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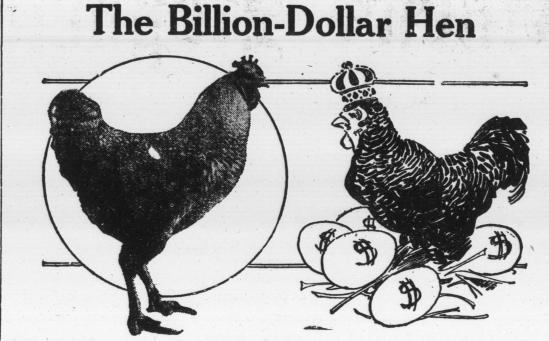
LESSON VII.-FEB. 18, 1912. The Ministry of John the Baptist .-Luke 3: 1-17.

Commentary .- I. John's coming (vs. 1.6). 1. In the fifteenth year--In the fifteenth year of his reign, counting the two years during which he reigned con-jointly with his tather, Augustus Caesar. Covernor of Judea-Judea was a Roman province, and rontius Filate had been made governor, or procurator, after the banishment of Archelaus, a son of Herod the Great. Herod—Antipas, a brother of Archelaus. Tetrarch—This term was originally used to designate one of the four parts into which a kingdom was divided, but it was later used to name the ruler of a small country dependent upon Rome. His brother Philip-Ilerod Philip. Abilene-A country north of Philip. Abilene--A country north of Palestine, so called from its capital, Abila. 2. Annas and Caiapas-The Ro-Auna. 2. Annas and catapas Tale Ro-man rulers appointed the Jewish high-priests at this time. Annas had been deposed and his son-in-law, Caiapas, had been appointed in his stead. Luke goes into particulars and thus fairly locates, in point of time, the events which he is is about to describe. The word of God came unto John-This form of expression occurs over and over again in the scriptures in connection with the comsion given by the Lord to His prophets.

3. Country about Jordan-John began 3. Country about Jordan-John began 3. Sent much of his life. His preaching, however, attracted people to him from distant villages and cities. See Mark 1: The baptism of repentance -Sin was recognized fact, and John taught that he way to obtain relief from it was to turn away from it utterly, as a neces-sary step toward forgiveness. Baptism was a pledge on the part of the one haptized that he had renounced sin, and sign to the world that he had turned from evil.

4. As it is written-See Isa, 40:3. The -Attention is called to the message rather than to the messenger. Prepare ye the way of the Lord-John's ministry was to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. In the east not much habor was ordinarily expended upon roads, but when a royal personage was to pass over a given road great care was taken to have it in the best pos-sible condition. The following verse de-surber whet means the second seco sible condition. The following the series what was sometimes lone in preparing the way for the approach of a king. 5. Every valley shall be filled, etc. King. 5. Every valley shall be filled, etc. -In preparing the roadbed of a railway something much like this is done. In preparation for the coming of Christ the arrogancy of the Roman power must be rebuked, the shallowness of pharisaic religion must be expressed, and the worldliness and materialism of the Sad-diraces must be and arrowd

worldinees and materialism of the Sad-ducees must be condemned. If, John's message (vs. 7-14). 7. Gen-eration of vipers-"Offapring of vipers." -R. V. This strong expression was af-terward used by our Lord (Matt. 23-33) to set forth the hypocrisy of the Phari-sees, who e-vered selfishness and pride with a mantle of religion. Who hath warned you-They had come and had warned you-They had come and had sought baptism. Some poyer had drawn them to John. It is evident that the Holy Spirit, who was inspiring John's preaching, was influencing all classes to come to him in his desert preaching-place. Wrath to come—The sins of the Jewish people already merifed the judg-ments pronounced in Mal, 3:2; 4:5. 8. Fruits worthy of repentance-Repent-ance is manifested by outward acts.



SHE'LL BE WITH US SOON, SAYS POULTRY EXPERT; CLUCKING PULLET IS ALREADY QUEEN OF THE FARM.

What is this chicken raising busi-ness; its extent and possibilities is a paying one? How does Queen Am-erican Hen compare with King Cot-ton and King Corn? Is the raising of chickens and the selling of eggs just a pin-money proposition, or can it be made to take rank with other great rural pursuits? Those and many other questions arise in many minds just about the time they get the "chicken bug." The Daily Times asked them of J. F. Schureman, as-sociate editor of American Poultry Journal, and a noted writer on sociate editor of American Poultry Journal, and a noted writer on poultry subjects. This is his answer. solute expense. -Editor

(By J. F. Schureman.)

