INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 1X. DECIMBER 13. 1908.

The Dedication of the Temple.

Commentary.—I. Bringing in the ark vis. 4-111 1-5. Then Schomon assembled—The dedication was the grandest coremony ever performed ander the Moule dispensation, and one of the brightest days of Jewish Schotory. Not only were the "elders of Leract, it he heads of the tribes, and the chief of the fathers" summoned, but "all the men of Lerael assembled themselves" (1 Kings vill. 1. 2). Brought up the ark—The act of dedication began by carrying the ark of the covenant in solemn procession, with the king at the fhead, into the Lemple, and putting it into "its piece." It holy of holies. The ark was the kept and kernel of the whole seanctuary. It contained the moral law, Johavan's covenant, to dwell in the midst of his chosen people.

While everything else was new, the same ark of the covenant was kept, and only changed its place. The procession is described in vs. 1-b and 2 Chron. v. 4-13.

6-9. The oracle—Bay this is meant the holy of holies. Under the wings—The oracle (chap vl. 27), and their wings to the cherubian extended across the whole width of the boracle (chap vl. 27), and their wings to track of the covenant was kept, and only changed its place of the beart was set down in the most holy, place they drew the extress of ar forward that their ends could be seen in the kept of the prove out the staves were used for the purpose of carrying the ark "After the ark was set down in the most holy, place they drew the extress of far forward that their ends could be seen from the sanctuary. The object of this cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables of stone—in the cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables of stone—in the cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables of stone—in the cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables of stone—in the cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables of stone—in the cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables of stone—in the cannot be determined with ecritainty. Two tables o

10, 11. Cloud filled the house 10, 11. Cloud filled the house—
"Now took place the most important event in the dedication—the
manifestation of Jehovah in the
new temple by the same symbol by new temple by the same symbol by which he had marked the ancient tabernacle as his earthly dwelling place. A shining cloud, outdazzling the morning sun, settled upon the house, 'so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord and filled the house of God' (II. Chicon. v. 13,14). Thus God accepts the temple as His own.'

II. Solomon's Elessing (vs. 12-21, 54-61). Both before and after the dedicatory prayer Solomon blessed

dedicatory prayer Solomon blessed the Lord and the people. He gave God glory, not for wealth, honor, or victory to Israel, but for "rest." Not one word of God's promises had

failed (v. 56).

III. The Dedicatory Prayer (vs. 22-53.) In the act of dedication Solomon stood at the head of the whole ceremony. He was the author of everything from beginning to end—speech, prayer and blessing. He did not take the place of Jehovah, but was his servant. He had erected a brazen scaffold, of five cubits (7½ feet) long, five cubits of an hour?

Of an hour?

Like's a short summer, man's chron. vi. 13), and on this he stood, raised above the people, to bless and instruct them, then kneeled to offer prayer, spreading his hands breath and die—.

and instruct them, then kneeled to offer prayer, spreading his hands toward heaven to express "the fervor of his heart, and the largeness of his expectations."

IV. The Sacrlices Offered (vs. 52-66). "62, 63. Offered sacrlifee—This was a burnt-offering, with its accompaniments, and being the first laid on the altar of the temple, was, as in the similar case of the tabernacle, consumed by miraculous fire from heaven (II. Chron. vii. 12).

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

A dwelling-place for God. For four hundred and eighty years before the building of the temple, the tabernacle, ordered in the wilderness of Sinai, had been God's visible dwelling place among His people. We say visible dwelling-place, for he had been among them from the time that He called Abraham and had appeared to among them from the time that He called Abraham and had appeared to His servants again and again. To Abraham He had manifested Himself in giving the promise that in him "should all the nations of the earth be blessed" and in the prostition of the carth be blessed" and in the prostitions of the carth. Abraham He had manifested Himself in giving the promise that in him is hould all the nations of the earth be blessed," and in the repetition of this promise, as well as in His directions concerning Sodom. So clearly did God reveal Himself to Jacob at Peniel that he was led to exclaim, "I have seen God face to face." Moses realized God's presence in the desert of Midhan, when the Lord would send him forth to the great work for which he had been raised up. At the burning bush he learned from God Himself His name, I Am. For the hourshing bush he learned from God Himself His name, I Am. For the floots of Israel, however, a visible was shown to Moses in the mount, and it was constructed in accordance with that patern. Through the hundreds of years between the giving of the pattern upon the mount and the crection of the temple the Lord saw no necessity for any material modification of the plan. After seven and one-half years of labor upon the temple all was finished, even the minutest details, and it was ready to be presented unto God as His abode.

Bringing in the ark—fibe ark of the covenant was the first and most important part of the furnitures of Bringing in the ark—fire ark of the covenant was the first and most important part of the divine presence and the repository of the tables of stone. It had been in various places, and as the Iraclites had cannot ed p culiar powers with it, so they had taken it out to battle against their enemies, but to their sorrow, for it was captured by the Philistines, among whom was wrought mischief during the several months of its stay. For years now it had been in Zion, the city of David, a place probably but a short distance, perhaps to the north of the temple. There it had been kept in a new tabernacle, the old one being at Gibeon. The ark now contained nothing but the tables of stone. What had become of "the golden pot that had manna and hards ye rod that budded," mentioned appropriate to the brave and great.

