



LESSON XI.—DEC. 13, 1908.

Solomon Dedicates the Temple.—1 Kings 8: 1-66; 1 Kings 8: 1-11.

Commentary.—I. Bringing in the ark (vs. 1-11). 1. Then Solomon assembled... The dedication was the grandest ceremony ever performed under the Mosaic dispensation...

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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

The dedication of the temple typifies the descent of the Holy Spirit. One type of the Spirit is the "cloud" (v. 10), and as the "glory of the Lord" filled the house of the ark (v. 11), so we are commanded to be "filled with the spirit" (Eph. 5: 18), and to "offer up spiritual sacrifices." That which is "acceptable to God" (Pet. 2: 5) is:

I. Ourselves. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6: 19). The site of the temple was the spot where Abraham offered his only son. As Isaac laid himself upon the altar, so we are sought to present our "bodies a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12: 1). We must "first" offer our "own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8: 5) before any other offering is "well-pleasing" to him (Rom. 12: 1, R. V., margin). A little Chinese boy was sacrificing a pig to a false god. Turning to a Chinaman near him, he said, "Is there not some other god that I can sacrifice my pig to?" The man replied, "Go to B—, and a missionary there will tell you about a true God." The delighted child started on the long journey with his pig in his arms. The little pig died, but the young traveler walked on for weeks until he reached the missionary. He was kindly cared for and taught the gospel. In a prayer meeting, telling how he came to be there, so far from home and worshipping the true God, he said, "My little pig died on the way, but the Lord has taught me that I am the one He wants, and I have given myself to Him." If we are really yielded to God it takes but a moment to lay ourselves upon the altar, but it takes time to consume the sacrifice. The altar-life is a holy life. The heart is "perfect with the Lord our God; to walk in his statutes and to keep his commandments" (v. 61). The altar-life means separation from the world and a growing likeness to Christ, and a quick understanding, or "seeing" (Isa. 11: 3, margin), of the "perfect will" of God (Rom. 12: 2).

II. Our prayers. Solomon's father had said, "Let my prayer be set before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141: 2). John saw the prayers of the saints ascend as incense on the golden altar before the throne (Rev. 5: 8; 8: 3, 4). The priestly offices is the mark of greatest likeness to Him who ever liveth to make intercession (Heb. 7: 25). Paul tells us the "first" things that are "good and acceptable in the sight of God" are "supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks" (1 Tim. 2: 1-2). Moody knew a little cripple who lay upon her death bed. She had given herself to God, and was distressed because she could not labor for Him. Her pastor, hearing her complaint, told her that from her sick bed she could offer prayer for those whom she wished to see turning to God. He advised her to write their names down and pray earnestly for them. Soon a great religious revival sprang up in the village, and churches were crowded nightly. The little cripple heard of the revival, and inquired for the names of the saved. A few weeks later she died, and among a roll of papers found under her pillow was one bearing the names of fifty-six persons, who had been converted in the revival. By each name was a cross, by which the crippled saint had checked off the name of each convert as it had been given to her.

III. Our praise. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Heb. 13: 15). God says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Psa. 69: 33). Let us answer as David did, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psa. 34: 1). Not on my lips, for I must pray as well as praise. Not only in my heart, but swelling up into my mouth, ready to be spoken instantly and whenever occasion offers" (Psa. 71: 8, 15, 24). The temple was dedicated in the year of Jubilee, at the thanksgiving festival. The Psalmist speaks of the "sacrifice of thanksgiving" (Psa. 116: 7). We are bidden in "everything" (1 Thess. 5: 18), and "for all things" to give thanks (Eph. 5: 20).

IV. Our property. We are bidden to do good and to communicate, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased (Heb. 13: 16). If we have given ourselves to God we have given our property. "Whoso pocket-book is that?" said a friend to a business man as he drew a well-filled wallet from his pocket. "Why, my own, of course. Whose else could it be?" "To whom the pocket-book belongs depends on another question. If you belong to the Lord I guess the purse is His also." "Well," said the man, thoughtfully, "your remark throws a new light on the subject. It never impressed me as it does now, that I am to carry and use the pocket-book as my Lord directs. I never looked at it in the light in which you place it." A. C. M.