(By J. F. Schureman.) Twenty-one years ago the total value of American poultry products was only \$290,000,000, and that was considered a splendid showing. For i0 years the business grew slowly; it was then regard as a "pin-money" occupation for women and children.

occupation for women and children. In 1900 the industry started upwards with leaps and bounds, keeping up such a fast pace that to day only corn, hay and cotton surpass it in value of all farm products. The year of the greatest growth in value of the poultry products was 1907, when a jump was made from \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000, Again in 1908 the gain was nearly \$100,000,000, and the three following years have showed gains of over helf the amount

inded become a barren wilderness when "the voice of one crying" was unexpectedly heard. The people wcre chafing un-der the yoke of Pagan Rome. Remenbering that they were Jehovah's cove-nant people, their yearning for deliverance naturally took on a religious form They supposed that it was their political condition which needed to undergo a change. They were full of a fatal self-sufficiency, so far as their own character was concerned. Pride of ancestry was very prevalent among the They were not called upon to disown their descent from Abraham, but warn-ed against trusting in it as a means of salvation or making it a substitute for personal piety. John preclaimed to the Jew that he needed to be introduced into the kingdom of God. He placed hap-tism in a relation with confession of sin There is not only sorrow for sin, but a forsaking of sin and a turning toward rightcousness. Begin not to say, etc.— It was no advantage to them to be the children of Abraham, if they refused to wive up their sins.

give up their sins. 10. What shall we do - The fact that John's hearers asked him this question hume that the the state of were strongly moved once enlighten, convince, convert, and inspire with a well grounded hope. John's baptism was preparatory and ini-tiatory to the gespel. His teaching was that repentance must first condemn sin, that grace might blot it out that every man's character is determined by the standard he maintains in living, and that repentance must always precede the kinglom of God. John's preaching was exceedingly plain and practical. It was the proclamation to all that the one repreaching, 13. Exact no more, etc. — Tax gatherers were accustomed to levy and collect as heavy a tax as the people could be made to pay, and to keep for themselves all in excess of what they were obliged to pay over to their sup-erior officers. John's answer to their unestion struck at the roct of their the set of the set of their sup-erior becaused was a gospel of divine origin, the design of which was to separate the good from the bad. John proclammed with earnestness and persidency, the truth which had been breathed into his own heart by the spirit of God. It was formation needed, in order to better times, was self-reformation, where all wn heart by the spirit of God. It was HI. Christ's coming announced (vs. 15-17). 15. Expectation ... mass-d-There was a prevalent expectation that the Messiah was about to appear, and the remarkable character of John's preaching led his heavers to wonder whether he was not really the Christ. 16. John answered-Anticipating their question. One mightier than I = - Christ. Not worthy-He whose coming John that he was not worthy to perform for him the duties devolving upon the most menial servant. He shall baptize yon with the Holy Ghost-Baptism with the evident sincerity of John the Bapance all of its own. He laid stress upon external conduct, yet counted it of ng value only as the fruit and proof of all inward change of mind and purpose. inward change of mind and purpose. John was utterly fearless and unmind-ful of his own interests when duty called If. Proclaiming a kingdom. Few Bible characters are so strangely attractive ac that of John the Baptist. In the wilder-arose whether he was the Christ, a selfrose whether he was the Carlet, a set-result of solar the bagan his mis-sionary work. He held directly to his message when he went forth. His preaching was stern, duntless and pracwith

Instead of having warm' quarters in which to roost, they were compelled to roost in the trees, on the fence, in the pig pen or the cow stable, or wherever they could find it and to seat snow when they were thirsty in the winter time. They were exposed to all kinds of weather and stood around on one foot half the time, hungry and cold and not caring whether they lived or died. Under such conditions winter eggs were out of the question, and in the spring the hens stole away under the barn or out in the weeds and laid a clutch of eggs in obedience to the material desire to bring forth their young, though it would seem that the treat-ment they had received would have annihilated all the maternal desire and instinct they ever possessed. Instead of having warm' quarters and instinct they ever possessed. But to-day the farmer has awaken-

