"CHANT TO THE STARS," SUN-DAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Test: "Who Laid the Corner Stone Thereof, When the Morning Stars fing Together"-Book of Job, Chap. 38, Verses 6 and 7.



E have all seen the ceremony at the layof the corner-stone of church, asylum. or Masonic temple. Into the hollow of stone were placed scrolls of history and important documents, to suggestive if, be one or two hun-

dred years after, the building should be destroyed by fire or torn down. We remember the silver trowel or iron hammer that smote the square piece of granite into sanctity. We remember some venerable man who presided wielding the trowel or hammer. We remember also the music as the choir stood on the scattered stones and timber of the building about to be constructed. The leaves of the note-books fluttered in the wind, and were turned over with a great rustling, and we remember how the base, baritone, tenor, contralto, and soprana voices commingled. They had for many days been rehearsing the special programme, that it might be worthy of the cornerstone laying.

In my text the poet of Uz calls us to a grander ceremony—the laying of the foundation of this great temple of a world. The corner-stone was a block of light and the trowel was of celestial crystal. All about and on the embankments of clouds stood the angelic choristers unrolling their librettos of overture, and other worlds clapped shining cymbals while the ceremony went on, and God the architect, by stroke of light after stroke of light, dedicated this great cathedral of world, with mountains for pillars, and sky for frescoed ceiling, and flowering fields for a floor, and sunrise and midnight aurora for upholstery. laid the corner-stone thereof, when the morning stars sang together?"

The fact is that the whole universe was a complete cadence, an unbroken dithyramb, a musical portfolio. The great sheet of immensity had been spread out, and written on it were the stars, the smaller of them minims, the larger of them sustained notes. The meteors marked the staccato passages, the whole heavens a gamut with all sounds, intonations, modulations, the space between the worlds a musical interval, trembling of stellar light a quaver, the thunder a bass clef, the wind among trees a treble clef. That is the way God made all things a perfect harmony.

The human intellect out of tune; the judgment wrongly swerved or the memory leaky or the will weak or the temper inflammable, the well-balanced mind exceptional.

Domestic life out of tune: only here and there a conjugal outbreak of incompatibility of temper through the divorce courts, or a filial outbreak about a father's will through the surrogate's court, or a case of wife-beating or husband-poisoning through the criminal courts, but thousands of families with June outside and January within.

Society out of tune: labor and capital, their hands on each other's throat. Spirit of caste keeping those down in the social scale who are struggling to get up, and putting those who are up in anxiety lest they have to come down. No wonder the old planoforte of society is all out of tune, when hypocrisy and lying, and subterfuge, and double-dealing, and sycophancy, and charlatanism and revenge, have for six thousand years been banging away at the keys and stamping the pedals.

On all sides there is a shipwreck of harmonies. Nations in discord without realizing it; so wrong is the feeling of nation for nation that symbols chosen are flerce and destructive. In this country, where our skies are full of robins and doves and morning larks, we have our national symbol the fierce and filthy eagle, as cruel a bird as can be found in all the ornithological catalogues. In Great Britain, where they have lambs and fallow deer, their symbol is the merciless lion. In Russia. there from between her frozen north and blooming south all kindly beasts dwell, they chose the growling bear: and in the world's heraldry a favorite figure is the dragon, the fabled winged serpent, ferocious and dreadful. And so fond is the world of contention that se climb out through the heavens and baptize one of the other planets with the spirit of battle and call it Mars. after the god of war, and we give to the eighth sign of the zodiac the name vation of righteous men in a righteous of the scorpion, a creature which is chiefly celebrated for its deadly sting But, after all, these symbols are expressive of the way nation feels toward nation. Discord wides tinent and bridging the s

