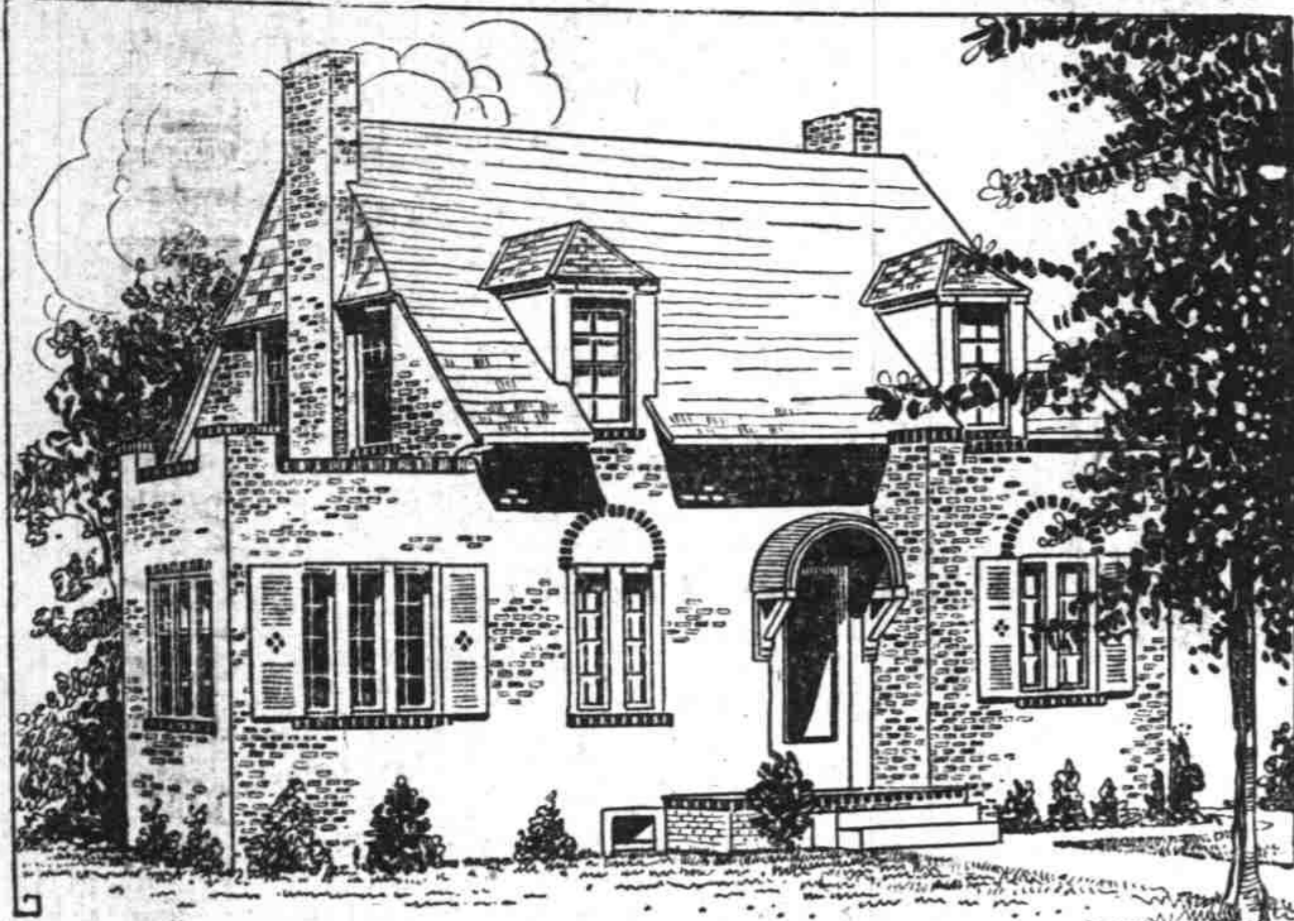


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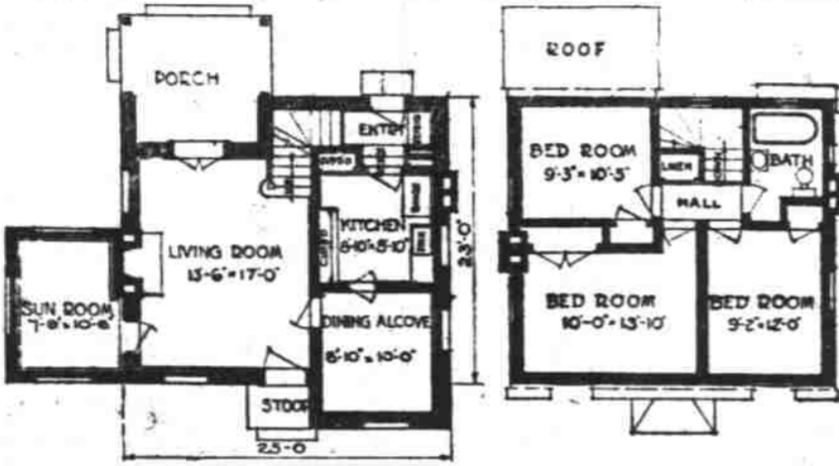


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Considering the ground space covered here is a remarkably commodious home. Few small houses are arranged more conveniently or to better advantage. It has all of the most essential features found in far more expensive residences, all planned with an eye to comfort. The ample living room with its open fire place is flanked on the one side by an inviting sun room; on the other by a cozy dining alcove while opening to the rear is a large porch easily possible to inclose. The stairway from the living room is placed so as not to be objectionable. Back of the commodious kitchen is an inclosed refrigerator room. Three very comfortable bed rooms with convenient bath and ample closet space, all opening upon the little center hall at the stair

landings, take up every foot of the second floor. No space is lost. At every point comfort is considered first. Architectural extravagance has been carefully eliminated but not to the point of severity. Its trim-



The Common Brick Manufacturers' Association, Cleveland, Ohio, can furnish complete drawings for this design. Leave for brick construction sent upon request.

## FATHER BUCK GIVES HOLIDAY RADIO TALK

### Sermon Reprinted in Full as Broadcast From Portland Station

High commendation of the sermon broadcast from Portland on Thanksgiving day, by the Rev. J. R. Buck, of Salem, leads to its reprint here. The subject was taken from the Apostle's Creed: "He Ascended into Heaven Where He Sitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty."

"Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." (Matt. XXVIII, 19-20.)

The task Christ thus gave to the apostles was gigantic, and, humanly speaking, impossible and beyond their strength. Their leader, Jesus Christ, had been publicly crucified, ignominy had been heaped upon Him, and the lessons He had striven to inculcate, were held in derision by a sin-loving world. Those chosen to carry on the work, numbered but a handful of weak followers, of whom the boldest had denied his Lord with blasphemy. They were poor, they were ignorant, they were helpless. Before them lay the far reaching pagan world with all its vices, great nations and people wholly given up to pleasure and amusement, and the full gratification of every evil passion.

