LMAGE'S SERMON.

TORMING THE HEIGHTS OF LEAGUED OPPRESSION.

the Text, "Who Art Thou, O Great Mountain? Before Zerubbabet Thou Shalt Become a Plain."-Zecharia, Chapter 4, Verse 7.



ERUBBABEL! Who owned that difficult name, in which three times the letter "b" occurs, disposing most people to stammer in the pronunciation? Zerubbabel the splendid man called to rebuild

the destroyed Temple at Jerusalem. Stone for the building had been quarried, and the trowel had rung at the laying of the corner-stone, and all went well, when the Cuthaeans offered to help in the work. They were a bad lot of people, and Zerubbabel declined their help, and then the trouble began The Cuthaeans prejudiced the Secretary of the Treasury against Zerubbabel, so that the wages of the carpenters and masons could not be paid, and the heavy cedar timbers which had been dragged from Mount Lebanon to the Mediterranean and floated in rafts from Beyrout to Joppa, and were to be drawn by ox team from Joppa '3 Jerusalem, had halted, and as a result of the work of those jealous Cuthaeans for sixteen years the building of the Temple was stopped. But after sixteen years, Zerubabbel, the mighty soul, got a new call from God to go ahead with the Temple building, and the Angel of the Lord in substance said: "They have piled up obstacles in the way of Zerubbabel until they have become as a mountain, height above height, crag above crag; but it shall all be thundered down and made flat and smooth as the floor of a house. 'Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." Well, the Cuthaeans are not all

dead yet. They are busy in every neighborhood and every city and every nation of every age, heaping obstacles in the way of the cause of God. They have plied up hindrances above hindrances until they have become a hill, and the hill has become a mountain, and the mountain has become an Alp, and there it stands, right in the way of all movements for the world's salvation. Some people are so discouraged about the height and breadth of this mountain in front of them that they have done nothing for sixteen years and many of those who are at work trying to do something toward removing the mountain toil in such a way that I can see they have not much faith that the mountain of hindrances will ever be removed. They feel they do their duty, but they feel all ime I can hear it in their prayare and exhortations—that they are striking their pickaxes and shovels into the side of the Rocky Mountains. If the good Lord will help me while I preach I will give you the names of some of the high mountains which are really in the way, and then show you that those mountains are to be prostrated, torn down, ground up, leveled, put out of sight forever. "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Ze-

rubbabel thou shalt become a plain. First, there is the Mountain of Prejudice, as long as a range of the Pyrenees. Prejudice against the Bible book, an inconsistent book book, an unclean book, and in every way an unfit book. The most of them have never read it. They think of the rocks contradict the in Genesis. The poor souls know that the Mosaic account agrees exactly with the geological ac-No violin or flute ever were is better accord. By crowbar and pickare and shovel and blasting powder the geologist goes down in the earth and says, "The first thing created in the furnishing of the earth was the plants. Moses says, "Ay! I told you that in the Book of Genesis: 'The earth brought fourth grass and herb, yielding seed after his kind, and the tree rielding fruit." The geologist goes on digging in the earth, and save "The next thing in the furnishing of the earth was the making of the creafures of the sea." Moses says, "Av I told you that was next in the Book of Genesis: God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving ereatures that have life; and God created great whales." The geologist goes on digging, and says, "The next thing in the furnishing of the earth was the creation of the cattle and the reptiles and the beasts of the field." "Ay!" says Moses, "I told you that was next in the first chapter of Genesia: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind attle, and creeping thing, and beast the earth after his kind." logist goes on digging in the earth nd save "The next creature was the eman family. "Ay!" says Moses, id you that was next in the Book o als: So God created man in his in image, in the image of God eated he him; male and female ated he them.'" Those prejudiced that the Bible do not know that the eations in Egypt and Palestine Syria are confirming the Scrips, the same facts written