Tartint, the great musical composer creamed one night that he made a contract with Saian, the latter to be ever in the composer's cervice. But onnight he handed to Satan a violin, on which Diabolus played such aweet music that the composer was awakened by the emotion, and tried to reproduce the sounds, and therefrom was written Thetini's most famous piece, "The Devil's Sonata," a dream ingenious, faulty, for all melody descends from heaven, and only discords ascend m hell. All hatreds, feuds, controversies, backbitings, and revenges are he devil's sonata, are diabolic fugue, are demoniac phantasy, are grand march of doom, are allegro of perdi-

But the worst of all discord is moral | melted and raptured our souls for so

painfully discordant to imperfect man what must they be to a perfect God! People try to define what sin is. It seems to me that sin is getting out of harmony with God, a disagreement with his holiness, with his purity, with his love, with his commands, our will clashing with his will, the finite dashing against the infinite, the frail against the puissant, the created against the Creator. If a thousand musicians, with flute and cornet-a-piston, and trumpet, and violoncello, the hautboy, and trombone, and all the wind and stringed instruments that ever gathered in a Duseldorf jubilee should resolve that they would play out of tune, and put concord to the rack, and make the place wild with shricking and grating and rasping sounds, they could not make such a pandemonium as that which rages in a sinful soul when God listens to the play of its thoughts, passions, and emotion-discord, lifelong discord, maddening discord.

In olden the choristers had a tuning fork with two prongs, and they would strike it on the back of pew or music rack, and put it to the ear, and then start the tune, and all the other voices would join. In modern orchestra the leader has a complete instrument rightly attuned, and he sounds that, and all the other performers tune the keys of their instruments to make them correspond, and draw the bow over the string and listen, and sound it over again, until all the keys are screwed to concert pitch, and the discords melt into one great symphony, and the curtain hoists, and the baton taps, and audiences are raptured with Schumann's "Paradise and the Peri," or Rossini's "Stabat Mater," or Bach's "Magnificat" in D.

Now, our world can never be attuned by an imperfect instrument. Even a Cremona would not do. Heaven has ordained the only instrument, and it is made out of the wood of the cross, and the voices that accompany it are imported voices, cantatrices of the first Christmas night, when heaven serenaded the earth with "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." Lest we start too far off and get lost in generalities, we had better begin with curselves, get our own hearts and lives in barmony with the eternal Christ. Oh, for his Almighty Spirit to attune us, to chord our will with his will, to modulate our life with his life, and bring us into unison with all that is pure, and self-sacrificing, and heaven-The strings our nature are all broken and twisted, and the bow is so slack it cannot evoke anything meilifluous. The instrument made for heaven to play on has been roughly twanged and struck by influences worldly and demoniac. O master hand of Christ, restore this split, and fractured, and despoiled, and unstrung nature, until first it shall wail out for our sin and then thrill with Divine pardon! The whole world must also be at-

tuned by the same power. I was in the Fairbanks Weighing Scale Manufactory, of Vermont. Six hundred hands, and they have never had a strike. Complete harmony between labor and capital, the operatives of scores of years in their beautiful homes near by the mansions of the manufacturers, whose invention and Christian behavior made the great enterprise: So, all the world over, labor and capital will be brought into euphony. You may have heard what is called the 'Anvil Chorus," composed by Verdi, a tune played by hammers, great and small, now with mighty stroke, and now with heavy stroke, beating a great iron anvil. That is what the world has got to come to-anvil chorus, yardstick chorus, shuttle chorus, trowel chorus, crowbar chorus, pickaxe chorus, gold-mine chorus, rail-track chorus, locomotive chorus. It can be done, and it will be done. So all social life will be attuned by Gospel harp. There will be as many classes in society as now, but the classes will not be regulated by birth, nor wealth, nor accident, but by the scale of virtue and benevolence, and people will be assigned to their places as good, or very good, or most excellent. So, also, commercial life will be attuned, and there will be twelve in every dozen, and sixteen ounces in every pound, and apples at the bottom of the barrel will be as sound as those on the top, and silk goods will not be cotton, and sellers will not have to charge honest people more than the right price because others will not pay, and goods will come to you corresponding with the sample by which you purchased hem, a .a conce will not be chieoried, and sugar will not be sanded, and milk will not be chalked, and adulteration of food will be a State prison offense. Aye, all things shall be attuned. Elections in England and the United States will no more be a grand carnival of defamation and scurrility, but the ele-