How were these men, poor and illiterate, whose very speech betrayed the my its mongrel dialect, to propagate a cult so diametrically opposed to the customs, habits and inclinations of a pagan world? And how was it that these least influential of men, with their miserable cross of wood, triumphed over the deadly fascinations and conquered rulers, kings and emperors, and brought so large a portion of the sin-blinded world to the feet of Christ?

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and the fact of the ascension is proved thereby. The ascension of Christ was a miracle and there is nothing so convincing as miracles; for they have equal force with the learned as with the ignorant, and the educated as well as the illiterate. A miracle arrests the attention and demands an explanation. Thus the ascension, coming under the senses of man, confirmed the prophecies, attested the divinity of Christ and gave strength to the weak things that were to confound the strong, and the foolish things that were to confound the wise. And in an incredibly short time the proudest of nations yielded to the crucified Galilean.

There is scarcely a doctrine, however holy and well grounded, that does not call forth denunciations from some classes, and the more supernatural the belief may be, the more certain it is of condemnation. Thus we need not wonder that those marvelous occurrences in nature that are called miracles, should arouse the opposition of many writers and thinkers. To those on the contrary, who take a wider survey and look to and beyond the visible phenomena to the invisible Creator of everything including the laws of nature, the universe presents a much grander picture, and one which is no mere piece of machinery set in motion and kept in motion by nobody knows whom, but it is the direct handwork of an all-powerful, omnipotent God, wonderful in conception, simple in grandeur, and elevating in contemplation.

