

Man is given a sense of humor to compensate him as the years rob him of enthusiasm.

Time was when on the announcement of a bank failure they used to ask "what's her name?"

Parisians ate 23,000 horses last year. Here we have a field where the automobile cannot hope to compete.

It is reported that a duke wants to marry Helen Gould. Now comes the supreme test of Helen's good sense.

Why doesn't some enterprising medium arrange an interview with De Lesseps on recent events in Panama?

The man who stood on the bridge at midnight probably found it cheaper than sitting in at bridge at the same hour.

If it is true that the greatest happiness is in having enough, the man with seven daughters should be oh, so joyful.

The Brooklyn Eagle thinks current carping at Patti is due to the "acidulous pessimism of the supercritical few." Good.

Thieves have stolen one of the big bronze gates of Central Park, New York, but at last accounts the obelisk had not been taken.

When New York society leaders fall out the wondering world learns that being in the smart set doesn't dull the edge of a lady's tongue.

A woman strike sympathizer threw a brick at a car in Chicago the other day. It is not related what shop window suffered in consequence.

"People are seldom satisfied with small favors," remarked the philosopher. "What fun is there in kissing a girl if you can't muss her hair?"

The enthusiasm which Japan and Russia are showing for peace causes a suspicion that there must be a stock of damp powder in the far East.

An English mayor has handed out his salary to be divided between the poor and the town bands. The bands, presumably, are to be bribed to quit playing.

The Toronto World hopes Uncle Sam will "choke to death on the next bite he takes off Canada." Perhaps he'll try to swallow the pesky thing whole next time.

During the last fiscal year the railroads of the country killed 3,553 persons and injured 45,997 more. What are Macedonian outrages compared with this record?

The Cuban congress has voted a gift of \$50,000 to Gen. Gomez. Evidently the Cuban congress wants Gomez to retire permanently from the revolution business.

Somebody will be trying to prove next that Cereus never trotted a mile in less than three minutes, and then he was tied to an automobile and timed by a sun-dial.

There are those who think that our national patriotism is even robust enough to survive the suppression of the dynamite cracker and the toy pistol on the Fourth of July.

The banks continue to merge. And nobody rises to protest. In fact, everybody seems to be satisfied. The banks enjoy a monopoly of this sort of feeling when it comes to merging.

Hartford Post: We have found that the most lovable women, as a rule, are those who have no more mathematical ability than is required to keep account of the milk tickets.

The boy who writes in his copy-book, "Reach after the higher things," cannot understand why his backward anatomy should be tattooed because he gathers jam from the top shelf.

It will probably be incumbent on the historian of the immediate future to record that Generalissimo Rafael Reyes of the Colombian army marched down a hill and then marched up again.

The new fund for the Methodist ministers amounts now to \$40,000—more than half of what Willard Allen took. It is not generally known just where Mr. Allen spent Thanksgiving.

Their fighting may not be up to the European standard, but the Central American countries do not keep the "War is inevitable" headline standing for several months before they get some kind of action.

King Peter tried to congratulate Great Britain's diplomatic representative at Belgrade on King Edward's birthday, but got snubbed for his pains. Peter will have to keep quiet and make motions when he wants to express his thoughts.

One of the judges has decided that a girl has no breach of promise suit against a man who proposes on Sunday and fails to carry out the agreement. After this it may be expected that the lights will be put out promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night.

DESCENDANT OF MARTHA WASHINGTON A WINTER BRIDE



MISS MARY PETERS

Among the notable marriages to take place this winter is that of Miss Mary Peter to Augustus John Philip Gallagher. Miss Peter is the daughter of Mrs. Edwin J. Farber, the wife of a prominent lawyer, by her first husband, from whom she secured a divorce. She is a great-granddaughter of Martha Washington and

of John Francis Mercer, fourth governor of Maryland, and is one of the most charming and attractive girls in the younger set of Baltimore. Since her debut two years ago she has made a host of friends. Mr. Gallagher is prominently connected in Philadelphia and New York. He is a noted golf enthusiast and has won over twenty trophies.

SATCHEL WITH \$500,000.

Philadelphia Commuter Passes it to News Agent and Owner Gets It. Flustered and frightened, a well-dressed young man ran into the upper waiting-room of the Broad street station at Philadelphia last week and asked for the special policeman:

"Where's my satchel? Have you seen it? I've lost it and it has half a million dollars in it."

The policeman fell against the steam radiator and gasped. "Half a million dollars?" he murmured. "Why, I don't suppose any one could carry that much away with 'em, could they? Ask the information bureau. Maybe one of the porters has wheeled it over there."

The information bureau had only three handkerchiefs and a penknife in stock.