Heaven is to have a new song, an en tirely new song, but I would not wonder if, as sometimes on earth a tune is fashioned out of many tunes, or it is one tune with the variations, so some of the songs of the redeemed may have playing through them the songs of earth; and how thrilling, as coming through the great anthem of the saved, accompanied by harpers with their harps, and trumpeters with their trumpets, if we should hear some of the strains of Antioch, and Mount Pisgah, and Coronation, and Lenox, and St. Martin's, and Fountain, and Ariel, and Old Hundred! How they would bring to mind the praying circles, and ommunion days and the Christmas festivals, and the church worship in which on earth we mingled! I have no idea that when we bid farewell to earth we are to bid farewell to all these grand old Gospel hymns, which

get out of the one and enter the other. After our dreadful civil war was over. in the summer of 1869., a great national peace jubilee was held in Boston, and as an elder of my church had been honored by the selection of some of his music, to be rendered on that occasion, I accompanied him to the jubilee. Forty thousand people sat and stood in the great Collseum erected for that purpose. Thousands of wind and stringed instruments. Twelve thousand trained voices. The masterpieces of all ages rendered, hour after hour, and day after day-Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus," Sphor's "Last Judgment," Beethoven's "Mount of Olives," Hadyn's "Creation," "Mendelssohn's "Elijah," Meyerbeer's "Coronation March," rolling on and up in surges that billowed against the heavens. The mighty cadences within were accompanied on the outside by the ringing of bells of the city and cannon on the commons, discharged by electricity, in exact time with the music, thundering their awful bars of a harmony that astounded all nations. Sometimes I bowed my head and wept. Sometimes I stood up in the enchantment, and sometimes the effect was so overpowering I felt I could not endure it, especially when all the voices were in full chorus, and all the batons were in full wave, and all the orchestra in full triumph, and a hundred anvils under mighty hammers were in full clang, and all the towers of the city rolled in their majestic sweetness, and the whole building quaked with the boom of thirty cannon. Parepa Rosa, with a voice that will never again be equalled on earth until the archangelic voice so proclaims that time shall be no longer, rose above all other sounds in her rendering of our national air, "The Star Spangled Banner." It was too much for a mortal, quite enough for an immortal, to hear, and, while some fainted, one woman's spirit, released under its power, sped away to be with

O Lord, our God, quickly usher in the whole world's peace jubilee, and all islands of the sea join the five continents, and all the voices and all the musical instruments of all nations combine, and all the organs that ever sounded requiem of sorrow sound only a grand march of joy, and all the bells that tolled for burial ring for resurrection, and all the cannon that ever huried death across the nations sound forth eternal victory, and over all the acclaim of earth and minstresy of heaven there win be heard one voice sweeter and mig...ier than any human or angelic voice, a voice once full of tears, but now full triumph, the voice of Christ, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and last." Then, at the laying of the top-stone of the world's history, the same voices shall be heard as when at the laying of the world's cornerstone, "the morning stars sang together."

WISDOM.

It is temper which makes the bliss of home or destroys comfort.

One great trouble in doing a mean action is that you are compelled to associate with yourself afterward.

Whoever fails to turn aside the submit to fulfil the cause of destiny.

Purity of heart and life gives a clearness to the mental horizon which nothing else can; it clears away a vast number of clouds and shadows.

A wise and kindly silence would often prevent incalculable injury. Especially should we avoid repeating what has been said in the heat of an-

The memory of a beloved mother will often arm the heart and sway the life of a strong man, as her presence never did when, as a boy, she yearned over

would lift others, and in this very upward climbing we are making the first and most essential step in social improvement.

