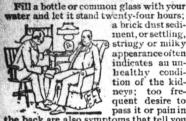
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MOUNT TABOR'S PARABOLIC VISION.

Matthew 17:1-8; 14-20.—July 24. "Thises my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

IX days after our Lord's words concluding our last study, he took Peter, James and John, three of his favorites among the disciples, into a high mountain. There he was transfigured before them; that is to say, his appearance changed, his face shone like the sun, his garments were white like the light. Then the vision grew and Moses and Elijah appeared to be holding conversation with the transfigured Jesus. The impuisive St. Peter, anxious to serve, inquired whether or not it was the Master's will that they build three tabernacles; one for him, one for Moses and one for Elijah, on the top of the mountain. One of the evangelists says, "He knew not what he said." Another account shows that the three disciples were for a time overwhelmed by something like drowsiness but later became fully awake.

It was on this occasion that they heard a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." quired our Lord's kind words and touch to relieve the Apostles of their fright, and looking up they saw no one but Jesus. His transfiguration had vanished, and it was the Master, just as before. If, momentarily, they thought that Jesus had entered into glory, they now perceived that they were mistaken. Another account tells us that as they were coming down the mountain side Jesus charged them that they should not tell the vision to any one until after his resurrection from the dead. He thus explained to them that the whole matter was a vision, an apparition. This was a fulfillment of what he had told them in his last words of our lesson of a week ago. "There be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of man coming in his Kingdom." These three disciples had been standing in his presence at the time those words were uttered, and now they had seen the Son of man in his Kingdom glory-in vision. The reality of that vision has not yet come to

pass, although it is surely nigh, even at the door.

St. Peter himself decares that they accepted the vision as a corroboration of our Lord's assurance of his coming Kingdom. In his Epistle he says, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus, but were eye witnesses of his majesty [his kingdom], when we were with him in the holy mount." (II Peter 1:16, 18). Yet the Apostle proceeds to tell us that this vision, helpful as it was at the time, became secondary as he came to a better understanding of the prophecy which more particularly describes our Lord's second coming and Kingdom. He says, "We have a more sure word of prophecy [a more sure evidence than the vision] to which we do well to take heed as unto a lamp that shines in a dark place until the day dawn"-until the Millennial morning dawn.-II Peter 1:19.

Before leaving the story of the transfiguration, which symbolized our Lord's Kingdom glory, we note his gracious words to the affrighted disciples, "Arise, and be not afraid." On several occasions he thus addressed them. It would appear that by nature many of us have a consciousness of our own imperfections and a realization of our unworthiness of Divine favor; and fears are likely to grasp us and torture us. This is because we do not know our heavenly Father. The more we learn of him the more does the love of God cast out fear from our hearts, and assure us that he who created us is sympathetic towards all who are striving for righteousness. He is a great God, not a little one. True, he will not give his greatest blessings to any except those who come into harmony with him, but, on the other hand, he is not a demon that he should be feared as such. He takes no pleasure in the suffering of his creatures and will not permit that any should suffer eternally, therefore his provision that all shall have, through Christ, an opportunity for regaining perfection and eternal life, and that whosoever will not avail himself of this great privilege must die the second death-must be annihilated.

While Jesus and the three favored Apostles were in the mount of transfiguration, supposed to have been Mount Tabor, at the foot of the mountain there was a man whose son was a lunatic, whom he had brought that the Lord might expel the demon. The Apostles had already been out, as the Lord's representatives, in various parts of the country of Palestine, curing the sick and expelling demons in his name; so they assayed to cast out this demon but could not. The Revised Version speaks of the sufferer as an epileptic. Indeed, all higher criticism disputes that there is such a thing as obsession by evil spirits. It is a common saying today among the Higher Critics that what our Lord and the Apostles mistook for demon possession was merely insanity, epilepsy, etc. Of course the word disease is broad enough to cover any kind of ailment, whether it be a direct affection from the Adversary, or an indirect one through heredity. In either case there is loss of ease, dis-ease, discomfort. We, however, have more confidence in the wisdom of the Lord and his chosen Apostles and mouth-pieces than we have in all the Doctors of theology and Doctors of medicine in the whole earth. We therefore accept this narrative just as it reads, that Jesus rebuked the "devil" and cast him out of the boy, who was cured from that very hour.