"I stopped at the news stand; probably I left it there," said the young man.

The news agent said he had an old satchel which a suburban passenger had found and handed to him, with the suggestion it might have money in it if its weight was any indication of its contents. The satchel was produced.

"That's mine," said the man. "It contains \$200,000 in gold bonds and as much more in other securities. Thanks!" Then he hurried out into the train shed.

JAMES L. BLAIR VERY ILL.

Fear for Life of Man Under Indictment for Serious Charges.

James L. Blair, prominent St. Louis lawyer and capitalist who was indicted by the grand jury on two charges of forgery, is reported to have suffered a relapse at Mullany hospital. The head nurse said Mr. Blair is in a greatly depressed mental condition.



J. L. BLAIR

takes little nourishment, and is attended almost constantly by his physician.

Clergyman's Unhappy Lot.

Rev. G. F. Briscoe, a clergyman of St. Benet's Catholic Town, England, receives but a pittance for his services, and in order to obtain means whereby he might maintain the dignity of his position he was obliged to take in washing and dig graves. For pursuing these underhand occupations he has been censured by his ecclesiastical superiors.

CHICAGO GIRL WINS HONORS.

Miss Jessie Macpherson, 12 years old, in Paris Conservatory of Music. Miss Jessie Macpherson, a 12-year-old Chicago girl, has won the honor of being admitted to the Paris Conservatory of Music. Not only is Miss Macpherson the only foreigner who



JESSIE MACPHERSON

succeeded in passing the examination, but she is the first Chicago student to win the distinction. Over 400 candidates took the examination, but only a student in one of the Chicago music-twenty were successful. Raoul Pugno, one of the officials of the conservatory, declares that the Chicago girl is one of the most promising of all the pupils who have been admitted to the famous school. Miss Macpherson was at schools until a year ago, when she went to Paris. Since last July she has spent her entire time in preparing for the examination which she has just passed.

Senator Aldrich an Athlete.

There is not a more athletic figure in all the senate than that of Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island. He is always trained down to fighting weight; his step is as quick and elastic as a boy's; his bearing that of a muscular man. So easily active and unconsciously strong is the Rhode Islander that there is a fascination in watching him on the senate floor. The secret is said to be in his devotion to the ancient game of golf. Near his residence in Providence he possesses expansive acres on which are his own private links. Many a morning during the long summer and autumn months finds him bright and early whacking the elusive ball and chasing it up hill and down dale.

Owens Much Kansas Wheat.

With 200,000 bushels of high-grade wheat in his granaries, A. J. Rice of Atchison county, Kansas, might be called the wheat king of the west. He is the owner of 114 quarter sections of land scattered over three counties in western Kansas. Rice went to Kansas thirty-five years ago with a bad case of consumption and a little money. He hailed from New York, where the eight other members of his family had died from pulmonary troubles. He started in a modest way, accumulated some money and invested it in land. To-day he owns 20,000 acres, \$600 of which were now to wheat last fall.—Chicago Chronicle.

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XI.

Golden Text—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psa. 122:1.

I. Preparations for Building the Temple.—First. Preparation of the Kingdom. It was as necessary that the people and the kingdom should be prepared as that building materials should be collected. The whole of David's reign was a preparation.

1. The kingdom firmly established on a basis of peace.

2. The organization of priests and choirs and orchestras for religious services.

3. The new religious awakening of the people.

Second. Preparation of Material. David had collected 100,000 talents of gold and 1,017,000 talents of silver. According to the lighter standard a talent of gold weighed 375,000 grains=54 pounds avoirdupois (a pound avoirdupois=7,000 grains)=14,542 of gold, making a total of \$1,570,536,000. A talent of silver weighed 336,750 grains=48 pounds=970, making a total of \$386,490,000.

Besides the gold and silver there was gathered brass and iron beyond computation (1 Chron. 22:14). Huge beams of cedar were sent from Mt. Lebanon, which had a great reputation in the ancient world. Precious stones from every source were gathered together to adorn the interior.

Third. The Workmen. The skilled laborers were largely Phenicians, supplied by King Hiram of Tyre. Overseers were appointed, apparently 550 chiefs and 3,200 subordinates (1 Kings 5:16; 2:23), of whom 3,600 were Canaanites and 250 Israelites (2 Chron. 2:17; 8:10). There were 30,000 Israelites levied to do the work one month and remain home two months in turn. Besides these there were 150,000 laborers (1 Kings 5:13-16), probably from foreign subject nations (1 Kings 9:21, 22).