When the whites of eggs are used, and the yelks are not required at the same time, drop the yelks into a small cup or glass, cover the surface with a little cold water and keep in a cool place.

If corned beef, tongue or ham is left to cool in the water in which it is boiled the meat will be much better and more moist. All boiled meats should be cooked slowly, and never be allowed to boil rapidly.

Flatirone that from rust or starch should be rubbed with yellow beeswax. Have a cake of the wax tied in a piece of cheeseclotia. Heat the iron until it is very warm, but not hot, rub the iron briskly with the beeswax, then quickly rub with a clesn, coarse cloth until the surface is

WORTH KNOWING.

The big crop of apples in Maine is making business lively for the rail-

Commenting on the recent gift to Chicago university, the Beston Globe lealously remarks: "Them as has

The buiness of shipping moss for packing nursery stock and plants is developing quite an industry at Vicksburg, Mica.

George Washington's monument, on South mountain, Maryland, was struck by lightning on Saturday night last and badly shattered.

A panorama of hell has just been cent in from other parts of the painted by a number of Italian and state. In one of these tests a compari-Hungarian artists. They have asked King Humbert to inspect it.

every new book of note published, and similar lots of grain grown in 1835,1834 her expenditure on literature of all and 1883. The wheat was planted in sorta is ever \$6,000 per annum.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof -Horticulture, Viticulture and Flori-



HE Oregon experiment station sends out the following advice to orchardists as to work for this and following months:

September-Give last spraying for codling moth to Baldwins and other late varieties this

To insure good results month. spraying must be thorevery and an even distribution of ough, the poison over this fruit must be received. Some orchardists go so far as to spray every ten or twelve days during the summer for the codling moth. Such energy is very commendable, and probably brings better returns than fewer sprayings, albeit the labor and expense is much greater. Before rains begin, burn all rubbish about orchards and about the farm generally, in corners, along fence rows, that no good place be left for insects to hibernate in. Do not pile green cord wood along side of orchard; you are likely to thereby bring into the vicinity of your fruit trees pests which, if left in the forest, would not injure you.

October - Put away spray pump after last spraying and all spraying machinery, tanks, etc., in good order, thoroughly clean and free from any corroding substance.

November-Buy good books on fruit pests and diseases of fruit trees and lay out a course of reading which will help you the coming season. You will want to look over your file of Experiment Station Bulletins. You have no doubt carefully put them away, as they have been received from time to time. If any member of your family, or if you have taken time to collect specimens of pests and insects generally, it is a good time with the literature you have to become familiar with their appearance and habits.

December-Before the last of December you have probably, having first received price lists from reliable firms, made arrangements for purchasing a spray pump if you need one, and have obtained lye, sulphur, quick lime, salt, blue vitriol, paris green, or london purple, and any and all insecticides which you will need for winter and spring use. Be careful to get good paris green A good quality of this poison should mix readily with water and form a mass of the consistency of cream. In fact, this is the way we have always mixed it in spraying. First mix it with a small quantity of water, and then pour it into the larger quantity of liquid.

A Horticultural Discussion.

J. W. Clark, professor of horticulture in the Missouri State Agricultural college, was called on at an institute to discuss fruit-growing. Being asked to of life by prudent forethought must he said: Select such varicties as bear well, look well, and sell well. As a rule kinds that do well in the east are not good in the west. Ben Davis, Wine Sap, Jonathan, Smith's Cider, and Rome Beauty are all good, but may not all do well in a particular locality. We must plant such as are adapted to our soil and location.

Q .- Tell us how to grow an orchard. A .- Take any good corn land, prepare it as for a crop of corn; get good two-year-old trees from the nearest home nursery; plant 25 or 30 feet apart; cultivate the land in corn or some hoed crop if the land is rich, until the trees come into bearing; then let the We must ourselves ascend if we orchard occupy the ground alone, but continue the cultivation of the land as long as apples are wanted. Set either in the spring or fall. If in the fall, must see to it in the spring that the hole in the soil by the trunk, caused by the wind swaying the tree, is not allowed to remain.

