah followed David (vs. 8-11). The first battle began with a contest between twelve men from each faction, in which all were slain, but ended in a victory for David, the captain of David's army. Abner, the brother of Joab, closely pursued Abner, who, after fair warning, slew him; after which a truce was made (vs. 12-32). The war was resumed, with steady gain for the cause of David, to whom six sons were born in Hebron (2 Sam. 3: 1-5). Abner had a quarrel with Ishbosheth, which led to his negotiating with David. The latter insisted upon the return of Michal, his wife. Abner then openly espoused the cause of David, but Joab treacherously killed Abner, in revenge for the death of Asahel (2 Sam. 3: 6-30). The king publicly mourned the death of Abner (2 Sam. 3: 31-39). Two captains of Ishbosheth treacherously murdered him, but on bringing the tidings to David they were punished by him for their crime with death (chap. 4).

PLACES.—The place of the first part of the lesson is Hebron, the historic city, where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were buried. Hebron was apportioned to Caleb, and became a city of refuge. It is about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. The latter city is the scene of the last part of the lesson. Other places mentioned are the stronghold of Zion, and Tyre.

TIME.—The time was B. C. 1048 or 1052. Parallel passage: 1 Chronicles II 3-9. Persons:—The tribes of Israel, David, Saul, the elders of Israel, the tribe of Judah, the Jebusites, Hiram king of Tyre, carpenters, and masons.

INCIDENTS.—The truce goes to Hebron; through their elders they make a league with David and anoint him king; he reigns in Hebron, and afterwards captures the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites, and dwells; Hiram, king of Tyre, sends messengers and workmen to David.

A True Wife. It is not to sweep the house, make the beds, darn the socks, and cook the meals, chiefly that a man wants a wife. If this is all he needs, a servant can do it cheaper than a wife. If this is all, when a young man calls to see a lady, send him into the partry to taste the bread and cake she has made; send him to inspect the bed-work and bed-making; or put a broom in her hand and send him to witness its use. Such things are important, and the wise young man will quickly look after them. But what the true young man wants with a wife is her companionship, sympathy, and love. The way of life has many dreary places in it, and a man needs a wife to go with him. A man is sometimes overtaken by misfortunes; he meets with failures and defeat; trials and temptations beset him, and he needs one to stand by and sympathize. He has some hard battles to fight with poverty, enemies, and sin, and he needs a woman that when he puts his arm around her, he feels he has something to fight for; she will help him to fight; she will put her lips to his ear and whisper words of counsel, and her hand to his heart and impart inspiration. All through life, through storm and through sunshine, conflict and victory, through adverse and through favoring winds, man needs a woman's love.

A Suggestion. The modern woman of fashion is comfessedly pocketless, and she is forced to resort to far less convenient means for carrying about with her the half dozen indispensable articles, in the way of a pocket handkerchief, purse, vinaigrette bottle and, perhaps, a pencil and a key or two. This makes the bag question an important one, and happy the woman whose bright mind suggests something out of the ordinary in the way of bags. These bags are daintily constructed of netted silk and cut beads, or of quilted-appearing brocade silk; but it is the all-over-the-house-bag that is more strictly practical looking.

The housewife, with an overweening sense of the fitness of things, has a bewildering array of bags, from the prescribed family rag-bag, made of heavy unbleached muslin, that hangs in the sewing-room, to the splendid satin, embroidered receptacle that is purposely only half hidden on the parlor wall, and that contains a square of sheer drawn-linen, called by courtesy, a dust rag. The aesthetic bag in the vast collection, however, is the one filled with orris root or violet sachet powder, and hung with broad ribbon bows over the backs of drawing room chairs, the soft fragrance impregnating the atmosphere delightfully.

MOTHER'S CORNER.

Never accuse your little one of a fault unless you are certain he committed it. Children are keenly sensitive to any injustice, and should never be treated with suspicion. We should act towards them in this matter as we feel we ought to act towards others, only with greater tenderness. Teach that neither fame, wealth nor influence is essential, but that it is always necessary to do what is right.

If you can afford them nothing else, give your children a good education. A trained mind goes through life, and is not convertible. Give them good schools, good books, and the purest general reading matter, even if they have to do without other things; and to secure a right direction to educated minds, give them, by word and example, good principles.

Oh, if mothers would only see the

Your own Weather Prophet.

When a storm is advancing the wind blows to meet it. Thus a wind blowing from the east or southeast indicates the approach of a storm from the west. When the storm center has passed, however, the wind changes and follows the storm. If a person has a good barometer, he can tell pretty correctly when a storm is coming. Without the instruments the clouds may be watched, and when seen to be moving rapidly from the southeast, and there are indications of the presence of much moisture in the air, a storm is not far away.

KNOWLEDGE is like money—the more it is circulated the more people get the benefit of it.