

# SERMON.

## "IF THE LORD BE GOD FOLLOW HIM."

—I KINGS 18:21, 30-46.

Elijah's requirements of King Ahab, that the principal representatives of the ten tribes should gather at Mount Carmel, and with them the 450 priests of Baal, was promptly complied with. Ahab seemed to lose his bravado, and to realize that he was, in a general sense at least, subject to Elijah as the Lord's representative, and that the claim of the latter that the three and a half years of drought was the penalty for idolatry seemed reasonable. He evidently understood that the test of the two religions was about to be made; but since Elijah was only one in contrast with so many priests of Baal, with the host of the idols, and with the king and his courtiers, and since this seemed the only course open to secure the coveted rain, the king seemed to have offered no objection.

The top of Mount Carmel, the place of meeting, was about eleven miles from the palace at Jezreel. It was an ideal place for just such a spectacle as occurred there. It was probably a few days before the Baal would assemble, but when they came together Elijah, in the audience of the people, proposed to the 450 priests of Baal a test to demonstrate whether Baal or Jehovah was God. That the circumstances of the test were so arranged that nothing else than the test, and it was an especially appropriate one, too; for Baal was noted for being preeminent the sun god, the god of nature, fertility, etc. The three and a half years of drought already testified against Baal's power to bless the fields and flocks or his devotees with fertility or fruitfulness, and now, additionally, Elijah proposed that the god who would answer by fire should be proclaimed the real one. The priests of Baal made ready an altar and laid upon it the sacrifice in the morning; then, after their custom, they prayed and implored, sometimes in a loud voice and sometimes softly, the Baal would answer and demonstrate his power by fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice.

### CALL DOUBT ON BAAL. OUR GOD "HEARRETH IN SECRET."

As the noon-day sun shone out scorchingly, the altar became hot, but the fat of the slain sacrifice must have been sizzling with heat, and it would have seemed to require very little to have accomplished their object. Tradition says that the Baal would answer and demonstrate his power by fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice. The priests of Baal made ready an altar and laid upon it the sacrifice in the morning; then, after their custom, they prayed and implored, sometimes in a loud voice and sometimes softly, the Baal would answer and demonstrate his power by fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice.

Elijah built an altar in the name of the Lord—that is, consecrated by prayer to the Lord. Presumably he had all the help necessary in its construction, and he added to it a feature not common to altars, namely, that it had a trench round about which he caused to be filled with water from a never-falling spring which is to be found on the slope of Mount Carmel. Four earthen jars (misnamed in the text barrels) were filled and emptied three times, until the whole altar-wood and sacrifice were saturated and surrounded by water. This would be a demonstration to the heads of the tribes were fasting Elijah was praying for the rain and waiting for it. Seven times in all he sent his servants to look in the direction from which the rain storms usually came, to see whether it was anything in the nature of a cloud was visible in the sky, and only at the last did he get the favorable report that his servant saw a sign about the size of a man's hand rising in the west. Here we see beautifully blended the part of God and the part of man in respect to prayer. Elijah did not pray for rain until he understood that the Lord's time had come to send rain; then he prayed with the earnestness and expectancy with confidence; for we cannot doubt that the one who built the altar and flooded it with water and expected and witnessed the consuming of the sacrifice by fire from heaven would be full of confidence respecting the sending of rain, for which, nevertheless, he prayed. Just so it is with the Lord's people to-day. They are definitely promised as certain things, and these may as positively expect and may appropriately request; other things, however, not promised, we are not apt to expect.

### WHERE CHRIST IS HIS WORD IS STUDIED.

This is the key to our Master's words, "If ye abide in Me and My word abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." For us to have the ear of the Lord it is requisite that we shall abide in Christ—the members of His body, and through Him children of the Father. It is necessary also that His word abide in us—that we study the Lord's promise, that we know what He has promised, so that we may ask only those things which He has already declared to us. He is pleased to grant. Just another suggestion respecting what we may

ask and what we may not request in prayer, leaving the fuller examination of the subject to another time. We may not ask the conversion of our friends, because the Lord has not told us thus to pray. He set us an example, neither did the apostles, and the entire teaching of the Scriptures is to the contrary. We may, however, with propriety pray for wisdom and grace upon our hearts and upon our lips, that we may know how to present the Lord's message clearly and forcefully and convincingly to those we love and desire to see brought under the influence of the Truth. The Lord's arrangement is "Thy shall make you free." God's arrangement is, further, that the Truth shall not be injected into our minds by sudden, unprovoked means when this is unnecessary, but that it shall be proclaimed by those who already have learned it. Hence the preaching of the Gospel is the Lord's work, by which He pleases to grant the blessing of His Truth and through His Truth His grace, during this Gospel age, to those who are in a proper attitude of heart to receive the same. Take another illustration: We are not taught to pray for money or for luxuries, but we may labor and ask the Lord's blessing upon our labors, and such guidance of them as would be best, with a heart ready to receive with thankfulness the blessing of the Lord may be best for us. Our only request may be for the absolute necessities as expressed in our Lord's prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." We may also pray with propriety, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven," and may be sure that in the Lord's due time this petition, which has gone up for ages, shall be answered, and the throne of grace shall be answered, and showers of blessing shall come from the presence of the Lord during the second presence of our King, flooding the world with times of restitution of all things.

### BE OF GOOD COURAGE.

A general lesson may be drawn from these incidents by the Lord's people of the New Creation today. The Elijah-like class have the lessons of courage and faithfulness and trust. Let us be strong in the power of his might; let us speak his word plainly and show forth on every suitable occasion and by every proper means the glories of him who hath called us from darkness to light. It is not for us to vanquish the powers of the Truth and put them to death as did Elijah, but it is for us to stand and utter the errors and follies which are deceiving the people. The Lord's little ones, as the Scriptures declare, may be mighty through his power to the breaking down of the strongholds of error and to the turning back of the tide of deception and sin from those who are not reasonably of the attitude of mind to receive the Truth, though they may be deceived into error and not willingly and wilfully its followers and beneficiaries.