Q.-How can the insects troublesom

to the apple be overcome? A .- The round-headed borer can be kept from the trees by placing a cylinder of wire netting around the base of each tree. The damage done by the larvae of the codling moth can be lessened by spraying the trees just after the blossoms fall, with a solution of paris green, one pound of the green to two hundred gallons of water. A second, and if heavy rains come, a third, spraying should be given before the weight of the apple bends the blossom end downward. No spraying should be done before the blossoms fall, for fear of poisoning bees and honey. If too strong a solution of paris green is used, It will kill the foliage.

Q .- When is the time to prune trees? A .- If to make a tree grow, prune while it is dormant. Pruning when the tree is growing will check growth. When setting out trees, cut back the

Injury to Seed Wheat in Ohio.

top to balance the roots.

Comparatively little of this 'year's rheat crop in Ohio was threshed or housed before the rains set in, and in consequence the grain, which was poor in quality to begin with, has been further injured by spranting in the shock saya a bulletin of the Ohio experiment station. The station is making germination tests, both with wheat grown on the station farm and with samples son was made between theat of this year's crop, which has stood in the Queen Victoria purchases almost shock throughout the wet spell, and wrefully prepared garden soil on

TALMAGE'S SERMON. discord. If society and the world are many years. Now, if sin is discord, FARM AND GARDEN. Aug. 17, and warm, showery weather cent of the seed of this year had germinated and was growing nicely, and three days later 3 per cent more had appeared above ground. The old wheat all started a little more quickly than the new, and just 80 per cent of that planted was above ground on the fifth day; only one more plant had appeared on the eighth day, the percentage of germination on that day being 81 for the wheat of 1893, 79 for 1894, 81 for 1895 and 83 for 1896. Apparently, therefore, it is safe to use wheat of this year's growth for seed, except where the condition is exceptionally bad; but in view of the less vigorous growth shown at first in this test the station would advise the use of a larger quantity of seed than ordinary. It should be observed that this test was made under exceptionally favorable conditions, and in unfavorable weather it would be reasonable to expect that a larger proportion of the seed would fail to grow.

Barnyard Manure.

In a farmers' bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, Prof. W. H. Beal says that barnyard manure is probably the most efficient means at the disposal of the farmer to permanently improve his soil. No other fertilizer possesses to so great a degree the power of restoring worn soils to productiveness and giving them lasting fertility. It accomplishes this result, however, not so much by the actual fertilizing constituents which it supplies as by improving the physical properties of the soil, increasing the amount of humus, which is generally deficient in worn soils, improving its texture and increasing its water absorbing and water holding power. Experiments have shown that the influence of manure may be perceptible twenty years after application. Observations at Rothamsted, England, during forty years on barley nnmanured, manured continuously, and manured during the first twenty years, only showed that there was gradual exhaustion and reduction of produce without manure, and gradual accumulation and increase of produce with the annual application of barnyard manure. But when the application was stopped, although the effect of the residue from the previous applications was very marked, it somewhat rapidly diminished, notwithstanding that calculation showed an enormous accumulation of nitrogen as we'll as other con-

Treatment of Seed Wheat for Smut. Bulletin 64 of the Ohio Experiment

stituents.

Station reports the results of a series of experiments made on the station farm at Wooster in 1895 in the treatment of oats for the prevention of smut, in which it was shown that from duplicate samples of seed, taken from the same sack, the untreated seed produced as high as 40 per cent of smutted heads, while the treated seed produced a considerably larger crop entirely free from smut. These experiments have been repeated with the same result in 1896,a year when the smut of oats has been exceptionally prevalent. It has also been demonstrated that, with a very slight modification, the same treatment the best apples to plant, will absolutely prevent the stinking smut of wheat, and the bulletin named gives full directions for this treatment, both for oats and wheat. From the reports which have come to the station it seems probable that the farmers of Ohlo have this year lost not less than half a million dollars from oats smut alone.