something in blood and breeding as well as in care and feeding; that there is all the difference in the world between the nondescript, emaciated hen and the pure-bred, vigorous hen that has by careful breeding been perfected as an egg producer and the producer of strong, vigorous progeny. On the average farm nowadays we find flocks of pure-bred fowls, full of vigor and stamina and bred to the highest degree of productiveness. highest degree of productiveness, which means profit. And they are housed in warm, sanitary houses and properly fed and cared for. The natural result is an enormous 'in-crease in eggs and fowls for market. The incubator or modern artificial The incubator, or modern artificial hatcher, has played a most import-ant part in the development of the poultry industry. There are poultry farms in this country where from 50,000 to 100,000 chicks are hatched annually. The town lot poultryman and farmer are also ming the artiand farmer are also using the arti-ficial hatchers and brooders with the best of success.



e an idea both will have to give in ittle. wonder if those who complain so ut the boys and girls having the n ever tried the experiment of mak-the farm home pleasant, profitable l agreeable to the young folks. Keep-them everlastingly busy at home l giving them no money to spend for ir own, is calculated to sicken any-of farm life. Ay grandfather used to make axe and nmer handles that would last for a little. a little. I wonder if those who complain so about the boys and girls having the farm ever tried the experiment of mak-ing the farm home pleasant, profitable and agreeable to the young folks. Keep-ing them everlastingly busy at home and giving them no money to spend for their own, is calculated to sieken any-one of farm life. My grandfather used to make axe and

My grandfather used to make axe and hammer handles that would last for years and years. I was wishing for one of his make the other day, after breaking a 25 cent handle that had about as much strength to it as if made of so ing a 25 cent nancie that had about as much strength to it as if made of so much brown paper. It seems an excep-tion to get a "store" handle that is auy good. If I had some of the old Vermont wood I would try making some.



TORONTO MARKETS.

FARMERS' MARKET.
 Dressed hogs
 \$ 8 50

 Butter, good to choice
 0 32

 Eggs, new-laid, dozen
 0 45

 Chickens, lb.
 0 17

 Ducks, lb.
 0 17
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Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags

e less.

LIVE STOCK.

LIVE STOCK. Teronto despatch: The market at the Western Cattle Market is again dragging this morning. Common cattle are still coning in, in spite of the notice of the drovers to the farmers to not send their strictly common and half-fattened butch-ers' cattle to the market. Good and choice cattle are selling strong, but the denand is not quite as keen as earlier in the week. Milch cows are becoming piterifiul, with prices steady. Good lambs are firm at yesterday's quotation, but common or barn lambs are not bringing the prices expected by the farmers. Hogs have taken a little rise and are up ten cents.

ents. Receipts, 50 cars, consisting of 1,008 cat-le, 251 sheep and lambs, f,700 hogs and

Receipts, 50 cars, consis tle, 25i sheep and lambs 128 calves. To-day's quotations: Butcher cattle, cholee. De, medium Butchers' cows, cholee. Du, medium Do, connens. Do, contes. Do, bulls Feeding steers. Stockers, choice. Do. dight.

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MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

46.7. MONTREAL LIVE STOCK. Montreal—At the Canadian Pacific Live stock for the week ending February 3rd were for the week ending February 3rd were that the receipts of live stock for the week ending February 3rd were follows and 350 calves, while the offerings this morning amounted to 450 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 1,100 hogs and 350 calves. Although the supply of cattle vas a stand at the market and prices ruled about 25c per 100 pounds lower than on Monday. The demand was limited, owing to the fact that buyers were generally well supplied with the class of beef offered and were not disposed to load up with any more for the time being, consect-ently the trade was slow throughout the day and the market was dull. A few top quality steers sold as hich as \$6.50, and some choice cows at \$4.75 per 100 pounds. The trade in small meats was also quiet, on account of the limited supplies coming forward, and prices showed no important change. The tong of the market for hogs was stronger under an increased demand, and amaller as \$1.55 to \$1.55 to \$6.50 do., medium, \$3.55 to \$4.55; do., medium, \$3.55 to \$4.55; do., buils, \$1 to \$5; do., common and medium, \$3.55 to \$5.50 to \$6.55; do., medium, \$3.55 to \$6.55; lambs, \$5.60 to \$4.55; do., to \$5.55; lambs, \$5.65 to \$5.55; lambs, \$5.55 to \$7.55; lambs, \$5.55 to \$5.55; lambs

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Cattle-Receipts estimated at 7,000.		
Market-Steady to strong.		
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Market-Qplet and steady.		
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Heavy 555 6	32	
Rough 5 95	6 1	
Pigs 425	6 9	5
Bulk of sales 665	6 :	15
Sheep-Receipts estimated at 15,000.		
Market-Slow.		
Native 3 15		ŝ
Western 840	4 6	
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BUFFALO LIVE STOCK		
East Buffalo despatch-Cattle	Re	.

ipts 150, slow and easy. Veals-Receipts 100 active and steady, 5.50 to \$10.

