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WORLD MOVING FORWARD

Toward the Long Day of Emancipation and Christly Dominion.

The leaves appear only once and then die, but these great arms are stretched out toward heaven in silent prayer for scores of years, now muffled with ice, now robed in snow or bowing to the God in the tempests as he passes in.

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR.
In July the trees stand glorifying the earth; in January they stand doying the winter, under the same tree the child plays with his toy, and growing up to manhood, sits under it in sentimentality and philosophic mood, and, having passed on to old age, roasts himself under its shade. In these January days the trees seem to say: "The leaves that rustled the music in the last summer are dead and gone, but the leaves that will adorn this uncovered brow and these bare arms shall have as much beauty and glory as their predecessors. Only wait. There are beautiful and lovely things to come in your life. O human spectator, Oh, the tree! Only the lightning and the infinite could have made one. Gothic architecture was suggested by it. But for the arch of its bough and the pointing of its branches the St. Chappelle of Paris and other specimens of Gothic arch would never have been lifted. No wonder the world has taken it in many styles of suggestiveness—the laurel for the victor, the willow for the sorrowing, the aspen for the trembling, the cypress for the burying. But unlike ourselves, they cannot change their place, and stand stratified all, that passes. Some of them are solemn monuments of the centuries. Thank God for trees, their beauty, their shelter, their interlocking branches—not only for the trees in June time coronation, but in January privation of everything but graceful structure! Let the iconoclastic act not be lifted against them. "Woodman, spare that tree!"

In this very month of January, 1643, two months after a great battle had been fought between the army of the King and the army of Parliament, shepherds and travelers heard the battle repeated in the skies, the sound of drums, the clash of arms, the groans of dying men and then the withdrawal of the scene into complete silence. These shepherds and travelers repeated in the neighboring towns what they heard, and large numbers of people, expecting that all was a deception, went out on the following night, and they heard the same uproar and tumult in the heavens—the

TWO ARMIES IN BATTLE.
The King, hearing of this seeming combat in the heavens, sent ambassadors to inquire into the mystery. In the night they also heard the conflict and came back to the King and took solemn oath as to this mysterious occurrence.

Whether those shepherds and travelers and ambassadors of the King were in confusion I cannot say, but this I know—that the forces of God and the forces of Satan are now in combat, the heavens as well as the earth in struggle as to who shall win this world of blessing or woe, and as the armies of God are mightier than the armies of Satan, we know who will triumph, and we have a right to shout the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. The King of Kings, the Lord of Hosts, the God of Joshua and Havelock leads in the conflict. I have no fear about the tremendous issue. My only fear is that we will not be found in the ranks well armed to do our part in this campaign of the storied years.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, JAN. 28.
Text of the Lesson, Acts iii, 1-16. Golden Text, Ex. xv, 26.

1-3. It was the hour of the evening sacrifice, the hour when Jesus died on Golgotha. (Matt. xxv, 46, 50). That Jesus died and John going in to the temple on this occasion. While the unbelieving Jews continued their prisms, the believers in Jesus Christ were in heaven, and so their prayer for their behalf and that they, His witnesses, could do nothing without Him.

4-5. As Peter and John said, "Look on us," he looked expecting to receive something in the way of money, for he knew not of the durable riches and righteousness of Prov. viii, 18. "I expected to receive," and that is more than many believers do when they pray, for they ask, and wonder if they receive, and are surprised if they receive, and talk about its being a miracle. It would be as strange to pray to expect, according to Ps. v, 3; xlii, 5; John xiv, 13, 14. This lame man was expecting from people, but Peter and John had learned to expect from God. If believers would lay hold of or be laid hold of by these words: "Cease ye, from man, 22; Ps. li, 13), great things might be seen."

6. In the name of Jesus Christ, of Nazareth, rise up and walk. Silver and gold could do nothing for this lame man, but those who have neither gold nor silver can do all such things. There is something better than money which can be held (Luk. ix, 17). Many profess to have the gift of God, but some really have the gift of Him. It would be well to consider the words: "I have heard of thee, O God thy works" (Isa. ii, 22; Ps. li, 13). Great things might be seen."

GOLD IN CENTRAL AFRICA

NEAR THE BORDER OF THE CONGO FREE STATE.
Important Discoveries that Are Likely to Attract World Wide Attention.

