

## Gifts.

"Oh, World-God, give me Wealth!" the Egyptian cried.

His prayer was granted. High as heaven, behold

Palace and pyramid; the brimming tide  
Of lavish Nile washed all his land with gold.  
Armies of slaves toiled ant-wise at his feet,  
World-circling traffic roared through mart and street.

His priests were gods, his spice-balmed kings  
enshrined,

Set death at naught in rock-ribbed charnels  
deep.

Seek Pharaoh's race to-day and ye shall find  
Rust and the moth, silence and dusty sleep.

"Oh, World-God, give me Beauty!" cried the Greek.

His prayer was granted. All the earth became  
Plastic and vocal to his sense; each peak,  
Each grove, each stream, quick with Promethean flame,  
Peopled the world with imaged grace and light.

The lyre was his, and his the breathing might  
Of the immortal marble, his the play  
Of diamond-pointed thought and golden tongue.  
Go seek the sunshine-race, ye find to-day  
A broken column and a lute unstrung,

"Oh, World-God, give me Power!" the Roman cried.

His prayer was granted. The vast world was  
chained

A captive to the chariot of his pride.  
The blood of myriad provinces was drained  
To feed that fierce, insatiable red heart.  
Invulnerably bulwarked every part  
With serried legions and with close-meshed  
Code.

Within, the burrowing worm had gnawed its  
home.

A roofless ruin stands where once abode  
The imperial race of everlasting Rome.

"Oh, Godhead, give me Truth!" the Hebrew cried.

His prayer was granted; he became the slave  
Of the Idea, a pilgrim far and wide,  
Cursed, hated, spurned, and scourged with  
none to save.

The Pharaohs knew him, and when Greece  
beheld,

His wisdom wore the hoary crown of Eld.  
Beauty he hath forsworn and wealth and  
power.

Seek him to-day, and find in every land.  
No fire consumes him, neither floods devour,  
Immortal through the lamp within his hand.

—Emma Lazarus.

One incident told of Dr. Deems, a correct version of which he in fact related in one of his contributions to the *Messenger*, illustrates his breadth and candor. When he settled decades ago in Wilmington, N. C., he early strove to convert the Jews. He lectured, held services, distributed tracts, but after some time he ceased his efforts in this direction and called a meeting of the Jews of the town. He said that he had tried to make them Christians, but finding it impossible, he was now resolved to help making them Jews.

He offered his services to aid in building a synagogue and thus raise their status. His offer was gladly accepted and proved helpful. To the last Dr. Deems was interested in the conversion of the Jews, but we feel convinced that both he and Dr. Crosby thought it their duty to uphold missionary efforts and never realized how much they were imposed upon. Dr. Deems's reverence for the Jew was a part of his nature. In many an address and sermon he defended the Jew from attack.—*Jewish Messenger*.

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