II. Building the Temple.—The site was on Mt. Moriah, overlooking the valley of the Kidron and the Mount of Olives. The platform, according to Josephus, was square, three-quarters of a mile in circuit (Wars, 5: 5, 2), in the time of Herod, but he also says that Herod doubled the original enclosure. "Probably, therefore, the platform constructed by Solomon's engineers was an area of about 12 acres, or a quadrangle of 900 feet by 600."—James Sims.

Its Size and Shape. "If a cubit was 18 inches, the temple proper was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. The whole height was 30 cubits, but the rooms into which this space was divided, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies, were finished only 20 cubits, or 30 feet in height (1 Kings 6:16-20). In all its dimensions,—length, breadth, and height,—the sanctuary itself was exactly double those of the tabernacle."—Pulpit Commentary. The entire length of the temple given below includes the porch, 10 cubits; the Holy Place, 40; the Holy of Holies, 20; the chambers and rear wall, 10. The whole was situated according to the points of the compass, the front entrance being toward the east.

The Courts. There were two courts (2 Chron. 33:5). The outer court was surrounded by a wall partly of stone, partly of cedar; on the eastern border was a cloister or colonnade. This court was adorned with trees, and free to all the people. Within this quadrangle was a smaller court, the court of the priests, on the highest ridge of the hill, enclosing the temple, and the great brazen altar, and brazen sea, and the laver.

In the inner court were the great brazen altar of sacrifice, 15 feet high and 30 feet square, in sight of all the worshippers of the outer court, and the molten or brazen sea supported by 12 huge brazen oxen, each 7½ feet high. The outer court was for the worshippers, who were intended to exercise the feelings suggested and symbolized by the ceremonies going on visibly in the court or unseen in the temple proper.

II. The Dedication Ceremonies.—1 Kings 8. The Assembly. Vs. 1, 2, 63, 1. "Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, etc., the same as in Lessons IX and X, with the addition of (v. 2) "the men of Israel." "No Israelite who could be present was absent." The meetings lasted a week (v. 66). They were religious meetings with (v. 63) "sacrifices of peace offerings"; that is, offerings of thanksgiving and consecration, and love to God. The "two and twenty thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep" were used for this purpose in part, and for the feasting of the great numbers gathered in Jerusalem for a whole week.

The assembly met (v. 2) "at the feast" of tabernacles, the thanksgiving festival, one of the three great annual festivals of the Jews. "In the month Ethanim," also called Tishri, which covers portions of our September and October.

The Services of the Week. The dedication was the grandest ceremony ever performed under the Mosaic dispensation.

1. The Procession.—Vs. 35; 2 Chron. 5: 4, 6. The object of the procession was to (v. 1) "bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David," built on Mt. Zion, the western of the two principal hills on which Jerusalem was situated. Here David had placed the ark while waiting for the temple to be built.

4. "And the tabernacle of the congregation." Better, as in other places "the tent of meeting." "And all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle."

5. "Were with him before the ark." Probably in the temple court, where the great altar was. "Sacrificing sheep and oxen," as a religious service signifying gratitude and praise, the forgiveness of past sin, and consecration to the Lord's service as his people.

II. Placing the Ark in the Holy of Holies.—Vs. 6-9; 2 Chron. 5: 7-10. 6. "And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant . . . unto him" (i. e., "its.") But this word is never found in the A. V. It has come into use since the date of our translation "place" (comp. 1 Kings 6: 19) "into the oracle of the house." The place where God at times made known his will. "To the most holy place" (Hebrew, holy of holies), "even under the wings of the cherubims" (1 Kings 6: 27). The symbolic figures "representing the attributes and majesty of God."

7. "The cherubims" (better, cherubim) "covered the ark," as the most holy repository of God's law covered by the mercy-seat. The law of God and the mercy of God, ever under the shelter of his wings and guarded by his presence.

III. The chorus, accompanied by the orchestra, sang, "For his mercy endureth forever," as the priests came out of the Holy of Holies; and the Shekinah, the shining cloud, filled the temple (vs. 10, 11; 2 Chron. 5: 11-14).

10. "The cloud filled the house of the Lord." The article before cloud denotes that it was the well-known cloud which betokened the divine presence. "The cloud was the veil that hid (v. 11) "the glory of the Lord," for that glory was too bright to be seen by mortal eyes. This was the same as the pillar of cloud and of fire that guided the people through the wilderness, which had rested on the tabernacle on the day it was dedicated (Ex. 40: 34). It was thus the acknowledged symbol of God's presence, and as such was a visible sign that he now accepted the temple, as he had formerly accepted the tabernacle, as his shrine and dwelling-place." Then follows in the order and wording given by Prof. Willis J. Beecher:

4. Sentences, the king facing the sanctuary (vs. 12, 13; 2 Chron. 6: 1, 2).

5. He turns and blesses the congregation (v. 14; 2 Chron. 6: 3), all standing.

6. Address, by Solomon (vs. 15-21; 2 Chron. 6: 4-11), standing.

7. Dedication prayer (vs. 23-53; 2 Chron. 6: 14-40), kneeling (v. 54; 2 Chron. 6: 13).

8. Psalm 132 (2 Chron. 6: 41, 42): "Arise, O God." Fire descended, the glory filled the house, and the people prostrated themselves (2 Chron. 7: 1-3).