The disciples who had been unsuccessful in casting out this demon, called the Master away from the hearing of the multitude and asked him why they had failed when they attempted to cast out the demon. He replied, "Because of your little faith." Another account says that he stated, "This kind cometh not out except by fasting and prayer." In other words, the lesson to the Apostles was that their greatest power would result from their living very near to God, living lives of self-denial and prayer. Of course, fasting to be seen of men is not here inculcated, nor do we suggest that the works of penance on the part of disciples would make them more efficient in the understanding of the Lord's mystery; rather the thought is, the nearer one lives to God the more of the Divine power may be exercised by and through him.

It is perhaps difficult for us to understand our Lord's reference to their having little faith, for they surely exercised considerable faith in making an attempt to cast out the demon. Faith, to be successful, must be backed by spiritual power; and our Lord assures us that even with a small amount of faith we would be able to remove a mountain and nothing would be impossible. We are not to suppose that our Lord meant that his followers should try to remove mountains as a diversion, nor as a proof of their faith, for by so doing they would be seriously interfering with the interests of others who would be more convenienced by having the mountain remain. This they would have no right to do. We assume therefore that the thought must be that if in the fulfillment of the Divine command it should be necessary to have a mountain removed, and if the commission had been given to one of the Lord's followers to remove the mountain, and if he could exercise the faith to obey the command, the result would correspond to the faith exercised. All that the majority of us could do would be to exercise as much faith as possible and ask the Lord for more, and also seek to cultivate a greater degree of

Leprosy in New York.

Dr. Gottheil finds that there is much more leprosy in New York than is generally suspected. He has seen several lepers from time to time on the street or in the cars. He tells of one woman, a very marked case, if one may judge from the photograph, who has had the disease fifteen years and knows what it is. All her children have been born since the disease began, and the family have lived in one room in most unsanitary conditions, yet neither husband nor the children have contracted the disease. Her neighbors have no fear of it. The weman herself keens a green-grocery, and handles the vegetables which perhavs dozen's or scores of people eat.

Tuberculosis is undoubtedly transmissible, and yet we permit consump. tives every day and everywhere to do things which we know endanger the health of others. There is a very scrious question whether leprosy under any condition is as transmissible as tuberculosis, and certainly so in this country, and yet one supposed leper is hounded like a criminal and deprived of even the comforts of association with his own family,-Dr. G. H. Heald. in Life and Health.

Mother-Tommy, what's the matter with your little brother? Tommy-He's crying because I'm eating my cake and won't give him

any. Mother-Is his own cake finished? Tommy-Yes'm, and he cried while I was eating that, too.-Brooklyn

CONVINCING A SCEPTIC.

Psyr smetric Force Applied for the Benefit of a Man From Missouri. "I'm a sceptic," said the short fat man as he thumped the table, "a scep-

tic from Missouri, and you have got

to show me." The ethereal one in flowing robes with a psychic look in her eyes. gazed at him sorrowfully. "Say not

so," she whispered. "I repeat it, I am a sceptic. Look here, I've tried all this new thought business, every bit of it. I have been through seances that would make your hair curl. I have tried palmis try, crystal gazing, mental sciences and plain fortune telling with a pack of premium cards, and still I want to be shown.'

"You mental attitude depresses the sensitive soul of the inspired one," sighed the other.

"Mental tommyrot, and say, speak ing of that, listen to this little tale: I went into one of these new thought huts out in Kalamazoo. I had beer tackling roust beef sandwiches and sinkers between trains for the past week and something from within warned me that I was near the wreck

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OFFICERS ARE REBUKED.

Mavy Department Censures Superior Officers in the Marine Corps-Jealousies and Personal Strife.

Washington, Special.—The personel strife among the officers of the United States marine corps Friday reached a climax when the Navy Department, as a result of a court of inquiry, sent letters of censure to nearly all the officers concerned. No further judicial proceedings are contemplated.

The censured officers are Major General George F. Elliott, commandant of the corps; Col. Charles H. Launchheimer, adjutant and inspector; Col. Frank L. Denny, the quartermaster at Washington; Colonel Charles A. Doyen, commanding the marine barracks at the naval academy at Annapolis; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Prince, assistant quartermaster at Washington; Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. Haines, assistant adjutant and inspector at Washington, and Majors Louis J. Magill and David D. Porter, assistant adjutants and inspectors at Philadelphia and Washington, respectively.

The court held that General Elliott had been profane, irritable and irascible at times, indulging moderately in intoxicating liquors, but never intoxicated on duty and sometimes failed to treat subordinates with courtray, but was usually polite, generous, truthful, and a "plain blunt soldier, open and frank."

At the bottom of the dissension in the corps is said to have been the question of the successorship to General Elliott when he retires in October, the fight being between officers of the line and of the staff.

Stamps by the Billion.