But what is a miracle? Let us take the definition of St. Thomas Aquinas. He says it is "a sensible effect, produced by God, and which transcends all forces of nature." Now there are three ways by which an occurrence may transcend the forces of nature. First, when a power of nature can produce the effect, such as the ascension of a body into heaven. Second, where the event may indeed be produced by nature, but not under the same circumstances, such, for instance, as a beautiful lily which nature could produce in a mild and agreeable climate, blooming in the extreme outdoor climate of winter. And third, an occurrence which is natural in one instance and supernatural in another, such as the limb of a tree which might be grafted upon a tree of its kind, being attached to the tree instantaneously without grafting and leaving no scar or mark.

These miracles of three degrees are met with in holy scripture as well as in the lives of the saints. Why are such events denied? Either because God cannot transcend nature or because He will not. (We take it for granted that all believe in the existence of God.) Now to say that God, the omnipotent Creator of man is restricted or hampered in His operations, or cannot govern the laws He has made, or, for His own honor and glory, His own purpose, will not transcend those laws, seems an absurdity. Therefore if He wishes to transcend nature in any way, who is man that he dares to say that Creator it is impossible! As well might a watch arise and say to the man who invented and regulated it, that he could in no way change either the mechanism or regulation.

The broad facts of history render miracles absolutely necessary for the establishment and propagation of Christianity, and can be explained in no other way. And Christ's resurrection and ascension were the very means God used to center attention on the religion He wished to found. The conver-

sion of the world from paganism to Christianity is no fancy, no dream, but a stern and undeniable fact. The world is anything but perfect, it is true, but who will deny that everything that is good and noble and elevating in the world today is the result of Christianity? And how was that Christianity inculcated, propagated and perpetuated if not by miracles? Has not Christ's command to "teach all nations" in spite of difficulties which seemed insurmountable, been accomplished? And are not the precepts of our Lord taught from one end of the earth to the other? And has He failed to strengthen, guide and direct His church through all the vicissitudes of an ever changing world, until she stands like a Gibraltar rearing its mighty head above an angry sea which fain would dash her to pieces? "Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world," promised Jesus, and His promise has been and must be fulfilled, else Christianity is a fiasco.

"He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty," is the sixth article of the Apostle's Creed, and to many heaven is no less miraculous or understandable than the ascension. Hence it is not unusual to find people asking for a description of heaven. They would argue that since we have but our five senses and cannot apprehend either God or heaven with these, it is foolish to believe they are anything but mere fables. These people seem to forget that we have reason and imagination as well as our senses, and these attributes play no small part in acquiring knowledge.

That there is a heaven is a revelation from God, and we must, as His creatures, take Him at His word. It is true, "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard," but an analogy might be helpful. Suppose a man who had never had sight, should ask you to describe the beautiful Oregon landscape on a bright spring day. You would tell him of the mountains you could see in the distance, almost a blue-black, of the bright leadow stretching toward them. You would describe the blossoms of the trees, the little purple violets in the grass, and the red, yellow and pink tulips along the green hedges. You would then speak of the blue sky—a different shade from the mountains, and the fleecy clouds tinged with crimson, and over all the golden flocking of the sun.

All this you would tell the blind man, but what would your words mean to him if he had never seen the light of day? What impression would your words "blue-black, green, yellow, purple, etc." make upon his mind? How would you make him understand what "fleece" and "sun-flaked" meant? And if he should say, "I do not believe there is any such thing as color. Red, green, yellow and purple are but figments of the mind, and since I cannot grasp it with the senses I have, I will not believe"—how could you convince him?