9. "For his mercy endureth forever," by the congregation (2 Chron. 7: 3).

10. Closing address (1 Kings 8: 54-61), standing.

IV. Lessons for To-day.—The Temple as a Lesson in Church Building. "A true church is an echo of God," says Joseph Cook. And the building should be the fittest instrument for expressing and repeating that echo, that men may know and feel the character and the love of God. Its foundation must be deep, strong, and enduring. It is built (1 Cor. 3: 11) upon Jesus Christ. Its structure should, with the best beauty and costliness at our command, be as perfectly as possible adapted to accomplish the object for which it was built.

The Temple is a Type of the Individual Christian (1 Cor. 3: 10-16). (1) Rich and costly preparations have been made by others. We are heirs of all the ages. (2) The foundation is Jesus Christ, the rock that, like the rock under the temple, the same in all ages, never can be moved. (3) He has prophets with messages from God to aid and encourage in the building,—the Bible, the Holy Spirit, with teachers, pastors, and friends to bring the message. (4) It is possible for us to build a poor temple on this foundation, "wood, hay, stubble," or a most beautiful and costly temple, "gold, silver, precious stones." (5) The true Christian character when complete is beautiful and costly.

The Quarry for the Temple. This world is a quarry where the living stones of God's beautiful temple in the heavens, the completed and perfected church, are being shaped and polished for their places in the building. The heavenly temple is the solution of the mysteries of Providence in this world. The cares, burdens, sorrows, joys, work of this life are fitting us for our place in that temple where no sound of the tools shall be heard while it is in building.

The temple, we are told, was built without the sound of hammer or ax, or any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building (1 Kings 6: 7). The silent building of the temple from stones prepared in distant quarries is a type of the building of souls and of the church.

The greatest works of God are wrought silently. No one sees the process by which the greatest changes are wrought in the spiritual world.

There will be wondrous rejoicing in heaven and on earth when God's spiritual temple is completed. It will be a blessed thing to join in the song at that dedication, to have a share in that hour of triumph.

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A True Fish Story.

Freddie L., known to all his friends as an enthusiastic angler, took a day off this week for the purpose of enjoying his favorite sport. He invested \$2 in bait, tackle, liniment, etc., rose at 3 a. m., sloshed around with a party of friends in the down river district until 5 p. m., returning to his home at 11:30 the same night.

Next morning he found the net results were: An empty bottle, a swelled head and a small fish 4½ inches long.—Detroit Tribune.

Fasting for Health. Thousands of years before it was practiced as a religious rite fasting was practiced as a health measure in Egypt, India and China. Contemporary to Cleo was Aesclepiades, a Greek physician, who strongly advocated this idea, and 1,000 years after his day Ibon Sina, philosopher and medical sage, argued the virtues of temporary abstinence on the ground that it came easier than constant moderation.

His Gentle Rebuke. A medley of young literary men were once gathered to meet Robert Browning. The most aggressively literary of the group was first introduced and at once began to pour out his personal delight and admiration with so unceasing a flow that the other literary young men starved. At last Browning put his hand almost affectionately on the egotist's shoulder and said: "But I am monopolizing you."

ABOUT FEAR

Often Comes From Lack of Right Food.

Napoleon said that the best fed soldiers were his best soldiers, for fear and nervousness come quickly when the stomach is not nourished. Nervous fear is a sure sign that the body is not supplied with the right food.

A Connecticut lady says: "For many years I had been a sufferer from indigestion and heart trouble and in almost constant fear of sudden death, the most acute suffering possible. Dieting brought on weakness, emaciation and nervous exhaustion and I was a complete wreck physically and almost a wreck mentally. "I tried many foods, but could not avoid the terrible nausea followed by vomiting that came after eating until I tried Grape-Nuts. This food agreed with my palate and stomach from the start. This was about a year ago. Steadily and surely a change from sickness to health came until now I have no symptoms of dyspepsia and can walk 10 miles a day without being greatly fatigued. I have not taken a drop of medicine since I began the use of Grape-Nuts and people say I look many years younger than I really am.

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