> Eating Apples at Night.-Dr. Searls says in the Bulletin of Pharmacy: "Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple has remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. It is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculous growths, while it relieves indigestion and is one of the best preventives known for diseases of the throat. No harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples before retiring for the night." This is strong language from an acknowledged authority, and our life experience fully favors the use of ripe fruits late in the evening, especially in winter.

Breeding True Qualities .- A writer on dairy subjects says: We want milkers, with milking qualities, and a breeding out, or into latency, of everything that antagonizes milking, or milking with feeding qualities in attendance if called for, something found now in most of the milking breeds of all countries; the exceptions to this combination of milking and feeding being found only in the smaller dairy breeders, like the Channel-Island cattle and Kerrys, that have so many generations been scantily fed that the laying on of fat was outside the possibilities, and we find that the quality of exclusive milk giving is well impressed on these breeds even under heavy feed-

A French economist has been figuring up the number of dairy cows in the leading countries of the world. He says that there are 6,700,000 cows in France, producing 80,000,000 gallons of milk; in the United Kingdom, about 4,000,000; in Germany, 9,087,000; Denmark, 1,000,000, and in Austria, 4,254,-000. In the United States the number of cows has almost doubled since 1870. being now set down at 16,500,000, and in Australia over 12,000,000,

Go round your fence and lighten it up before the cattle break in and com-pet you to do it. Good fences make good neighbors.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL,

ESSON VII, NOV. 15 - GOD'S BLESSING TO SOLOMON.

Golden Text: "The Blessing of the Lord It Maketh Rich and He Addeth ne Sorrow with It'-Prov. 10:13- The Two Ways.



AVING traced Solo AVING traced Solom on's course through his great works and his religious privileges and labors, and come to the culmination of his career, we see the dangers to which he was exposed and the need of repeated warnings. No one is safe from temptation, and often the

is safe from temptation, and often the
winds blow m o s t
fiercely and the cold is most benumbing
on the heights of success. God once more
presented to the king's vision the two
ways and urged him to go the right way.
The application is for us all. We can illustrate this truth by various Bible events
and characters,—the scene on Mts. Ebai
and Gerizim, the scene on Mt. Carmel,
the warnings of Jesus himself. The object of this lesson is to persuade our readject of this lesson is to persuade our read-ers to make the right choice and the wise

The section includes 9: 1-9 and the parallel account in 2 Chron. 7: 12-22. Time. Probably B. C. 592, in the 24th year of Solomon's reign, when in the height of his prosperity he needed another warning. (See under verse 3.)

Place. Jerusalem.

The text of today's lesson, with explanatory notes, follows:

atory notes, follows: 3. "I have heard thy prayer." Some have atory notes, follows:

3. "I have heard thy prayer." Some have thought that this reference to Solomon's prayer of dedication and the similar order of thought in what follows implies that this vision was sent immediately after the dedication of the Temple. "I have hallowed this house * * to put my name there forever." I accept it as mine: and my purpose has not changed. "Mine eyes," to watch over it, and to note the sincere worship that will go up from it. "And mine heart," in love, and affection, and care. I not only see, but I delight in it. I will care for it as the apple of mine eye. It shall be a peculiar treasure. "Perpetually." I will keep my part of the covenant. This temple shall never be destroyed or injured through any neglect of mine. The Way of Life. 4. "If thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness" (cf. ch. 3: 6, 14: 11: 34). David was not perfect, as our author tells us elsewhere (ch. 15: 5: ef. ch. 1: 6: 2 Sam. 24:

