

How did the Lord show his acceptance of it?

What was the pillar of cloud and of fire?

Where is it first mentioned?

How did it protect the Israelites at the Red Sea?

Where did the pillar rest when the tabernacle was set up?

What was its appearance upon the tabernacle by night?

II. The Cloud Guiding the Marches. vs. 17-19

At what signal did the Israelites begin their marches?

How were they guided in their movements?

What did the Psalmist say of the pillar?

What is said of it in Neh. 9 : 19?

How does God now guide his people?

III. The Cloud Fixing the Encampments. vs. 20-23.

When did the Israelites pitch their tents?

How long did they remain encamped?

At what signal did they start again?

How long did this guidance continue? Ex. 40 : 36-38.

Under what direction was the pillar of cloud and of fire?

What is God's promise to all his people? Isa. 4 : 5; Matt. 28 : 20.

What Have I Learned?

1. That the Lord is always with his people in their journey through life.
2. That he will guide them in the right way if they will follow his guidance.
3. That he will guard and protect them from danger.
4. That he will support and comfort them in trial.
5. That he will bring them finally to the heavenly Canaan.

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A HOME INSTEAD OF A CIGAR.

"In early life," says a New York merchant, "I smoked six cigars a day, at six and a half cents each; they averaged that. I thought to myself one day, 'I'll just put aside all the money I am consuming in

cigars, and all I would consume if I kept on in the habit, and I will see what it will come to by compound interest.' Last July completed thirty-nine years since, by the grace of God, I was emancipated from the filthy habit, and the saving amounted to the enormous sum of twenty-nine thousand and one hundred and two dollars three cents by compound interest.

"We lived in the city; but the children, who had learned something of country life from their annual visit to their grandparents, longed for a home among the green fields. I noticed a very pleasant place in the country for sale. The cigar money now came into requisition, and I found that it amounted to a sufficient sum to purchase the place, and it is mine. I wish all boys could see how my children enjoy their home, as they watch the boats and steam-launches which course along the river. Now, boys, you take your choice—smoking without a home or a home without smoking."

THE OBEDIENT BOY.

I read a very pretty story the other day about a little boy who was sailing a boat with a playmate a good deal larger than he was.

The boat had sailed a good ways out into the pond, and the big boy said, "Go in, Jim, and get her. It isn't over your ankles, and I've been in after her every time."

"I daren't," said Jim, "I'll carry her all the way home for you, but I can't go in there; she told me not to."

"Who's she?"

"My mother," said Jim softly.

"Your mother! Why, I thought she was dead," said the big boy.

"That was before she died. Eddie and I used to come here and sail boats, and she never would let us come unless we had string enough to haul in with. I ain't afraid, you know I'm not; only she didn't want me to, and I can't do it."

Wasn't that a beautiful spirit that made little Jim obedient to his mother even after she was dead?—*Ex.*