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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 26.

THE TEMPLE BUILT.

1 KINGS 6: 1-14. Ver. 1.—There has been considerable discussion as to the date here given. Some orthodox commentators, least anxious to find an interpolation in every difficulty, have looked upon this chronology with suspicion. The principal difficulty arises from the conflicting statements in both the Old and New Testaments. The different periods of time actually given in Joshua, Judges and Samuel, amount to 580 or 600 years, to which must be added the sum of unestimated periods. St. Paul speaking at Antioch, in Pisidia, says that after the division of Canaan amongst the Israelites the God of Israel gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. According to this chronology the interval between the Exodus and the beginning of the Temple would be about 580 years. The months were generally denoted by the number of their order in the year. This practice was followed as in the present instance, even when the name of the month was given. Of the months of the Jews before the captivity, four only are mentioned in the Bible: Abib, the month of the Passover, and which became the first month as a memorial of the Exodus (Ex. 12: 2); Zif, the second; Ethanim, the seventh, (1 Kings 7: 38). "Zif" means the month of "blossoms", and corresponds with May in our year.

2 and 3.—The dimensions of the Temple itself were 60 cubits in length, 20 cubits in breadth, and 30 cubits in height. There is some difference of opinion as to the English measure of this ancient cubit. We may take the general estimate of 18 inches. Thus the length would be in English measure 90 feet, the breadth 30, and the height 45. The width of the porch was 20 cubits (30 feet), had its depth 10 cubits (15 ft.). The holy of holies, or the "oracle" (v. 5), was a cube, 20 cubits in height, length and breadth; "and the house, that is the temple before it, was forty cubits long" (ver. 17). It is remarkable that all these dimensions were exactly double those of the Tabernacle of Moses (Ex. 26: 15-30). Thus the Temple of Solomon was in exact accordance with "the pattern showed to Moses in the Mount," and its very form and fashion would serve to remind the Jews of the wilderness wanderings of their ancestors, and of the mercy and power of Jehovah, who had brought them out of Egypt that He might bring them into Canaan, to give them the land which He swore unto their fathers.

5, 6, 8, 10.—Round about the temple, excepting upon the side of the entrance, "chambers" or "floors" were applied to the walls of the Temple. "Though not expressly so stated, these were a sort of monastery appropriated to the residence of the priests, who were permanently or in turn devoted to the service of the Temple.—Smith's Bible Dictionary. The arrangement was such that there being no real union between the Temple and the chambers, the sanctity of the house of God might be preserved (ver. 6). The entrance to the second story (ver. 8) was in the right south wall, access being made by a winding staircase, another winding staircase leading from the middle tier to the topmost. The door evidently was in the outer wall, and not in the wall of the Temple itself. So carefully guarded was the holiness of the house of the Lord, even in matters of small detail.

7.—The material of the Temple was stone from the quarries in the hills on which Jerusalem and the Temple were built. "Vast excavations are still to be seen on the north side of the city, 700 feet long, and in some places as broad, showing a labyrinth of chambers, in which the pillars supporting the roof are still standing. The great stones for the foundations and wall were got from these quarries, in which one huge monolith that had split as it was being removed, still lies as it was left in the quarry."—Giles's History with the Bible. The stones were brought and shaped before they were brought to the spot, so that the building rose with the quietness of growth, and not with the clangor of ordinary building operations. Possibly, amidst the unwonted magnificence of the rising Temple, Solomon was wishful to preserve as much as possible of the spirit of the ancient laws. Possibly the words of Deut. 27: 5, 6, may have been in his mind: "Thou shalt build an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole stones." What a beautiful prophecy of the silence in which the kingdom of God is growing up in the world, that kingdom which our Lord likened to the leaven hidden in the meal, and of which he said, "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation" (Luke 17: 20). "He shall not strive nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets" (Matt. xii. 19).

11, 12, 13, 14.—Amidst all these elaborate and splendid arrangements for the worship of Jehovah, there was a danger of the people lapsing into a hollow ceremonialism. Once again, therefore, even whilst the walls are rising, the attention of Solomon is called to the need for the observance of the statutes, judgments and commandments of the Lord. The

house was finished in the eleventh year of Solomon's reign, "in the month of Bul, which was the eighth month." "So he was seven years in building it" (1 Kings 6: 38). Or speaking with strict exactness, seven years and six months.—Abridged from W. M. S. Mag.

PURE WATER FOR COWS.