rightness" (cf. ch. 3: 6, 14: 11: 34). David was not perfect, as our author tells us elsewhere (ch. 15: 5: cf. ch. 1: 6: 2 Sam. 24: 10). His integrity consisted in his unvarying loyalty to the true God.—Pulpit Com. 5. "Then will establish the throne. * * * for ever." There was always this condition imposed. God would do his part faithfully. No outward force could destroy them. God would be their rock and their fortress, a wall of fire, and his angels fortress, a wall of fire, and his angels would be their guard. The only possible source of destruction lay with the people themselves. "There shall not fall thee a man." As a matter of fact, neither Sola man." As a matter of fact, neither Solomon nor his descendants kept their covenant with God; and "great David's greater Son." the everlasting king, through whom the kingdom of David abides and increases, did not come through Solomon's line, but that of his brother Nathan, whose descendant Mary was his mother (Luke's Genealogy); while only the legal heirship came through Solomon, whose descendant Joseph was the legal father of Jesus (Matthew).

PRACTICAL. Only a righteous nation can endure. And this according to the eternal law of God. The first care, therefore, of every patriotic citizen is to make righteousness prevail in every department.

ment.

The Way of Death. 6. "But if ye shall at all (wholly) turn from following me," etc. The meaning is rather "if ye shall wholly turn away from following me." See the parallel passage in Chronicles (2 Chron. 7: 19),—"If ye turn away and forsake my statutes," The Israelites were not to be cut off, except for an entire defection.—Cook, "And serve other Gods." The Israelites were exposed to two forms of forsaking God: one was by crimes, dis-

The Israelites were exposed to two forms of forsaking God: one was by crimes, disorders. and all breaking of the second table of the law, which naturally and necessarily led to ruin; and the other was by a neglect of religion and a turning to idols, which led to the breaking of all the other commandments. The whole tendency of idol worship was to impurity of life. The neglect of God took away the restraining influences of religion and the very life and soul of mortals.

7. "A proverb and a byword" "The very name of Israel will become a proverbial expression significant of disastrous failure," to be used in mockery and sarcastic soern. Compare Deuteronomy 28: 37, 46, soern. Compare Deuteronomy 28: 37, 46,

8. "At this house, which is high," "c spicuous ir its ruin as in its glory," or "which has been high, exalted, glorious by God's presence and blessing"; as the Revised Version renders: "and though this house be high"; yet even this shall not preserve it. "Shall hiss," in scorn and contempt.

9. "Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt." This shows (1) the greatness of their sin, involving, as it did, the utmost degree of ingratitude: (2) the folly of their course in rejecting so powerful and so good a God; and (3) how much God had done to prevent them from going astray. going astray.

HISTORY. The whole subsequent history of the nation is a commentary on this warning.

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Practical Suggestions.—1. "The very kindest thing a friend can do for us is to admonish us when we are going wrong. Thou mayest be sure that he that will in private tell thee of thy faults is thy friend, for he adventureth thy dislike and doth hazard thy hatred.—Sir W. Raleigh. God showed this proof of love to Solomon."—Pulpit Com. 2. The wise man always forsees the evil. He takes a wise outlook into the future to see where different paths lead. It is not fear, or cowardice, but wisdom which leads him to de this. 3. The fear of the evil consequences of sin is not the basis of character. It is not the mainspring of a true life. It is only a help to the partially good, and a motive to those who have not yet chosen the right and safe way.

A sandwich that is excellent with iced tea or lemonade is made with a raisin filling. Remove the seeds from halved raisins, and lay the raisins closely together upon very thin slices of buttered bread. Sandwiches of brown bread, with a filling of ficelymineed cheese, to which has been added a little mustard, are delightful.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

The historic scarlet coat of the British infantry is doomed, so the story goes, to disappear in favor of the blue serge jacket.

More gold watches are worn by artisans and laboring men in the United States than in any two other countries in the world.

Rice should in reality only be thrown by married ladies at a wedding, as it ignifies a welcome for the new recruit to their ranks