Modern Style. "The Nun" (R. Bazin, page 193, describing a hot day in a French town, says, "This group was formed by a young man, slender, young, well dressed, wearing a straw hat and a scarf pin, by a younger man and by two women." Probably he wore the scarf pin in the hat—Puck!

MARKET REPORTS

FARMERS' MARKET.

The offerings of grain to-day were a little larger than usual. Wheat firm, with sales of 500 bushels of fall at 94c, and 100 bushels of going at 91c. Oats steady, 500 bushels selling at 44c. Barley unchanged, 500 bushels selling at 53c to 58c. One load of buckwheat sold at 34c a bushel.

Hay in fair supply, with sales of 35 loads at \$13 to \$14 a ton for No. 1, and at \$7 to \$10 for No. 2. Straw firm, two loads selling at \$15 to \$16 a ton.

Dressed hogs are unchanged at \$8 for heavy, and at \$8.25 to \$8.50 for light. Wheat, fall, bushel... Do, goose, bushel... Oats, bushel... Barley, bushel... Rye, bushel... Hays, bushel... Do, No. 2... Straw, per ton... Dressed hogs... Butter, dairy... Do, creamery... Eggs, new laid... Chickens, dressed, lb... Ducks, spring, lb... Geese, lb... Turkeys, lb... Cabbage, per dozen... Celery, dozen... Onions, bag... Potatoes, bag... Apples, barrel... Beef, hindquarters... Do, forequarters... Do, choice, carcass... Do, medium, carcass... Mutton, per cwt... Veal, prime, per cwt... Lamb, per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

The receipts of live stock at the city market for Wednesday and Thursday, as reported by the railways, were 120 carloads, consisting of 1,544 cattle, 2,983 hogs, 1,856 sheep and lambs, 75 calves, and two horses.

The quality of cattle offered as fat was no better. There was not a finished load of butchers' cattle on sale during the week. The bulk of the butchers' cattle was no better than the feeders in quality. Butchers—Picked, prime butchers' cattle are worth \$4.75 to \$5; loads of the best on sale sold at \$4.25 to \$4.60; medium, \$3.90 to \$4.15; common, \$3.50 to \$3.75; cows, \$2.75 to \$4; canners and bulls, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt. Feeders and Stock—E. W. Marby bought about 150 head this week at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$3.80 for good feeders, from 900 to 1,000 lbs; \$3.25 to \$3.60 for steers, \$7.50 to 900 lbs; \$2.50 to \$3 for medium steers, 600 to 750 lbs. Milkers and Springers—There was a moderate delivery of milkers and springers that sold from \$25 to \$35, with a few as high as \$50 each. Veal Calves—Prices for veal calves were unchanged at \$3 to \$6.50 per cwt. Sheep and Lambs—Lamb trimmer, at \$4.50 to \$5.10, and a few "prime" lots of ewes and wethers, \$5.15 to \$5.25 per cwt; expert ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.40; rams, \$2 to \$2.50. Hogs—About 3,000 hogs from all sources were reported by the railways. Mr. Harris reported the market steady at \$8 for select, fed and watered at the market, and lights at \$5.75 per cwt.

SEEDS.

Alsike—Extra fancy lots, \$7.25; No. 1, \$6.75 to \$7; No. 2, \$6 to \$6.25; No. 3, \$5.75 to \$6 per bushel. Timothy—Prices are from \$1.35 to \$1.75 per bushel, according to quality. Red Clover—\$4.25 to \$5.25 per bushel. London, Dec. 3.—Calcutta linseed, December, January, 47 1/2d per 412 lbs. PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, \$22.50 to \$23 per barrel; mess, \$19 to \$19.50. Lard—Treen, 12 1/2c; tubs, 12 1/2c; pails, 13c. Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11 1/4c to 11 3/4c, tams and cases; hams, large 12 1/2c to 13c, small 14 to 14 1/2c; backs, 17 to 17 1/2c; shoulders, 10 to 10 1/2c; rolls, 11 to 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c to 13c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked. RAILED HAY AND STRAW.

Prices in car lots on track, Toronto, are: Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$7 to \$12. Straw—Raised is from \$7 to \$8, according to quality. GROCERIES.