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Engineers have found, eighty feet be- will ever become a plain? low the surface of the ground at Jeru- Sometimes a general begins a battle salem, Phoenician pottery and hewn before he is ready, because the enemy stones with inscriptions, showing that forces it on him. The general says, they were furnished by Hiram, King "The enemy are pushing us, and so I prying eye of the antiquarian and the ready to meet them, and great are the gist. No more is infidelity character- Through the glass of inspiration shadows over this continent and over | King's artillery, louder than any thunall continents. Geographers tell us der that ever shook the earth, and with mountain in the world. Ob, no! The mountain of prejudice against Christianity is higher than the highest crags that dare the lightnings of heaven. Before our Zerubbabei can it ever become a plain? Yonder also is the Mountain of

Crime, with its strata of fraud, and malpractice, and malfeasance, and blackmail, and burglary, and piracy, and theft, all its heights manned with plunderers, the marauders, the piliazers, the corsairs, the wreckers, bandits, the tricks ers, the forgers, the thugs, the garotters, the fire-flends, the dynamiters, the shoplifters, the kleptomaniacs, the pyromaniacs, the dipsomaniacs, the smugglers, the kidnappers, the Jack Sheppards, the Robert Macaires, and the Macbeths of vilainy. The crimes of the world! Am I not right in calling them, when piled up together, a mountain? But we cannot bring ourseives to appreciate great heights except by comparison. You think of Mount Washington as high. especially those of you who ascended as of old, on muleback, or more recently by rail-train, to the Tip Top House. Oh, no! That is not high! For it is only about six thousand feet whereas, rising on this western hemisphere are Chimborazo, twenty-one thousand feet high, and Mount Sahama, twenty-three thousand feet high and Mount Sarota, twenty-four thousand eight hundred feet high. But that is not the highest mountain on the western hemisphere. The highest mountain is the Mountain of Crime, and is it possible that this mountain. before our Zerubbabel, can ever be

made a plain? There is also the Mountain of War the most volcanic of all mountains,the Vesuvius which, not content, like the Vesuvius of Italy, with whelming two cities, Herculaneum and Pompeli, has covered with its flery scoria thousands of cities and would like to whelm all the cities of both hemispheres. Give this mountain full utterance, and it would cover up Washington and New York and London as easily as a householder, with his shovel, at ten o'clock at night banks a grate fire with ashes. This mountain is a pile of fortresses, barricades, and armories, the world's artillery heaped, wheels above wheels, columbiads above columbiads, seventyfour pounders above seventy-four pounders, wrecked nations above greeked nations. This Mountain of War is not only loaded to cannonade the earth, but it is also a cemetery, holding the corpses of thirty million stain in the wars of Alexander and Cyrus, sixty million slain in Roman wars, one hundred and eighty million slain in war with Turks and Saracens

and holding about thirty-five billion corpses, not million but billion. What a hissing, bellowing thus ng. souring force is Kilanea! Lake of nquenchable dre: convolutions and

are stretched up toward the tree as if paroxysms of flame: elements of nato pluck the fruit. Thus the Bible ture in torture: torridity and luridity: congregation of dreads: molten hor-In a museum at Constantinople you rors: sulphurous abysms: swirling see a piece of the wall that once in mystery of all time: infinite turbuthe ancient Temple of Jerusalem sep- lence: chimney of perdition: wallowarated the court of the Gentiles and ing terrors: fifteen acres of threats: the court of the Israelites, to which glooms insufferable and Daniesque: Paul refers when he says of Christ, cauldron stirred by the champion witch "He is our peace, who hath broken of Pandemonium: camp-fire of the down the middle wall of partition be- armies of Diabolus: wrath of the mountween us." On tablets recently dis- tains in full bloom: shimmering incovered have been found the names of candescence: pyrotechnics of the prominent men of the Bible, spelled a planet: furnace-blast of the ages: little different, according to the de- Kilauea!" But, my friends, mightier, mands of ancient language. "Adamu" higher, vaster, hotter, more raging is for Adam, "Abramn" for Abraham, the volcanic Mountain of War. It has "Ablu" for Abel, and so on. Twenty- been blazing for hundreds of years, two feet under ground has been found and will keep on blazing until, until, a seal inscribed with the words "Hag- -but I dare not hazard a prophecy. gai, son of Shebaniah," thousands of Can it be that its fires will ever be years ago cut, showing that the Pro- put out? Can it be that its roar will phet Haggal, who wrote a part of the ever be silenced? Can it be that before Bible, was not a myth. The Royal our Zerubbabel that blazing mountain