5.50 to \$10.
Hogs-Receipts, 2,400 head ,active and steady to 5e lower, heavy and mixed.
\$6.50 to \$6.55; Yorkers, \$6.50 to \$6.60, pigs, \$6.25 to \$6.40, roughs, \$5.75 to \$5.
\$0, stags, \$4.50 to \$5.25, dairies, \$6.25

to \$6.50. Sheep and lambs - Receipt* 6,000 sheep active and steady. Lambs slow 25c lower; lambs \$3.50 to \$6.90, a few

the Bourse to-day.

Paris, Feb. 8 .- Prices were firm on

BLACK WART.



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ADDRESS

service done for Christ has an import

him to speak against sin. Ilis soul was

work and his Master. Nothing but injury to others, damage to the cause of Ged, and sorrow to himself could have come from an overestimate of himself or his position. He not only declared the dignity of Christ's person, but the excel-lency of his office. John was a godly, upright, heroic soul. He took occasion when the people were moved to inquiry, to bring before them the greatness of Christ and His work, compared to himself or his baptism. He was but a herald to perpare the people for the real King



A dog that is worth keeping is en titled to good shelter.

I know a young man who started farming for humself five years ago. He beneficial Brock's Bird Treat will

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by his preaching, and desired to "bring forth fruits worthy of repentance." II. Let him impart - The prevalent sins of the time more than the prevalent sins of the time weer selfishness and robbery and repentance would be shown by self-denial, and by making a charitable use of legitimate wealth. Meat - Food. 12. Publicans-Tax-gatherers. They 12. Publicans—Tax-gatherers. They were, as a class, extortionate and un-just, taking every possible advantage in order to enrich them, yet they were brought under conviction by John's preaching, 13. Exact no more, etc. —Tax vertherers were accurate and to have and

III. Christ's coming announced (vs. with the Holy Chost-Baptism with water was an outward act and the symbol of an inward work, and the in-ward transformation was to be wrough. iring transformation was to be wrought trough the operation of the Holy with And with fire. This refers to a sindestruction Spirit. the sin-destroying power of the Holy Spirit, 17, Fan As the winnowing fan Spirit, L_c, ran-As the winnowing-fan was an instrument for separating the chaff from the wheat, so the gospel is the agency for separating sin from the beart, Floore-The threshing-floor in this figure represents the world. Gather the wheat inco his garner—Carist will gath-er the cost into Mix-decau kingdow. or the good into His eternal kingdom

Questions. At what age did John the Baptist, login his ministry: Who were the rulers in Palestine? Where did John the rulers in Palestine? Where did John proach? What prophecy was thus ful-filled? Who came to hear John preach? How did his preaching affect the peo-ple? What particular directions did John give to different classes? What is meant by "fruits worthy of repent-ence"? What is meant by being bap-tized with the Holy Spirit? PRACTICAL SURVEY. Torics in distinctive mission.

Topic, A distinctive mission I. Preparing a people. II. Proclaimin of ling lan. I Pretai I carl had



e for your bird, and will send has succeeded and last year purchased 2 full-size cakes of the Treat if you will mail us the coupon below. an auto. For this act he has been criticised unmercifully by his father, and yet I remember that it caused a much NICHOLSON & BROCK 9-11 Francis St., Toronto For this coupon, please send me, free of charge or obligation on my part, two full-size cakes of Brock's Bird Treat, and oblige.

