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Our Poetry.

Lift Me Up.

Out of myself, dear Lord, Oh, lift me up! No more I trust myself in life's dim maze...

Under His Wing.

The strong, wild winds are dashing Earth's oceans into spray. And through the storms and darkness...

Our Sermon.

Abraham the Friend of God.

UR OF THE CHALDEES.

SERMON PREACHED BY REV. A. J. MOWATT.

In St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, Sabbath Evening Jan. 22nd.

"In Ur of the Chaldees."—Gen. xi. 28.

We are to study for successive Sunday evenings the life of Abraham the friend of God, one of the most remarkable men who has ever lived...

Abraham is one of the few names in history that is more a power every successive age. Once it had only a local interest attached to it; now it has a world-wide celebrity.

And tonight we shall take up what is known of his earlier years, the home and land of his youth, his ancestry and surroundings, his family connections and religious associations.

First, Abraham's Ancestry and Birth. We read of "the stock of Abraham." And it is something to be of good stock.

their own time, but who did nothing specially worthy of being handed down to later ages. At best they are but respectable nonodies.

Abraham belonged to the ninth generation after the flood, an age of emigration, an age when adventurous families and peoples pushed out from the common center, and sought out for themselves new homes and new fields of enterprise.

The Talmud makes out that even Noah was alive, and that Abraham lived with the patriarch of the flood and his son Shem till he was fifty.

Secondly, His Birthplace. He was born and brought up in Ur of the Chaldees. There is still uncertainty with regard to Ur Kasdim.

The delta was extraordinarily rich and productive. The wheat-plant was indigenous to the soil, and yielded a hundred and sometimes three hundred-fold.

Now, it was in or near this old moon worshipping city of ancient Chaldea where the man of faith first saw the light and grew up to manhood.

into contract with. There is probably, however, a ground of truth in those traditions regarding the father of the faithful, and they help to explain some things.

Terah was an idolater, and by his handicraft a maker of idols; heard traded in the same. Setting out on business-journey he left his son in charge of his shop.

"On Abraham's leaving the furnace, it is said, the flames were instantly extinguished, the faggots changed into blooming and fruitful trees; and a pleasant garden was to be seen, with angels sitting in it, and Abraham in the midst of them.

How old Abraham was when he married we do not know, nor how old he was when he removed from Ur we do not know, but he must have been close upon seventy.

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turned their backs on Ur of the Chaldees and its degrading idolatries forever.

A picturesque scene it must have been in the olden time that moving northward to Mesopotamia of the Terah people! Some distance ahead are flocks of sheep and goats with the shepherds slowly leading them.

The farmers all over our country are waking up to the importance and value of good breeds of cattle and horses.

And they are wise in this. But I want to ask, if it is not quite as important, and infinitely more so, to have in our young country, and its towns and villages and homes, good breeds of men?

Here is hope for the foul and fallen, a blessed hope, and I rejoice to preach it, but the Abrahams of the world are not made of such, nor the Sarahs. Seek to be the true elite of the Kingdom, the chosen of God.

ANOTHER BATH-ROOM EPISODE

Joe Nelson fixed up a bath-room in his new house and first of the week, on one of the coldest days of the year, he concluded to try it.

him. Whether it had lost its soapy qualities or the water was hard he could not tell, but striking a light to investigate, discovered that he had smeared himself all over with red paint.

ADVICE TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Never let tea boil. To whiten the hands melt half an ounce of camphor gum, half an ounce of glycerine and one pound of mutton tallow, and apply every night.

To extract ink from wood, scour with sand wet with water and ammonia. Then rinse with strong saleratus water.

Blackheads may be removed by washing the face at night with hot water, then drying briskly with a crash towel and applying a mixture of one ounce of liquor of potassa and two ounces of eucalypt.

Hold a hot shovel over furniture to remove white spots.

To restore gilding to picture frames, remove all dust with a soft brush, and wash the gilding in warm water in which an onion has been boiled; dry quickly with soft rags.

To give a good oak color to a pine floor wash in a solution of one pound of copper dissolved in one gallon of strong lye.

A hornet's nest which has been deserted by the hornets, bound on the throat with a piece of flannel, will cure the most malignant sore throat.

Miss Todidum (complaisantly)—Ah, Mrs. Goldbags, no one could mistake who the mother of these handsome children is. You ought to be proud of them, for they inherit all their beauty and grace.

Dr. Simmox used to tell with great solemnity the following story of his own patients:—What is that medicine you are giving me, doc? An emetic! I won't take it; sorry use in it.

MISTRESS, who has caught the odor of a strong pipe; Have you company in the kitchen, Bridget?—Bridget: No, ma'am.—Mistress peeps in and seeing two men, exclaims, Why, Bridget, how can you tell me such a story!—Bridget: Story, is it! Shure when your cousin was coming the other day, didn't yer tell me not to get up anything extra for dinner, as you didn't consider her company! And faith, it's only me cousins inside, ma'am. Story indade!

A good story is told on United States Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky. A rawboned, determined woman, one of his constituents, went to Washington to get a Government position.

A small boy was delighted one day when a slight fire in his father's house brought the firemen and the engine. I say, he exclaimed to the first fireman I met, I say, if there should be a big fire here and you want to save things, please don't save my winter flannels, for they tickle me.