20. Only destructive to the brave and great.

31. What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown?

32. The way of bliss lies not on beds of down.

33. How long we live not years but actions tell—
34. That man lives twice who lives the first life well.

35. Make then, while yet you may, your God your friend.

36. Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend.

37. The trust that's given, guard, and to yourself be just,

38. For live we how we can, yet die we must.

The lines are contributions from:

1, Young; 2, Dr. Johnson; 3, Pope; 4, Prior; 5, Sewell; 6, Spencer; 7

Daniel; 8, Sir Walter Scott; 9, Long-fieldow; 10, Southwell; 11, Congreve; 12, Churchill; 13, Rochester: 14.

The sacrifices. Service acceptable to The sacrifices. Service acceptable to God is attended by sacrifice, and here unnumbered beasts were offered in sacrifice to God, a marvellous expression of the devotion of the king and his people to God. Sacrifies and true devotion to God's cause are inseparable. "So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the bouse of the Lord."

David S. Warner.

A LITERARY CURIOSITY

Remarkable compilation by Mrs. H. C. Doming. Each line is a quotation from some standard author, and represents the result of years of laborious search among the voluminous writings of 38 poets.

2. Why all this toil for triumphs

bles of stone. What had become of "the golden pot that had manna and leaves that had manna and fellow; 10, Southwell; 11, Congreve; Aaron's rod that budded," mentioned 12, Churchill; 13, Rochester; 14, in Hebrews iv. 4, we are not in ormal and discourage that they had discoprated among the varied son; 20, Byron; 21, Smollett; 22, vicissitudes through which the ark crabbe; 23, Massinger; 24, Cowley; had passed, and the wonder is that 25, Beattle; 26, Cowper; 27, Sir Walter over the ark itself had been not to Textrart; 28, Gray, 20, Williams even the ark itself had been pre-ter Deverant; 28, Gray; 29, Willis, served during these several centu-ries. It had lost none of its secred-ess and power, for after the priests rick; 35, Watkins; 34, Her-ness and power, for after the priests rick; 35, William Vacco; 36, Hill; had placed it in the most holy place 37, Dana; 38, Shakespeare.

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Kansas City Journal. "Did you hear about Flanders? He fropped thirteen storeys, from a win-low, yesterday." "Good heavens! Killed instantly, I

suppose?"
"Who, Flanders? Oh. no; it was a bundle of dime novels be dropped. His boy had smuggled 'em lato the

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How to Get a Fit. Philadelphia Press

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Miss Plumpleigh—Why of
take it to Padden & Co?

Miss Angles—Are they your tailors?
Miss Plumpleigh—Oil, no, they're pholsterers.

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Her Sympathy. "What's the matter?" she asked

asked.

"Nothing," replied the departing caller severely, "except that your dog has bitten me."

"Ol." she exclaimed. "Poor Fido!"

—Chicago Evening Post.

Toronso carasses. Masking.

The affectings of greats to-day were seen amiler, with rev ornanges in prices. Wheat weaker, with sales of 200 bushels of white at 70c. 300 bushels of white at 70c. 300 bushels of year winter at 70c. and 400 bushels of year winter winter of year winter of year winter of year winter of year winter winter of year winter of year winter winter of year winter of year winter of year winter winter of year winter winter of year winter of year winter of year winter of year winter winter of year winter winter of yea

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Annexation has no merits, but if it
were the best thing on earth for
lyumanity and Canadians individually it would still mean the destruction of Canada nationally, and the disap-pearance of the very name of Can-ada from its place on the roll of nations, or peoples, or kindreds



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"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I have never before given my endorsement for any medicine, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has added so much to my life and happiness that I feel like making an exception in this case. For two years every month I would have two days of severe pain and could find no relief, but one day when visiting a friend I run across Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,—she had used it with the best results and advised me to try it. I found that it worked wonders with me; I now experience no pain and only had to use a few bottles to bring about this wonderful change. I use it occasionally now when I am exceptionally tired or worn out." use it occasionally now when I am exceptionally tired or worn out."—
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The truth about this great medicine is told in the letters from women published in this paper constantly.

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Messas Woodail and Co., Liverpool, cabled Eben James—27,000 bbls, sold, market firmer, but not quotably higher.

The Manchester Fruit Brokers Limited, cabled—Greenings, 12s to 17s; Baldwins, 11s to 14s 6d; Spies, 11s to 15s; Russets, 11s 6d to 14s 6d, Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to day—

Cash. May. New York —————82 1-8 Toledo ————82 1-8 Toledo ————89 1-4 87 1-4 Duluth, No. 1, Nor. ————81 3-4 Bradstreet's on Frade.

Bisiness in Montreal this week has been fairly active for this season. The fine winter weather has improved the sorting trade, Holiday goods are moving quite freely now and orders for the spring are coming to hand nicely. Money is circulating a little more freely and county remittances are improving. The mills this week advanced the prices of sottonades, ticks, demins, shirtings, ginglams, flannelettes, townels and shakers, 2% to 10 per cent. Onc of the mills has withdrawn its prices on meany cottons.