of Tyre, just as the Bible says they open battle. We are not sufficient to were. The great names of Bible his- cope with them, but I hope the retory, that many suppose are names of serve forces will come up in time." imaginary beings, are found cut into. The battle rages, and the general looks imperishable stones which have within through his field glass at the troops, a few years been rolled up from their but ever and anon he sweeps his fieldentombment of ages, such as Sen- glass backward and upward toward the nacherib and Tiglath-Pileser. On the hill, to see if the reserve forces are edge of a bronzed step, and on burned coming. "Hard pushed are we!" says brick has been found the name of Ne- the general. "I do wish those reinbuchadnezzar. Henry Rawlinson and forcements would come up." After Oppert and Hincks, and Palestine ex- awhile the columns of the advancing ploration societies, and Asyriologists, cavalry are seen tossing on the ridge nd Egyptologists, have rolled another of the hill, and then the flash of swords, Bible up from the depths of the earth, and then the long lines of mounted and lo! it corresponds exactly with our | troops, their horses in full gallop, and Bible, the rock Bible just like the the general says, "All is well. Hold printed Bible, inscriptions on cylinders out, my men, a little longer. Let the and brick-work cut thirty-eight hun- sergeants ride along the lines and cheer dred years before Christ testifying to the men and tell them reinforcements the truth of what we read eighteen are coming." And now the rumbling of hundred and ninety-seven years after the batteries and gun-carriages is dis-Christ. The story of the Tower of tinctly heard, and soon they are in Babel has been confirmed by the fact line, and at the first roar of the newlythat recently at Babel an oblong pile arrived artillery the enemy, a little of brick one hundred and ten feet high while before so jubilant, fall back in evidences the remains of a fallen tower. | wild retreat, their way strewn with In the Inspired Book of Ezra we read | canteens and knapsacks and ammuniof the great and noble Asnapper, a tion, that the defeated may be unhindname that meant nothing especial, un- ered in their flight. That is just the til recently, in pried-up Egyptian sculp- | way now. In this great battle against ture, we have the story there told of | sin and crime and moral death the enehim as a great hunter as well as a my seem too much for us. More groggreat warrior. What I say now is shops than hurches. More bad men news to those prejudiced against the than good men, and they come up with Bible. They are so far behind the bravado and the force of great numtimes that they know not that the bers. They have opened battle upon Old Book is being proved true by the us before we are, in our own strength, ringing hammer of the archaeologist discouragements. But steady, there! and the plunging crowbar of the geolo- Hold on! Reinforcements are coming. ized by its blasphemy than by its ig- look, and see the flash of the sword of norance, but oh! what a high moun- "him who hath on his vesture and on tain of prejudice against the Bible, his thigh a name written King of against Christianity, against churches, kings and Lord of lords." All heaven against all evangelizing enterprises - a is on our side and is coming to the mountain that casts its long, black rescue. I hear the rumbling of the that Mount Everest is the highest every rol; of the ponderous wheels our courage augments, and when these reinforcements from heaven get into line with the forces of God aiready on earth, all the armies of unrighteousness will see that their hour of doom has come, and will waver and fall back and take flight and nothing be left of them save here and there, strewn by the wayside, an agnostic's pen or a broken decanter or a torn playbill of and embezzlement, and libertinism, a debasing amusement or a blasphemous paragrap's, or a leper's scale, or a the desperadoes, the cut-throats, the dragon's tooth, to show they ever expick-pockets, the thimbie-riggers, the jisted. Let there be cheering all along the lines of Christian workers, over fact that what the shovels fail to "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou

> The mountains look on Marathon. And Marathon looks on the sea. Shrine of the mighty can it be That this is all remains of thee!

shalt become a plain."