Erish mining engineers have found gold in the northern part of Rhodesia. Four expeditions have been sent to the region, and one of the so-called Tanganyika Concessions. One party under command of Mining Engineer Williams travelled north from Bulawayo and the other under the direction of Mr. G. E. Jenkins to the westward from Tlokweng, north, near the border of the Congo Free State, about 15 degrees S. L. A. They were in the very centre of a region that promises to develop into large mining importance.

THE GOLD REGION

as far as examined extends ninety miles east and west from the headwaters of the Zambesi tributaries far to the south. The explorers were astonished and delighted to find gold in a region in which nearly every river bed contains large quantities of free gold. They were surprised, however, that their careful search did not reveal auriferous quartz, but they hope that further search will justify placer diggings.

The engineers found that just across the frontier of the Congo Free State to the north the geological formation was exactly the same, and they have a very good reason to believe that the southern part of the Katanga district in that State is as rich in gold as the contiguous portions of Rhodesia. They are so confident that this will prove to be true that Mr. Williams in behalf of the Tanganyika Concessions, has entered into a contract with the Katanga Company by which the exploration of southern Rhodesia is being developed in the hands of the British engineer and the int'r.s he represents.

MOST POPULAR PRINCESS

THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL AND YORK.
A Well-Educated Lady, An Ideal Wife and Mother in the Princess of Wales.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall and York is deservedly one of the most popular Princesses of the country; made so by the fact of her English birth and training, her general amiability of character and the position in which she stands to the throne, says a writer in the London Daily Mail.

A GOOD MOTHER

But if there is one place more than another which has claimed the attention of the Duchess it is the nursery of her children. No more devoted mother ever existed, and to see the Duchess in her home life has been general approval, and the Mother and children would rattle in the park, the father, ten completing the happy group.

AS A SOCIAL LEADER

The long enforced separation of mother and children has been a real trouble to the former every parent will understand, and the joy of the glad reunion is just the touch of nature which makes us all kind for it has ever been one of the features of the great Victorian era that the throne and the people have always rejoiced and sorrowed with each other.

MADE FOR PLATES

There is a good old lady at one of the New York hotels who for thirty years has picked out whatever she likes. Every body knows she does it, and she does not attempt to hide the little propensity. She has her hotel room full of plates, all over the wall, the shelves, picked away everywhere. The propriety she never tries to take any of the plates out of the hotel, and that she will never get away until she dies. Then he will pick up her property. Meanwhile it is considered that there is no use hurrying her belongings over three plates a day.

STR. WILSON'S SCHEMES

Form of the Agreement Sent to Hon. G. W. Ross by the Premier, Montreal. Sir William Macdonald, the Montreal philanthropist, who promises to do so much for the Province of Ontario, has sent a long and important statement in the form of an agreement which he will expect the Ontario Government to carry out in spending its money. Already Sir William has placed at the disposal of the Government the sum of \$125,000 which he has secured in Ontario, and which he has placed at the disposal of the Government for the building at Guelph, but north of the present Ontario agricultural college building, for the teaching of agriculture and the elements of plant life to the women of Ontario. Quarters are also to be established in the new building at Guelph for the instruction in domestic sciences, which he thinks should be given more prominently in Ontario. A form for the ladies is also among Sir William Macdonald's schemes in the statement he has sent to Hon. G. W. Ross.

A TRADE SCHOOL

It has also proposed to give a grant of money for the establishment of a centrally located school in some thickly populated township, with grounds in it. He outlines the scheme very minutely and believes it will be a success. It has worked favorably in the States to go with the boys who drive the snowplows to the school. Sir William will have to establish an agreement of assistance from the trustees of the school, who may wish to attend the grade school. If he does, the Montreal man is willing to provide for the erection of a suitable school, in which would also be a library.

WILL APPOINT EXPERT

When the gardens are established Mr. Macdonald will send an inspector or expert around to give lessons on the practical side of agriculture. Hon. Mr. Ross is quite pleased with the efforts of Sir William to have agriculture and domestic science taught in Ontario, and the Minister of Education will use his efforts to assist Sir William in carrying out his plans.

Stoneham: "Do you think your father would object to my marrying you?" "Yes, — I won't know, I've never seen you."