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In these days of increasing earnestness and activity in religious thought and work, it is good for us to keep before us the true ideal of Christianity. It is lost labour for sailors to crowd on sail if their ship is headed in the wrong direction. The sculptor who with mallet and chisel is shaping the marble block into the image of a man has beside him or behind him the model after which he wishes to shape his marble. Every true sailor, therefore, to steer aright, must keep one eye on his compass and charts and the other eye on his ship, and every true artist as he works his way through the hard marble to the figure of his hero, must ever keep in view the model after which he works.

THE TASK.

Out of the rough and hard block of worldly society, God has commissioned his people to fashion for Him a church. The question naturally arises, Has God furnished his workmen with a model to guide them in their difficult task? We know that when he com-

manded Moses to build His tabernacle, He gave His servant a complete plan of the building down to its minutest details. That building, as well as the more costly temple that succeeded it, have perished, and a spiritual temple, co-extensive with the peopled globe, built of living stones, must be built to the living God on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. Has God given His workmen a model from which to work? has the Divine Architect given his builders a plan after which to fashion his living temple?

THE MODEL.

It is more than an accidental coincidence that the day of Pentecost, the true birth-day of Christianity, happened on that festival on which the Jews offered to the Lord two loaves (the first bread from the new wheat), as an acknowledgment of the harvest and a sample of the bread that was to be eaten till the next harvest came round. The wheat of which the loaves were made was to be of home-growth, the produce of the land (Lev. xxiii. 17). They were to be leavened and of the finest wheat flour of the new crop. These are the words: "Ye shall bring out of your habitation (the territory of the nation) to wave