

the written. The sermon, on this occasion, was based on Psalm cxxii. 9, another of those portions used by the Jews, (as stated before) on their ascent from Babylon; Jerusalem was always to the Jew, the meeting-place between his covenant-keeping Jehovah, and himself—the chosen site, “whither the tribes go up, the tribes of Jehovah, to the testimony (ark) of Israel, to give thanks to the name of Jehovah”—*the Name*, as before explained, being, according to Jewish usage, a designation of the Messiah, who was probably represented by an ark, even after the return from Babylon; the temple was as it were the heart of the city, hence the sentiment of the concluding verse of this psalm—“Because of the house of Jehovah our God, I will seek thy good”—the welfare of the city which encompassed the temple; this was “spiritualized” on this occasion; a reference was made to that part of the dedicatory prayer of Solomon (1 Kings viii. 29) wherein the king supplicates that Jehovah’s “eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward

the place of which thou hast said, *My Name shall be there &c.*,” but to persons who do not apprehend that the purpose of blessing the earth through the instrumentality of the Messiah, and from that selected sphere, remains unalterable, all the beauty of it is lost; we therefore must confess to being disinclined to comment on what was put forth, in relation to it, save that an argument in favor of “elegant structures” was sought to be based on the departed glory of Solomon’s temple, an argument utterly at variance, to our thinking, with the enjoined attitude of a believer of the present dispensation—that of “waiting for his Son from heaven.” 1 Thess. i, 10.

The lack of ventilation in the school-room, on which we commented last week, it appears was traceable to lack of apprehension of the principles of ventilation, on the part of the deacons, who, in their desire to have the room sufficiently heated, closed the registers. We should advise the architects, in future, to study deacons, as well as the science of ventilation.

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