A Cricket-Playing Bishop. Clergymen who enter into genera athletic aports always run the risk of encouraging familiar and impertment relations on the part of those with whom they play. As an instance of the way in which this may take place, a story told of the late bishop of Rochester by an English paper may be quoted. This good bishop was so fond of

cricket that he used to play the game with an expert local team. One day when he was batting in a match the bowler pitched very wide, and the bishop exclaimed sharply:

"Please keep the ball in the parish! The next ball which the bowler sent knocked out the bishop's "mid stump: whereupon the bowler remarked loud enough for some of the spectators to

"I think that's somewhere about the diocese, fay lud!"

Honey a Cure for Smallpox. Experiments made with smallpox patients in Oaxaca, Mexico, show that by administering honey diluted in water to smallpox patients the pustules of the worst variety disappear and the fever is immediately diminished. The matter attracts much attention. The remedy was accidentally discovered by a young girl who was down with the disease, who secretly refreshed herself with honey and water, with astonishing curative results, and it was then tried on soldiers sick with the disease.

Those Curves. Briggs-I had to stand all the way coming up to the cable car, but we rushed along at racing speed. Griggs-How many laps to the mile? New York Journal.

Wounded in Battle.

There is but one monarch of Europe tho can show the scar of a wound received in war. It is King Humbert who received a severe saber cut at the attle of Custozza.

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and antiquarian interest lingering soldiers who fell at duty's call at Val round the ancient city of Santa Fe? | verde and Apache Canyon. This relic of early civilization in this country was founded by the Spaniards on the site of Tigeux or Tigua, one of the celebrated "Seven Cities" at the founding of the Aztec Confederacy, in

Its streets, museums, and private collections of curios absolutely teem with relics and records of a stirring history, and include famous pictures of saint or shrine, painted on elk and puma skins. sabre thrusts where they had been used as banners during the march of Coronado in 1541, others with arrow holes from attacks by Indians on the line of march up the valley of the Rio

There are quaint maps in Latin and French, showing three cities of note on the continent, and giving California as an island of the Pacific, curious for their careful execution and grotesque inaccuracy. There are bronze stirrups of strange shape and weight, inlaid with pure gold; horse cloths, with jangling metal fringe; sacred images curiously wrought and inlaid with gold of cunning workmanship, brought from Spain with the expedition to insure victory and establish the faith, and with them can be seen rawhide trunks, with penderous locks and sterling frames. brought to contain records, jewelry and other valuables.

treasures of record or relic. Around it, too, lingers much of the romance of the city. For 300 years it has been the home of its rulers, seventy-six Mexican and Spanish and seventeen American governors having held sway within its walls. In its early days it lay under the shadow of the dread intimes, "Ben Hur" first saw the light under the pen of General Lew Wal-

How many of those who yearly travel [and here, also, surrounded by loving to that Mecca of wealthy Americans, memories and fond regrets, amid beau-California, realize the beauty, romance | tiful foliage, is a monument to the

In Santa Fe are the military head quarters for New Mexico, it being also in 1538 under the name of Santa Fe. the oldest military establishment in America, created by the Spaniards in 1602, and in almost continuous occupation ever since. Here, too, is the oldest house in the United States, in which Coronado is said to have lodged in 1540, and, perhaps, even more interesting, here is the oldest church, San Miguel, built about 1543, partially destroyed in 1680, wholly restored in 1710, the restorers leaving intact all that was possible of the old roof, hewn by Indians under the guidance of the

In this church is the great bell, almost solid, east in 1356, and having an inscription in Spanish round it as a band, the letters and figures being still well raised in the solld casting. This bell was brought over from Spain and hung in the tower, but finally, being thought too heavy for the tower, it was removed to a substantial timber support in the entrance to the church. in the cathedral and other churches are remarkable reredoses, paintings and vestments, many of them of considerable antiquity, all inviting the visitor to linger in this home of the