The local sugar market continues steady, but rather quiet. Little change is looked for in the market this side of Christmas. British beef markets are steady but quiet, as consumers are buying from hand to mouth. The centre of interest in the trade is being transferred to Cuba, where the cane crop estimates are expected right away. Adverse snow that crop conditions there are favorable. Local quotations are: Montreal granulated sugar, per cwt., in barrels, \$14.60; yellow, \$4.20; in bags prices are 3c less; Acadian, in barrels or bags, \$4.30; Ontario beet, in barrels or bags, \$4.00.

OTHER MARKETS.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET. London.—London cables for cattle are steady at 11 1/2 to 13 1/2c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerated beef is quoted at 11 to 11 1/2c per lb. WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures: Wheat—July 1.00 1/4 bid, December 99 1/2c asked, May \$1.05 bid. Oats—December 25c bid, May 40 1/2c bid. BRADSTREET'S GRAIN REVIEW.

Montreal: At the earlier end of the week colder weather and snow here gave a better tone to the movement of retail lines, but when this was followed by higher temperature the demand for winter dry goods and foot wear again fell off. The general volume of trade, however, continues moderately good. The sorting trade in dry goods is only fair and it will continue so until cold weather definitely sets in. As in most other lines, it is felt that stocks in retailers' hands are not heavy, and anything like a good trade would result in good orders to the wholesalers. Values are generally steady to firm. Cotton mills are reported to be busily engaged upon orders and are running with full staffs. The trade in holiday lines of dry goods has

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been heavy. In this regard grocers also report a fairly good movement. The demand for staple lines has been fair. Little is heard of the lumber trade, as steady and the demand for staple lines about normal. The demand for lumber is still quiet and the winter's cut will be light. Wholesalers generally express satisfaction with collections. Money is scarce and there is difficulty in securing loans on good collateral. Navigation is now closed and shipments of heavy goods have fallen off.

Toronto: General business conditions have shown little change during the past week. The weather has been unfavorable to retail trade, but wholesalers appear satisfied with the volume of orders. The demand for winter dry goods keeps up well, and the sorting trade in this connection promises to be good as soon as cold weather appears. The trade for next spring is in advance of what it was a year ago, and prospects for future business are considered excellent. Seasonable hardware continues to move well and the building trade keeps busy. Much activity is promised for this line next season. The demand for builders' hardware seems to be heavy in all parts of the country.

Winnipeg: Warm weather has hindered business here during the past week, but the outlook is bright for a good start as soon as cooler weather sets in. Vancouver and Victoria: Trade all along the coast keeps up fairly well. The demand for winter goods is active and the demand for holiday lines has opened well.

Quebec: Business of the past week has been somewhat quiet, especially amongst the wholesale dry goods, the latter are at present stock-taking. Hamilton: Business here continues moderate in volume and cold weather is much needed to move seasonal goods. Orders have been fair to good, and indications point to a good holiday business. Manufacturers have fairly good orders on hand and are keeping busy. Collections are generally fairly satisfactory.

November Crop Report

The following statement concerning crop conditions on the 4th of November, 1908, based on the returns of 2,000 correspondents, has been prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture: Fall Wheat—Some of the grain sprouted in the shock owing to the warm, wet weather at harvesting, but taking the crop as a whole, fall wheat may be classed as generally plump and of good quality, and the yield is above the average.

Spring Wheat—The acreage of spring wheat is steadily decreasing. While there was a moderate yield, considerable shrinkage is reported. Spring wheat, however, is becoming more popular in mixtures with other grains.

Barley—A considerable quantity of barley was rather dark in color, although very good for stock feeding, which is now the chief use of this grain in Ontario.

Oats—Dry weather at the time of sowing caused oats to be rather light in weight, while oats which were harvested late were caught by rain, causing considerable rust.

Peas—Peas were poor on late fields, but were good on early sown fields, though there were some complaints of the crop ripening unevenly.

Buckwheat—Notwithstanding the hot and dry weather during the growing period of this crop, followed by a heavy rain and hail storm in the second week of August which beat many fields down, buckwheat may be classed as a good crop.