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yet 1 remember that it caused a much greater sacrifice for this man to buy a buggy 35 years ago. His neighbors predicted bankruptzy, without fail. You see, therefore, that it all depends. The first top buggy that came into cur accanty was regarded as a verit-able death trap and the man who own-ed it was called a "hoor" not only be. able death trap and the man who own-ed it was called a "loon" not only be-bind his back, but also to his face. Horses are cheaper, at least for the time being. Many think all the decline will be regained by spring, when good horses will be as high as the highest. Warket northcodes are as uncertain as Market prophecies are as uncertain as weather prophecies, and no wise man will make either or believe in either, but tical, yet there was a word of hope ever n his storm of vengeance. He granted that repentance was no easy thing, that it cost time and effort to level mount-ains. He urged that the smallest act of this time we have the Presidential cleetion to take into consideration, and there's no telling what will happen in

a Presidential year. The horse now alle that does consid-crable work during the summer, needs daily exercise to keep his digestion, as-similation and circulation in proper worknow weber orking order.

While making your New Year resolutions, what have you resolved to do about parcels post? Too many farmers who need this never have resolved about it-that's always been the great draw-back to its adoption. Unless the farm-ers speak up in writing to their Con-greasmen and tell them they want par-cels post, there's little possibility of its ever being realized, as the interests who do not want it are constantly brigging to not want it are constantly bringing up argument against it. Write a letter to your Congressman, urging him to

to your Congressman, urging him to support parcels post-not to morrow or next week, but right now If you speak to the morse, then yell at him again before he has time to obey the first command, you may just ex-pect him to become confused till he acts almost as crazy as his master does. Adding a little grain to the roughage ration of even the stock herds, not only saves roughage, but by furnishing a greater variety of feed, better digestion will be promoted and more nourishment

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a single article of feed. If you would have the bank account balance in your favor, be sure to feed the dairy cows a balanced ration.

This is a good time to get on close erms with those colts. Some of the farmers say they are not going to pay such high prices for hired kelp another year, and the hired help say they will not work for less than they received this year. Who will fingive in remains to be seen, but I 2:1:

Stockers, choice Do., light Milkers, choice, each Springers Sheep, ewes........ Bucks and culls..... 3 00 50 00 40 00 3 00 6 00 6 70 6 30 4 00 Hogs, fed and watered logs, fed and watered logs, f.o.b..

OTHER MARKETS.

DULUTH GRAIN MARKET Duluth-Wheat-No. 1 hard, \$1.08 7-8; No. 1 northern, \$1.08 1-8; No. 2 northern, \$1.04 7-8; May, \$1.06 1-8 asked; July, \$1.08-

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET. MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET. Minneapolis-Close-Wheat - May, \$1.07 to \$1.07, 1-5; July, \$1.07, 7-8; No. 1 hard, \$1.08, 1-8; No. 1 northern, \$1.07, 1-8 to \$1.07-5-5; No. 2 northern, \$1.05, 5-5; No. 3 wheat, \$1.03, 1-8 to \$1.03, 5-8. Corn-No. 3 white, 49, 1-26 to 50c, Ryte-No. 2, \$9c, Biran-\$25 to \$25.3 Ffour-First patents, \$1.10 to \$5.40; sec-ond patents, \$1.57 to \$57; first clears, \$3.55 to \$4.50; second clears, \$2.40 to \$2.80, * WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET, Winnipeg-With very little demand the

Windpeg-With very little demand the prices reacted on this market slightly file opening prices were 18 lower for all May, 3-se lower for new May, and de lower for July, with a weak under-one. The closing figures were 3-se

1-le lower for July, with a weak under-tone. The closing figures were 3-8e lower for old May, 1-8e lower for new May, and 1-4e lower for July. The cash demand is only fair, and prices declined to all grades. Feed, rejected seeds and tough being unchanged. Expert enguly is absolutely off and with prices tending downwards huvers are holding back. Outs are keeping steady for May, with firmer tendency, but futle or nothing doing in July. oing in July

Canada to Put Up the Bars Against This Pest. Washington, Feb. 12 .- Canada is about to put up the bars against potatoes from the United States, fearing the dread black wart, according to Depart-ment of agriculture officials. The "wart" does not exist here, but there is no quarantine law which would keep in-fected potatoes from Europe out of Am-

erican ports whence they might make their way into Canada. For this reason the Department of Agcontrol time reason the Department of Ag-riculture is particularly anxious to have Congress pass at its next session a bill already introduced which would regulate the importation of nursery stock and establish a strict quarantine against plant diseases and insect pests. Similar bills have been defeated a number of times but Covernment of thirds establish times, but Government officials said to-dive that they thought the measure would pass this year. Nursery men, it is said, have withdrawn their opposition, several slight changes in the bill having made it meet their ideas.