But the city is also a city of the

present, and a very pleasant present it The palace has become the home of is. An equable climate and delightful the choicest collection of Mexican and | sunshine hover over streets in which Spanish pictures in the southwest, and the houses have enough of the sanctity in its historical rooms are priceless of age to infuse a restful spirit in the air. These houses are often from one to two centuries old, usually of one story, with thick adobe (sundried brick) walls, deep embrasures to the plain doors and windows abutting on the sidewalk under a piazza, and giving not the slightest hint of the wealth of cosey comfort and elegance to be found quisition, and within its walls, in later | inside. The rooms are usually large and numerous, arranged around a placita or Moorish court, generallly from fifty to geventy-five feet square.

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HOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES ring of steel and the din of warriors entered from the street by a wooden in the plaza when Onate set up his gate, let into the wall of the house in camp in 1662, and when the Pueblo line with the doors and windows. This Indians conquered the city in 1680, gate at once shuts out intruders and the gaze of the outside world, while burning the archives and sacred vessels, while twelve years later, in 1692, the house and gardens together form the same plaza witnessed the triumphal entry of Diego de Vargas, after his Fruitful orchards and fertile lands vow and the victory which followed it, He round about the city, which is which again placed the city under once a monument to the spirit of the

Spanish rule. Here General Kearney past and the activity, beauty and prog elevated the Stars and Stripes in 1846, I ress of the present day.

ONE TYPE OF ENGLISHMEN.

and Very Uninteresting.

as many know, a garden bordered by the lakes where in the very necessary shade of lilac trees contemplative Austrians sit at small tables and consume the deep-colored beer, so called, of Munich, says McClure's. Among these, and within sound of their sober exclaof the prospect, sat a young English- | hooked. man, gracefully idle, and wearing with a becoming indifference a most trying headcovering at that time fashionable and still known at Cambridge as "beast" hat. He was watching the approach of a countrywoman-young wholesome, sunburned and energeticwho had just emerged from the door of the hotel. The Englishman was startlingly clean, with thin soft hai carefully brushed back from a bland forehead. His face was narrow, with a prominent nose, suggesting the frequent use of soap and water. The countenance was expressive of dominant quality, as hearly all countenances are if studied with understanding, and that nothing less than the desire to be instantly and persistently agreeable. Ladies given to the exercise of that species of hospitality which has for its aim the bringing together of young people and for its end the hope that some of these may elect to remain together till death do them

release invariably secured Algernon

Augustus Passavant. Algernon, it ap-

young girls thought him stupid and did Startlingly Clean, Persistently Agreeable | not aiways understand his humor, They thought that he lacked The Grand hotel at Zell-am-Zee has, and was uninteresting. His hair, in fact, was too thin and too short. more elderly sirens engaged in the pursuit of eligible junior attaches, kept an eve upon Passavant as a sheep dog keeps an eye upon the shepherd. few mistaken mammas set little traps for him, and he made himself invariamations of wonderment at the beauty | bly agreeable to the bait, without being

A Judge's Experience.

Mr. James Reilly, an early frontier judge, tells the following tale of his first experience at the court of justice: "I had just been elected judge when fellow up for horse stealing consented to be tried by six jurors. Most of the men were off gold digging. Well, summed up. The jury retired. waited a long time outside. The jury waited longer inside. The sheriff tried to get in. I got in when I lost patience. Five were for conviction. sixth, a friend of the prisoner, for acquittal. He was a desperate chap. tackled him. When we commenced he was 'the bully of Little Elk Creek. When we ended I was. He volunteered to bring in a verdict of guilty before let him up. I lost two of my fingers by bowie-knife amputation. I was very popular there! My calm, firm admin-

The devil changes his coat every day,

istration of the law touched them."