Cows are not nearly so sensitive in the matter of the taste as horses, yet this should not be an excuse for negligence in the quality of water furnished them. The stock breeder and the dairyman owe it to themselves to supply their stock with the purest and freshest of water. How often should animals be allowed to drink? I presume were stock allowed free access to water in summer, that each individual would drink at least a dozen times a day. If they are not allowed free access to water, but compelled to drink at stated periods, they are quite liable to drink too much. This is one of the greatest advantages of having water in the pasture. I am aware that the practice is to water horses perhaps twice a day—morning and night. With cows the practice is to turn them into the yard and allow them to drink during two or three hours. Perhaps an improvement upon this plan would be to turn them out for an hour at a time, morning and night. All those who own horses should have some way arranged for taking the chill of water for horses during the winter. It will pay to do so.

TURPENTINE AS A PREVENTIVE.

The Medical Record tells us that H. Viland writes in the Epigraph and Læticar concerning the value of the oil of turpentine in the treatment and prophylaxis of diphtheria and the exanthematous diseases. He states that he has never seen any of these diseases spread from a sick child to other members of the family when this remedy was employed. In many of his cases no isolation could be attempted, as the mother was the only female in the family, and was obliged to take care of both the sick and the well, continually passing back and forth from one to the other. His method was to pour from twenty to forty drops of a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and carbolic acid into a kettle of water which was kept simmering over a slow fire, so that the air of the sick room was kept constantly impregnated with the odor of these two substances. He claims also that by this means a favorable influence is exerted upon the exudation in diphtheria, although it is by no means curative of the disease, and never should be relied upon to the exclusion of other remedies.

USEFUL HINTS.

Pressed leaves placed between sheets of glass and bordered by a plush frame are used for screens.

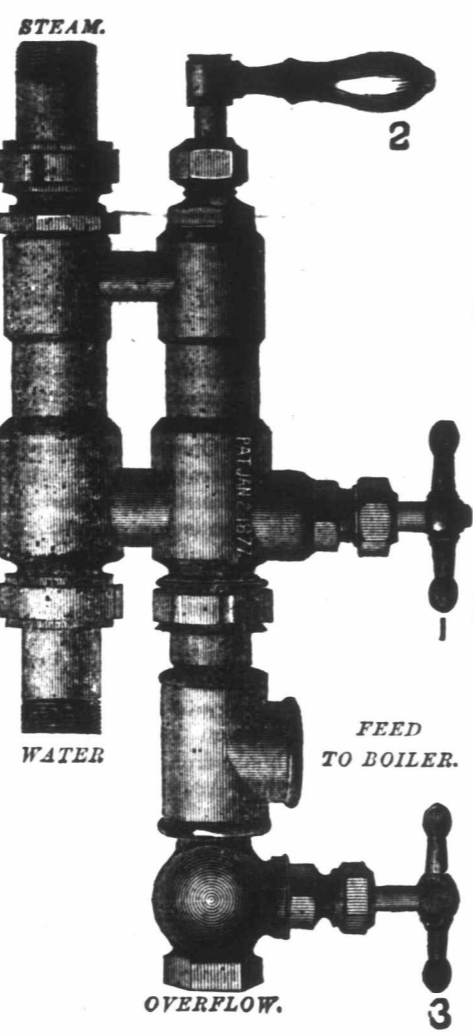
If you cut the back legs of your chair two inches shorter than the front ones, the fatigue of sitting will be greatly relieved, and the spine placed in a better position.

If people were as careful in avoiding the habits which produce disease as they are persistent in seeking cures for their ailments, the number of invalids in the world would be much reduced.

A good way to arrange fruits in a dish for an ornamental piece, is to set a glass tumbler in the centre of the dish, around and over it put a thick layer of moss; then not nearly so much fruit will be required, and it can be arranged very handsomely.

At the recent meeting of the Massachusetts teachers one speaker directed letter writing as a very good method of teaching English composition. "Once a week," she said, "I have the children write letters among themselves, and I provide a letter box for the purpose. For correcting exercises, I use a few of the signs used by proof-readers, since they are as easily learned as arbitrary ones."

When pickling cucumbers, make a brine by putting one pint of coarse salt into a gallon of boiling water. Pour it over a sufficient quantity of small cucumbers to just cover them. Cover the vessel tight to keep in the steam, and let them remain thirty six hours. Then rinse and wipe them dry, and lay them in a jar. Scatter cloves and a few pods of pepper among them, and cover them with boiling hot vinegar. A small lump of alum to each gallon will make the pickle firm.



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