There has, at Toronto this week, been a fair amount of activity in wholesade trade, Values are very firm with advances in some domes. At Quebec, business in wholesale circles, particularly amongst the dry-goods peonle. has been quiet.

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At Quebec, business in wholesale circles, particularly amongst the dry-goods people, has been quiet. Failures, although fully as numerous as preceding years, have been small and the losses are below the minimum. The outlook for spring is bright and trade conditions have a healthy tone.

The movement in the jobbing trade at the Pacific Coast, as reported to

at the Pacific Coast, as reported to Bradstreet's, is quite active.
Business through Manitoba is good now. Retailers are busy with current trade. The prospects for the spring trade are bright.
Hamilton wholesale trade has been busy this week with orders calling for prompt attention, such as in holiday goods and heavy winter goods and shipments have been larger. The conditions of trade are generally healthy. Values are firm. The general prospects for the spring business are encouraging:

London reports to Bradstreet's show some expansion in trade this week. Payments are looking up a A brisk demand for holiday goods

A brisk demand for rollday goods is being experienced at Ottawa at present. Reports of the business for the past year are satisfactory. Values of domsetic staple goods are very firm

Only a "Super."

Interesting men and women, often reduced gentlemen and ladies, are to be found among the supernumeronles of the stage. There is a man of aristocratic bearing, who occasionally gets a job as an "extra" in a popular necessaria. tra" in a popular uptown theatre. He is old and white-headed, with

He is old and white-headed, with a peculiar pallid complexion. He declares that he has never tasted liquor, but has had a lesson that has cost him \$550,000. He has been all over the civilized world, is a graduate of Harvard and a B. A. His knowledge of St. Petersburg, Melbourne, Tasmania, Borneo, Rio de Janeiro, Terra del Fuego, Siberia. Egypt, Arabia, Mexico City and other out-ofthe-way places is profound. His relatives are millionaires, and he lives in hopes of having another fortune handed out to him, which his lesson has taught him, which his lesson has taught him to keep. That lesson was learned on the race track, where he saw the "ponies go round" and

Corrage and Clothes.

made the wrong guess.

If women were not brave, they would never face the dangers with which they are constantly threatened by doctors and others. There have been those who would have frightened them out of their corsets; others have predicted blindness from the use of spotted veils; pneumonia, by this time, would have decimated the female population if all the prophecies concerning the blouse had been fulfilled. Still, woman fearlessly follows fashion.—World.

Stays are supposed to brace a girl ap, but the stays of some young men are apt to make her weary.

YEAR OF STOCKS AND BELTS.

y stocks and belts possess guishing characteristic of being notel. They are neally and truly different from any ever seen before, and marvellous to relate,

There Wasn't Any Story.

A newspaper story that is going the rounds of one of the larger cities concerns a young and very green reporter, who had just been taken on the staff of the town's taken on the staff of the town's leading daily: It happened that several theatrical openings occurred on the same night, and the staff of the paper's dramatic department was able to "cover" only three out of the four events. Space was reserved for a story on Madame Modjeska, who was to open that night in a new play, and the young reporter was assigned to the story. About 9 o'clock he strolled into the office. The city editor greeted him with astonishment. "Why, how's this?" he exclaimed.

"Why, how's this?" he exclaimed.
"Didn't you get any story?"
"No," explained the reporter;
"there wasn't any story." I saw
Madame Modjeska attacked by a
footpad as she was leaving her carriage at the stage door, and as she
didn't come to, I knew that the
performance was off; so I didn't
wait."—Harper's Weekly.

Men and Eternity. For what is it that Dr. Wallace asks us to believe, and has written this most paralogistic of books in the attempt to prove? It is that, at some distant period-and Dr. Wallace makes much of its distance, as an argument in his favor-this universe was called into existence by the will of a Creattor, for a specific purpose, the production of man. Assuming the initial fact, we must agree with Dr. Wallace in assigning hundreds of millions of years to the age dreds of millions of years to the age of the universe. Then there arrived man. He has been here for a few hundreds of thousands of years. He has still a few—a very few—minoms of years to run. It is true that in one place or. Wallace speaks of him as "permaneae," but elsewhere he repeatedly admits that there must come—and that comparatively soon—a period to man's existence. But he has apparently never asked himhe has apparently never asked him-se'f, "What then?" We know that matter and energy are indestructible.
We have every reason to believe that
the universe will exist for ever, and
Dr. Walkee suggests no alternative.
Yet he believes that the hundreds
of millions of stars were called into existence acons ago and will continue to exist for a quite indefinite period to come, in order that man might live upon the earth for a few milions of years—a fraction of a second in an eternity.—London Academy.

Perils of the Printer Man.

A St. James, Mo., newspaper oflice was shot into with buckshot last week by the local grocer because in his ad reading "A fresh stock of dairy butter daily" the printer used an "h" instead of a "d" in the word "dairy." The printer takes more chances than any man on earth.