

SERMON.

The Soul's Unpaid Debts.

By The Rev. Frederick F. Shannon.

In Grace M. E. church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday morning, the pastor, the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, preached on "The Soul's Unpaid Debts."

Yes; there is at least one left of the house of Saul. His name is Mephibosheth. He is the son of Jonathan, the grandson of a fallen king.

While tendering Mephibosheth our sympathy, we cannot fail to appreciate the beauty of the love which his affliction inspires.

Consider, in the first place, David's recognition of the debt he contracted in his youth.

After finding Mephibosheth David restores unto him his lost inheritance. "David said unto him, fear not, for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul, thy father's land."

Do you wonder that those far-off days had been burnt into the soul of David? Do you wonder that he kept one other in his heart sacred beyond all others?

Let us confess that David was every inch a king in his treatment of Mephibosheth, but let us remember, also, that Mephibosheth is poor indeed compared with God's "unpardonable gift" to every believing heart.

friend of my youth is dead now, and I am an old man, but still I wonder...

Is there one in this congregation who cannot make David's question his own? My friend, has your soul no unpaid debts? Yes, no Jonathan standing back there by the golden gateway of youth?

Because I believe David was a better man after going back in memory to those far off beginnings, I want us to profit by a like experience.

Further, what have you done with the treasure committed unto you by that faithful teacher? Did not he or she play a Jonathan's part in pointing you to the throne you occupy this moment?

Think you that our divine David is less generous than Jonathan's friend? Oh, I tell you no! He will not take a palace, but to a city of palaces.

Finally, I should be unfaithful to this history if I left the impression that Mephibosheth came to David's palace as a mere visitor.

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ASKED THAT TROOPS BE KEPT AT WORK.

Reported that Jews Are Being Attacked by Gangs of Roughts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—Representatives of the principal oil industries in the Caucasus, including those of the Nobel company, called today on Finance Minister Kokovoff and asked that the troops be kept at work, that the unruly elements be removed, and that a long term loan without interest be granted.

Private despatches from Baku say that the strikers are placing explosives and stones on the street railway lines for the purpose of stopping traffic, and that there have been called out to guard the lines.

TIFLIS, Sept. 13.—The mayor and several members of the town council have resigned as a protest against the killing or wounding of social democrats by Cossacks at the town hall Monday night.

According to a report received from Elizabetopol, a temporary peace has been declared between the Muscovites and the Armenians as the result of intervention by the clergy.

ONE MAY DIE.

As a Result of the Powder Explosion in Albert County.

Later reports of the explosion at Albert Mines, Albert County, last Sunday, say that one of the three young men, Charles, David and Elias Wilton, is not expected to live.

MARRIAGE HASTENED BY MOTHER'S ILLNESS.

MONCTON, Sept. 12.—An interesting event took place last evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haskins, Main street.

AN UP RIVER STEER HAD A LONG SWIM.

A refractory steer from the steamer Crystal Stream gave an exhibition of swimming at Indiantown yesterday, which was watched by all who could gather on the wharves.

WHERE IS YOUR INHALER?

You'll soon need it again, so remain; but that extra bottle of "Catharrhose" liquid are sold everywhere for fifty cents.

FULL TEXT OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE ARMISTICE PROTOCOL

Was Signed by M. Witte, Baron Rosen, Baron Komura, and M. Takahira.

LONDON, Sept. 13, 3.25 p. m.—The Japanese legation this evening gave out the text of the Russo-Japanese armistice protocol as follows:—"First—A certain distance as a zone of demarcation shall be fixed between the fronts of the armies of the two powers in Manchuria, as well as in the region of Tumen river, Korea.

"Second—The naval forces of one of the belligerents shall not bombard territory belonging to or occupied by the other.

"Third—Maritime captures will not be suspended by the armistice.

KOMURA SUFFERS WHILE DOCTORS DIFFER.

New York Physicians Can't Agree as to What Disease Troubles the Baron.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Three physicians who are attending Baron Komura, the chief of the Japanese peace envoys, decided today that the baron had typhoid fever, and he was ready to return to Japan via Seattle tomorrow.

PARROTS, N. S.

PARROTS, N. S., Sept. 14.—St. James' Presbyterian church was literally packed to the doors last evening, the occasion being the marriage of Charles S. MacQueeney of Fairfax.

BIRTHS.

NASH—in this city, Sept. 10th, to the wife of T. A. Nash, a son.

MARRIAGES.

MCCRACKIN-BOLTON—At the home of the bride's parents, Summer street, St. John, on September 14th, by Rev. Perry J. Blackhouse, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, Harry H. McCrackin and Annie Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bolton.

DEATHS.

HENDERSON—in this city, on Sept. 14th, C. W. Hayford, aged 3 years and 4 months, son of W. A. and Mary R. Henderson.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Sept 14—Covawise—Schs Auguste, Evelyn, 30, Scovill, from North Head.

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