Washington, Special .- Ten billion oostage stamps, worth almost \$200,-000,000, will be used by the people of the United States in the fiscal year which began July 1, 1910, and will be ended June 30, 1911. These bewildering figures are set down in the requisition which the Postoffice Department has forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, by wkose order the stamps will be engraved and delivered by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The total of stamps asked for is 9,864,220,000, but that number will not suffice, it is known, the requisition being made for "the sake of economy," smaller than the probable needs. Last year's first supply of \$170,746,800 worth failed probable needs. and more had to be ordered. The face value of the first requisition this year is \$7,036,200 greater than last

Must Call for Registry Receipt. Washington, Special.-An interesting change in regulations affecting registration of postal matter is noted in an order just issued by the Postmaster-General. Whenever request is made by the sender of registered mail matter, receipt showing person to whom and time when the matter was delivered will be taken by postmaster at point of delivery and re-turned to sender. "Receipt desired" must be inscribed, however, on the registered matter from which the sender wishes such a receipt. For the present the Postmaster-General instructs postmasters to ask if return receipts is desired and, where indicated, to indorse mail for patrons of the

Famous Veteran Passes.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.-Colonel Auguste Forsberg, who commanded the Forty-Second Virginia Regiment in the civil war, died here Friday after a long sickness. He was 79 years old and a native of Swedens He was city engineer for a long time here. At the breaking out of the civil war, he was engaged at Columbia, S. C., as an architect.

Distressing to Georgia Fruit Growers. Fort Valley, Ga., Special.-It was stated here Friday that thirty carloads of peaches (Elbertas) will be dumped into the Flint river, eight miles from here, Saturday, as a result of the failure to move the crop quickly. Eighty thousand crates were awaiting cars here Friday, and it is feared will be a dead loss. Already growers here have lost \$100,-000 because of lack of iced cars. The situation is said to be the worst in the history of the industry in this section.

Pell From Boat and Drowned.

Barrington, R. I., Special.-In attempting to climb a bridge abutment from a leaky boat which was in danger of sinking, Mrs. Elizabeth Link of Abbeville, S. C., fell into the Bar-rington river and was drowned Friday. She had been visiting here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred-erick Buck. She was 30 years old and the wife of Frederick C. Link, a

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SPORTING BREVITIES. Jack Johnson says he refused to

"sell" the fight. Johnson in his prosperity remem-bered old associates with gifts.

Owing to the injury of Francis Grenfell the international polo match is off for this year.

J. A. Drexel broke the British aeroplane record for height by ascending 2493 feet at Bournemouth.

"Stick a pin in the prediction that the Futurity will be run at Sheeps-head Bay," said a well posted racing

Sam Langford, through his manager, Joseph Woodman, intends to place Johnson on record regarding a fight for the latter's title.

"Bud" Goodwin, of the New York C., retained his title as 440-yard swimming champion of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. at Travers Island.

Jeffries was knocked out to all intents and purposes, but, as a matter of fact, the fight was awarded to Johnson on the technical disqualification of his opponent. The much talked of and keenly an-

ticipated international polo match for the cup, brought back to this country last by the Meadowbrook team, has been declared off. Johnson does not qualify the state-

ment that his most formidable rival is Al Kaufman. "He's a young fellow, much stronger, more active and a harder hitter than Jeffries," says the big negro champion.

Miss Turle, of Brooklyn, successfully defended, at Atlanta, her title of Southern woman tennis champion by defeating Miss Sullivan, of Birmingham, 6—3, 4—5, 7—5. The intense heat caused Miss Sullivan to faint at the conclusion of the match.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A new Danish Cabinet was formed, with Klaus Bernstein as Premier. A record breaking number of American travelers have arrived in London.

Pressure was brought to bear on the State Department to stop the war in Nicaragua.

The social season is dull and the opera is suffering from lack of patronage in London Secretary Nagel, of the Department Commerce, is reorganizing the

Lighthouse Board. Prominent European financiers assert that the prospect of a boom in American securities is excellent.

King George is expected to follow his father's policy in making his felgn marked by pomp and ceremonial.

Charles K. Hamilton announced that he "was through" with the biplane and was having an aeroplane

Washington suffered from a scourge of caterpillars, which appeared in greater numbers than for twenty

Japan is emerging from her finan-cial depression. Money is plentiful and business development is progressing favorably.

Work was pushed rapidly on the Panama Canal during June. Opera-tions show a material advance over the preceding month.

The Vatican has protested against the Spanish bill prahibiting religious orders from entering Spain until the dispute between Church and State is

The Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., estimated that the imports of gold from Europe would approximate \$40,000,000 before the Christmas holidays.