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An Experience.

A cold, dreary day in the latter part of September, at the little railway station of Warwick, England. The heavens were hung with low, steady, gray clouds—a gray sky such as one finds in England in the fall of the year. The rain had fallen steadily, slowly and monotonously for hours. I had come over from Stratford, at noon, to see the famous hump of the East coast railway, intending to spend the night in the quaint old town, and to Liverpool on the morning train. But the somber gray walls of the old castle, covered with ivy and creeper, rising precipitously from the banks of the Avon, the deserted hall with its grim figures in ancient armor, and the dense, dark, and gloomy night-like shade of the great cedars of Lebanon, the narrow, deserted streets of the little town with their long rows of dirty stone houses, the silence, the dampness and the grayness gave me such a feeling of loneliness and desolation, that I would have as readily consented to sleeping in the bare room of the captain, as to passing a night in one of those silent, tomb-like houses.

heartily. I called the guard and had him change me to another compartment, where I had ample company, and pursued my journey to Liverpool without further adventures. I was quite satisfied, however, with that one, and have ever had but little appreciation of the exclusiveness of an English compartment train. I would rather have my aristocratic senses offended by the presence of the less obtrusive peasant.

name. In form and size a Gibraltar is rather more than a finger's length and breadth, and upon each end it bears two translucent bars of yellow, like bars-gem, or topaz blazing upon a shield. It is always unwrapped in a dainty piece of paper which bears the name and flavor of the flinty-hearted yet melting bit of sweetness with in; and which, emptied and crushed, emits still the odor of mint or the fragrance of lemon.

The youthful palate which knows the Gibraltar prefers the peppermint. The Salem beau or belle, of discriminating taste, enjoys the lemon; but as in old age we remember fondly our childhood's joys, so the taste in flavors changes again, and a gracious Salem dame has been known to say that she first knew old age was creeping on by finding the peppermint Gibraltar once more as comforting as it was in infancy.

Island, was not long ago removed for some distance back from the sea, this being perhaps the greatest undertaking of the kind ever accomplished. The buildings are first loosened from their foundations, then raised on screws, and rollers placed under them. This was all done to the building in Central Park, and then, when everything was ready, Jennie was sent for.

It would be interesting to know what Jennie thought, if such animals do think—their heads are certainly big enough—the task she was to undertake. Her keeper led her forward, made her place her forehead against the side of the building, and then push. Forward the great clumsy structure would go, until the engineer would give the order to stop. Jennie would then wait patiently until the rollers were again adjusted, and the workmen called out "Ready!" Once more, bracing her feet firmly and applying all her strength, with much groaning and creaking of timbers another bit of distance would be accomplished. And so on, and so on, until at last the desired point was reached. Each time Jennie and her keeper would do their part, she with her tremendous strength and he with voice and spur, until their task was complete. Certainly Jennie deserved a warm bed that night and as good a supper as ever an elephant had. Do you not think so?—Harper's Young People.

About the Lesson.

LESSON IX, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1.

THE TEMPLE DEDICATED. I Kings viii:25-26.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." (Hab. ii:20.)

MEMORY VERSES, 62, 63.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is this lesson about? The temple dedicated.
2. What is the Golden Text? "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."
3. When did Solomon begin to build the temple? In the fourth year of his reign.
4. How long was he building it? Seven years.
5. How many men were employed on it? Two hundred and fifty thousand.
6. What did Solomon do when he ended his prayer? He arose from his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.
7. Did he stand or kneel when he prayed? He knelt.
8. What did Solomon do next? He stood and blessed all the congregation with a loud voice.
9. Why did he speak with a loud voice? So all could hear.
10. What did he say? "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people."
11. What did he say of God's promises? None of them had failed.
12. What did he then ask? "The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers."
13. What did he pray for? "That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways."
14. What did he ask concerning his prayers? That his works might be nigh unto God day and night.
15. What reason did he give for this request? "That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God."
16. What did he say about their hearts? "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes."
17. What did the king and the people next do? They offered sacrifice before the Lord.
18. How many oxen were offered? Twenty-two thousand.
19. How many sheep? One hundred and twenty thousand.—Illustrated Lesson Paper.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Interesting Events.—The "Judgment of Solomon" (I Kings iii:16-22) seems to have immediately followed the last lesson, and is narrated as an evidence that God had given him wisdom. Chapter 4 gives details respecting the kingdom, its greatness and resources, closing with a sketch of the wisdom of Solomon, the king of Tyre, and Solomon, is narrated, together with the preparations for building the temple (chap. 5), followed in chapter 6 by a description of the actual construction of the edifice. By anticipation the building of Solomon's own houses is next described (I Kings vii:1-12). A cunning artificer in brass, named Hiram, also, came from Tyre, (comp. II Chron. ii:14), and prepared all the brazen ornaments and brazen and golden utensils of the temple, all of which are fully described (I Kings vii:13-51).

ADDED POINTS.

