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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "The Finger of God."

Text: "The finger of God."—Exodus viii. 19.

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We all recognize the hand of God and know it is a mighty hand. You have seen a man sweep through the air, catching and pitching them, and that none of them fell to the floor, and do this for several minutes, and you have admired his dexterity.

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all forms of disaster close in upon a man. Suppose his business collapses. Suppose he buys goods and cannot sell them.

He stands wondering and saying, "I do not see the meaning of all this. I have done the best I could. God knows I would pay my debts if I could, but here I am hedged in and stopped."

If a man grows in grace it is generally before he gets \$100,000 or after he loses it. If a man has plenty of railroad securities and has applied to his banker for more; if the lots he bought have gone up fifty per cent in value; if he had had work to get the floor of his fireproof safe shut because of a new roll of securities he put in there just before looking up at night; if he is speculating in falling market or a rising market and things take for him a right turn, he does not grow in grace very much.

I am speaking of those souls that men such as are so broken by calamity that they are humbled and fly to God for relief. Men who have no spirit and never expect anything are not much affected by financial reverses. They are as apt to go into the kingdom under one set of circumstances as another. They are deadbeats wherever they are.

I tell you there will be more joy in one minute of that than in fifty years of earthly pleasures. Look at the full moon in the house on earth, and know that you will have a finer one in heaven. Look up the healthiest person you can find, and know you will yet be healthier. Look up the one who has the best eyesight of any you have ever heard of, and know you will be better.

Rev. John Fletcher, of England, many will know, was one of the most useful ministers of the Gospel who ever preached. Before conversion he joined the army and had bought his passage on the ship for South America. The morning he was to sail, some one spilled on him a kettle of water, and he was so scalded he could not go.

A missionary in Jamaica lost his way and in the night was wandering about, when a firefly flashed and revealed a precipice over which in a moment more he would have been hurled. F. W. Robertson was a very good preacher of Brighton, England, had his life work decided by the barking of his dog.

St. Felix escaped martyrdom by crawling through a hole in the wall across which the soldiers were standing. He was afterwards found by his persecutors as he lay in the wall, but the spider's web put them off the track. A boy was lost by his drunken father and could not for years find his way home. Nearly grown he went into a Eulion street prayer meeting and asked for prayer that he might find his parents. His mother was in the room and rose and recognized her long lost son.

I said to an aged minister of much experience: "All the events of my life seem to have been divinely connected. Do you suppose it is so in all lives?" He answered, "Yes, but most people do not notice the divine leading." He said he had been this morning to say from my own experience that the safest thing in all the world to do is to trust the Lord. I never had a misfortune, or a persecution, or a trial, or a disappointment, however exorbitant at first, that did not make turn out for my good. My one wish is to follow the divine leading. I want to watch the finger of God.

Nations also would do well to watch the finger of God. What does the cholera scare America mean? Some say it means that the plague will sweep our land next summer. I do not believe a word of it. There will be no cholera here next summer. Four or five summers ago there were those who said it would surely be here the following summer because it was there this year. But it did not come. The sanitary precautions established here will make next summer unusually healthful. Cholera never starts from where it stopped the season before, but always starts in the city of Asia, and if it starts next summer, it will start there again—it will not start from New York quarantine. But it is evident to me that the finger of God is in this cholera scare, and that He is pointing this Nation to something higher and better. It has been demonstrated as never before that we are in the hands of God. He allowed the plague to come to our very gates and then halted it.

The quarantine was right and necessary, but, oh, how sad the plague could have leaped the barriers lifted against it! Thanks to the president of the United States, and thanks to the health officers, and thanks to the Thirtieth regiment, and thanks to all who stood between this evil and our shores, America is free from it, and I am higher than all, thanks to God! Out of that solemnity we ought to pass up to something better than anything that has ever yet characterized us as a nation. We ought to quit our national sins, our Sabbath breaking, and our drunkenness, and our impurities, and our corruptions of all sorts as a people. The tendency is to self gratulation at our property to

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 6.

Lesson Text "Peter Delivered From Prison." Acts xii. 1-17.—Golden Text: Psalm xxxvii. 7.—Commentary.

1. "Now about that time Herod, the king, stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church." Herod represents the world, and the people of God. It is the people of God are not found suffering more or less persecution from the world it must be because they are in the Garden of Gethsemane, and now he is first to see his Lord in glory—the first of the twelve. Jesus had taught them to be ready for this (Math. x. 23; John xvi. 3).

2. "And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword." James was one of the first to follow Jesus, and with Peter and John had been his special companion on several occasions, as on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane, and now he is first to see his Lord in glory—the first of the twelve. Jesus had taught them to be ready for this (Math. x. 23; John xvi. 3).

3. "Peter remained in prison, guarded by sixteen soldiers, four on duty at a time, in surety of safe keeping, humbly speaking; but when they took counsel against him, they smote him in the face, and beat him with rods." Peter remained in prison, guarded by sixteen soldiers, four on duty at a time, in surety of safe keeping, humbly speaking; but when they took counsel against him, they smote him in the face, and beat him with rods.

4. "Without unnecessary haste and yet quickly, Peter, by the might of an angel, came out of prison, and he went to his brethren, and he preached to them." Peter, by the might of an angel, came out of prison, and he went to his brethren, and he preached to them.

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A Tideless Sea.

For practical purposes the Mediterranean may be accepted as being what it is popularly supposed to be, a tideless sea, but it is not so in reality. In many places there is a distinct rise and fall, though this is more frequently due to winds and currents than to lunar attraction.

At Venice there is a rise of from one to two feet in spring tides, according to the prevalence of winds up or down the Adriatic. In many straits and narrow arms of the sea there is a periodical flux and reflux, but the only place where the tidal influence, properly so called, is unmistakably observed is in the Gulf of Gatoe, where the tide runs at the rate of two or three knots an hour and the rise and fall varies from three to eight feet.

A man in Boston has a Mexican beetle alive, though it has eaten nothing for a year. A son of the late King of Abyssinia is in jail in London.

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