Then are we logical if we will not believe anything but what we may apprehend with our senses? The essential joy of heaven is the secure and eternal possession of God. As He is infinite and absolutely perfect, it stands to reason that the joy arising from a contemplation of Him, must exceed, in an unmeasurable degree the joy of contemplating a finite being. Then there are the lesser joys of being again united with those whom we have loved in this life, and the absence of everything would detract in the slightest degree from perfect happiness, and the full and complete knowledge as we shall then possess it. Surely we shall then appreciate more than can be expressed in the words: "We have not here a lasting city." Then if we will use the faculties God has given to us, will meditate on the revelations He has so kind-

## BRICK MEN ISSUE INDUSTRY REPORT

Conditions of the common brick industry are outlined in a report dated December 1, and published by the Common Brick Manufacturers' Association, Cleveland, Ohio, runs as follows:

"Government statistics just issued by the bureau of census indicate that the common brick business in 1924 just about equalled the volume of 1923, which was by far the highest in consumption of any year since 1916. It is difficult to measure common brick consumption on a national basis. In those centers where the brick manufacturers have been aggressive and enterprising there is satisfactory growth. In other sections considerable brick is being displaced by substitutes, proving that even the best building material needs to be promoted in this day and age.

"By the end of 1925 it will be found that the consumption of common brick in such large centers as New York City, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cleveland and generally throughout New England, will be ahead of 1924.

"Bad weather caused a little slump in Chicago in October, but there has been a decided pickup

made for us, and will really pray, our Thanksgiving will be blessed indeed, and our lot, no difference what it may be, will become more bearable, and we will appreciate the words of that beautiful prayer which says: "Teach me to know the nothingness of this world; the greatness of heaven; the shortness of time and the length of eternity."

through November. The western metropolis is headed toward a billion and a quarter of common brick consumption yearly.

"A recent check on future orders in about 20 of the largest centers indicates that 1926 will not fall behind the present year. In only a few cities is there an indication of over building, and that is confined to limited classifications. Small houses are in strong demand everywhere. There is a big program of school and institutional building for the coming year. The brick men are looking for their gains, in the future, in residential construction, where there is a decided tendency toward brick. The misconception which so long prevailed that the house of brick cost more than less enduring types is gradually dispelled. Home builders are finding that the brick home sells more readily than any other type, a result of national advertising and publicity of this kind of construction.

"Ninety-one per cent of the manufacturers reporting taken an optimistic view as to the prospects for business during the coming month. This opinion is justified upon an analysis of the figures, which show a four per cent increase in the orders on books over last month's report.

"The brick actually moved from the yards is about the same as last month's total. Eighteen firms of the 117 firms reporting have their plants closed down, however. This periodical shut-down is necessary in the brick business as manufacturing is much more difficult in bad weather. With the increased number of plants shut down, and the same number of brick moved from the yards, there has resulted a 10 per cent drop in the number of burned brick on hand and a drop of 19 per cent in the unburned brick on hand.

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Forms have been removed completely from the side and front walls of the concrete store and office building under construction on Liberty between State and Ferry for George C. Will, local music dealer. The back wall, being constructed of brick, two layers thick, has reached above the first floor. It is expected that the back wall will be complete by the end of this week.

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description, as these are all provided.

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where he can be learning and at the same time be testifying about Jesus, which is his earnest desire. The Sadhu is showing a fine spirit among the people, so we are moving him also to the new out-station to work with an older preacher.

"The Lord has done wonders for Sadeo, who came with his two children last February, in a dying condition. He was very sick and all three were about starved. Now he is fat, well and happy in Jesus eager to get out and bear testimony. We truly need another out-station and hope to open one soon as God sends means. We have taken in another orphan boy since our last letter, so they keep coming, one by one. The cold season has begun, though the days are still hot. We will soon be out camping and preaching the gospel in the villages. We need your prayers that God will work with signs following.

"To those who are wishing to send boxes or packages, we would make a suggestion. When you declare the value of your package, be sure to value it low, about one half or less of its real value. Mark it "For Charitable Purposes, Not to be Sold." This is perfectly legitimate. If you put a high valuation upon what you send, it makes our customs duty very high and does not pay to send things. We are surely grateful for what has been sent.

"May God bless the hands that

are ministering to His little ones here. We pray for you daily. What a glorious privilege to labor all day, yes, and into the night, as some of you are doing for the furtherance of the gospel. "I will gladly spend and be spent for you," says Paul.

"Stir me, oh stir me, Lord, I care not how

But stir my heart in passion for the world;

Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray,

Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled

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O'er desert where no cross is lifted high.

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