Mixed Grains—Correspondents report for the first time upon the growing of mixed grains. The favorite grain mixture is one of barley and oats; peas and beans, and vetches come next. Oats, barley and wheat are also used by some, also oats and wheat, and wheat, peas and oats. Oats and split, oats and buckwheat, and oats and flax, also have their advocates as grain mixtures. Some who have tried mixed grains speak unfavorably of results, but the bulk of those reporting are more or less strongly favorable to their use.

The New Fall Wheat—While some correspondents report an average of an increased acreage of new fall wheat in their respective localities, a larger number of returns show a decided shrinkage in area, ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. Some of the seed sown in August did not germinate until late September and early October rains fell, made a fair catch, and came along nicely, but fall wheat sown on stubble land was very dry and growth was very backward.

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LOADS OF LOOT.

York County Police Make an Important Find. Toronto despatch: A miscellaneous collection of articles as widely separated in character as a dress-suit and a keg of nails, and amounting in quantity to several wagon loads, is occupying the greater portion of a room in No. 5 Police Station, and the police are searching for a gang of thieves who operated on a wholesale scale.

The find was made by County Constables McMullin and Lloyd in a shack on Highland avenue. The loot included several sets of harness, a military saddle, four robes, 10 yards of rope, a shotgun, a silver-mounted rifle, four kegs of nails, half a dozen pairs of skates, 200 yards of chain, a fur coat and several sets of workmen's tools.

The unusually dry fall weather allowed but little growth of grass, and pastures were eaten very closely. Live stock are, consequently, rather thin, but are quite vigorous and remarkably free from disease. Most of the export cattle have been shipped, the case at this time of the year.

The Dairy—The flow of milk was affected by the prolonged drought that set in in the latter part of August, and the quality of both butter and cheese made in the fall was less than usual. Prices for dairy products, however, strong, as the quality of both butter and cheese was up to the mark.

Fodder Supplies—The hay crop is nearly one-fifth larger than that of last year, while the immense yield of corn also means a saving of hay and other more expensive fodders. Last year's experience, also, has made many farmers wise to the fact that it is sometimes better to dispose of the poorer animals early in the year than to winter them by purchasing expensive feed. In this connection, it is interesting to note that while hay has been selling at from \$6 to \$14 a ton, and last year ranged from \$10 to \$20 a ton, the prices of bran and shorts are but little below their last year's figures. Straw is not as good as usual either in length or quality, much of the oats and other grains being caught by rains when cut.

Poultry—Farmers are giving more attention to the raising of domestic fowl. Eggs have commanded high prices all season, and more attention is being given to the selection and care of good layers. Farmers at present are relying more upon the eggs than upon the meat for profit in poultry raising. Some reports are to the effect that chickens are likely to be scarcer than usual owing to the great demand for eggs. Turkeys have not done so well as ordinary barnyard fowl this season.

Thrashing and Marketing—The shortness of straw, the open weather, and improved machinery, combined to hurry along thrashing. Fall Plowing—Owing to the unusually dry weather reaching almost unbrokenly from the 16th of August to the 26th of October, the land was so baked, especially clay soils, that very little plowing was done.

MADE A FALSE ENTRY. Bank Accountant Sentenced to Five Years in Prison. Buffalo, Dec. 7.—Roy VanHousen, formerly a bookkeeper of the wrecked People's National Bank of Franklinville, was today sentenced in the United States District Court to five years in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Ga., but the execution of the sentence was suspended indefinitely. It was stated by U. S. Attorney Bass that VanHousen was not the real offender, but made the false entry to shield the cashier, Scott, who is now an inmate of the Gowanda Insane Asylum.

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GRAIN RATE. Demand For Tonnage Causes Advance of One Cent. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—With the shippers at Duluth and Port William both bidding for tonnage, the lake Superior grain rate at Cleveland advanced one cent yesterday. For tonnage to unload at Buffalo four cents was paid on wheat by the shippers at the Canadian head of the lakes. Tonnage is in good demand at the head of the lakes, and with offerings light the vessel men pretty near boss the job of fixing carrying charges. A number of boats, including No. 10,000 ton steamers, were chartered for storage at Port William at four cents, and late in the day a 7,000 ton ship, bound up light from Lake Erie, was placed for prompt unloading.