It is one thing to make an end of "this prayer" that we are now praying; but it is a very different matter to make an end of all praying. Making an end of each prayer is a duty in its time and place; but making an end of praying is never a duty. Solomon was wise enough to speak out his words of blessing "with a loud voice." If more persons were as wise as Solomon, they would be heard more widely speaking out their words of blessing to others. Our fathers' God is our God. Even though we may have needs that our fathers did not know, we cannot ask more than that God should be to us, in the supply of our needs, that which he was to our fathers in the supply of their needs. Every day has its special needs. Yesterday's strength was sufficient for yesterday; but it will not carry us through to-day. Solomon's prayer was, as the margin of the Revised Version tells us, that God would give his children "the thing of a day in its day." A greater than Solomon told us to pray similarly: "Give us this day our daily bread." A "perfect" heart is a whole heart. Unless we have our whole heart in our work for God or for our fellows, we cannot do that work as it ought to be done. The king offered the prayers and the sacrifices, and the people reverently worshipped with him. "So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord." If you want to have a share in services of public worship, be in your seat as a reverent worshiper; and even if they will give you nothing else to do, the leader and you will conduct that service of worship together.—Sunday School Times.

HOW THE ELEPHANT MOVED THE HOUSE.

We are all very well accustomed to seeing horses and oxen harnessed and yoked, and know what noble work they do in the world, drawing great loads and supplying power to all kinds of machines for the service of men. Asses and mules, and even dogs, we know, do the same thing; but very few of us, I fancy, have ever seen elephants performing really hard and valuable labor; and what an amazing sight it would be to see a house moving along over the ground propelled by an elephant! Yet that is just the very sight that astonished a great many people who happened to be in the neighborhood of the arsenal at Central Park not a very long time ago.

A GENTLEMAN.

The listener saw an instance of intelligence on the part of a dog the other day which was very remarkable as uniting a high degree of politeness with excellent understanding. Crossing the ferry from East Boston, he noticed, sitting on one side of the passage-way, a gentleman who was accompanied by an immense and very handsome St. Bernard dog. Directly opposite were two young ladies, who could not restrain their admiration for the dog, and made evident signs of a desire to be friendly with him. The dog, however, looked up at his master, and declined to budge. But presently the gentleman remarked quietly, "Go over and see the ladies." Whereupon the animal moved promptly across the passage-way, and wagged his tail amiably while the young ladies petted his head and raved over him. But presently came the remarkable exhibition of politeness which the listener has referred to. The wharf was reached, and the passengers rose and moved toward the street cars. One of the young women carried a basket, and this basket the dog insisted upon taking in his mouth. The lady gave it to him, and he walked proudly toward the car with it, casting a glance toward his master, who remained standing on the platform. He entered the street car with the basket, deposited it in the lap of the young lady when she had seated herself, and then whisked ponderously out and rejoined his master. It was a clear case of friendly service courteously done.—Boston Transcript.

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SALER GIBRALTARS.

Do you know "Salem Gibraltar?" You must at least have heard of them, for though you or your ancestors may not have been Salem-born, and so were not brought up on those sweetmeats dear to Salem hearts, yet the fame of the dainty confections has gone widely forth, and may have reached, for aught I know, to "Greenland's icy mountains and India's coral strands." Certain it is that Salem Gibraltars have been carried into the Maine woods and the wilds of the Adirondacks. They have crossed the continent to California, and have gone on voyages to Japan; while tradition tells of a Salem woman, sojourning in Europe, who sent home for a supply of Gibraltars to nibble at when she felt homesick.

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It was once the custom at every household altar to pray, definitely and fervently, for the pastor. In the custom going out? Do we hear the heart-warm petition offered for the minister, that his work may be blessed, his hands strengthened, his endeavors abundantly prospered?

Our children, relations, friends, honors, houses, lands, and endowments, the goods of nature and fortune, nay, even of grace itself, are only lent. It is our misfortune and, it may be added, our sin to fancy they are given.

BYRD—SHADHERY.—At the residence of the groom, on Nov. 13, 1889, Mr. P. Byrd and Miss E. Shadhery, of Rev. W. A. McAnally officiating.

PEELE—LOVE.—At Hopewell, Emberson street, at 7 o'clock, Nov. 13, 1889, by Rev. L. G. Calhoun, Rev. J. C. Peelle and Miss Sallie F. Love.

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Seven miners were buried by a fall of rock in the Buffalo mine, at Nagsaunee, Mich., Nov. 19. The next day five were taken out.

Chas. F. Paris, aged thirteen, of Gainesville, was terribly torn and bitten by two dogs, Nov. 23. They made thirty severe gashes, which had to be sewed up.

A gentleman in Galveston, connected with a bank in that city, in a private letter to a friend, says: "When I tell you that the debt side of our cash-book (that is, the receipts) footed \$7,100,000, and that this amount, with a like sum for disbursements, make a total of over \$14,000,000 for the month of October, you can see why it was impossible to spare any members of our staff for even a day, while all hands had to concentrate several hours every night on sleeping time to keep up with the work."

Only one animal was lost. Total loss, \$700. The Texas Press Association met Nov. 20, in Austin. Comanche expects to open the Second National Bank, Jan. 1st, 1890, with a capital stock of \$100,000, \$25,000 of which is already taken.

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