### THE WRONG NAME.

J. L. White of Grand Falls is Not Concerned.

The Sun of the 16th inst. printed a despatch from Lisbon Falls, Maine, relating to certain experiences of Mr. White, formerly of Tracy's Mills, who was said to have lost some of his money at Lisbon in connection with the Sandford colony. In the headline there was some confusion between the name of the gentleman concerned and that of his son, J. L. White, merchant of Grand Falls. The headline did not say that J. L. White was a financial sufferer by the incident, but let the careless reader may have inferred that he was involved, the Sun being at Lisbon in connection with the Sandford colony. The only mention made of J. L. White in the despatch was the statement that he had gone to Maine to take his aged father away. The Sun would greatly regret to learn that any misunderstanding had been taken from the despatch which would cause embarrassment or even annoyance to J. L. White.

### MR. BURGESS SAVED HIS SEVEN COWS.

APOLAHUQU, Aug. 17.—About 2 o'clock this morning Walter Burgess, a farmer living a short distance out of the village, awakened to find his barn on fire. In it was stored all of this season's hay, a quantity of green oats, nine cows, two horses, a top buggy, express wagon, harness, farming implements, etc. All that Mr. Burgess was able to save was seven cows. He estimates his loss at \$800. There was a small insurance on the barn. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the suspicion is that it tramped had been there smoking, as it was very near the highway.

### SENT UP FOR TRIAL

#### Frank McDermott Committed For Assault.

Hamilton Seemed Unable to Remember Much of What Happened to Him on Poklok.

The hearing of the charge of aggravated assault on Charles Hamilton against Frank McDermott was continued yesterday morning. D. Mullin, K. C., for McDermott, and J. King Kelley for Hamilton, again appearing.

Dr. W. F. Roberts said he found Hamilton in the N. E. police station, his face swollen, his nose broken and wounds on his forehead and cheeks. He put seven stitches in the various cuts.

The lacerated wounds could be caused either from the flat hat, but he could positively swear the one under the eyebrow was not caused by the hat; a blunt instrument must have been used.

### NOT OVER 3,000 Will Leave Here on the Harvesters' Excursion.

The farmers of the Canadian West have asked for thirty thousand eastern men to assist in harvesting this year's wheat crop. The C. P. R. officials thought that five thousand of the men could be secured from the maritime provinces, while the remainder were to be gathered in Quebec and Ontario. If the Upper Canadian provinces do not respond any better than the maritime provinces are doing, the farmers in Manitoba and the territories will be short of help.

### DR. BOTSFORD'S SUCCESS TREATING TUBERCULOSIS

Patients Are Getting Better—Point du'Chene Fugitive Caught.

MONCTON, Aug. 16.—Officer Beley today arrested William Clary, one of the young men wanted for assault on a Norwegian sailor, Olsen, at Point du'Chene Sunday night. The man was separated after leaving Point du'Chene and Clary and another had a camp in the woods near Shediac, where the capture was effected. Clary put up a stiff fight, but was finally overpowered. The three are still at large.

### HOPEWELL HILL

HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 17.—The schooner Beaver sailed from the river today for Boston with a load of plaster from the New England Asbestum Co. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Starratt of New York came yesterday on a short visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Starratt, at the Hill.

MONTEAL, Aug. 17.—The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club has decided not to challenge for the Sewanah cup, which it held for nine years, but which was recently won by the Manchester, Mass., yacht club.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF CARLETON CO. MAN.

BATH, Carleton Co., Aug. 16.—The schools opened in this village on Monday, the 14th inst., with the same staff of teachers, Miss A. Z. Alward, principal, and Miss Beula Shaw, teacher of the primary grades.

This community was shocked on Monday last to learn that James Ryan, a very respected resident, had met with an accident which resulted in his death last evening. Mr. Ryan was at work on his new house, when, missing his step, he fell from the top of the second story, striking on his head on a pile of stones. He was thought to be instantly killed, as his skull was broken in several places, but he lingered about twenty-four hours in an unconscious condition until death followed.

Dr. Cummins of this place, who was assisted by Dr. Rankine of Woodstock, made the necessary preparation for removing of the broken skull, but held out no hope of recovery. Mr. Ryan was a man of about 70 years of age, and removed from Sunbury county to the new settlement of Knowlesville, in this county, some twenty-five years ago, where by his careful husbandry he erected for himself a fine home and acquired a good property. He came to this place less than two years ago and purchased a large farm. Less than a year ago Mr. Ryan lost two large barns and their contents, valued at \$2,000, on the farm here. He is survived by a wife and six children, all grown up. The youngest son is working the farm here, and a daughter, wife of John McCready of this place, are the only members of the family near.

Among the visitors in town this week have been Andrew Rykie of Woodstock, T. J. Carter, barrister of Andover, and Dr. E. Jewett of Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Woolphor of Millville, N. S., are visiting Mrs. Woolphor's old home here for a few days, as also are Mr. and Mrs. James Squires of Sydney, C. B.

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### BIRTHS.

PATTERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, August 10th, a daughter, DAVIS—Aug. 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, a son. LANGSTROTH—On Wednesday, Aug. 8th, at Somerville, Mass., to the wife of Ernest Langstroth, a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

BUSTARD-MOORE—At Waterford, N. B., Aug. 18th, by Rev. Frank Baird, William Robert Bustard, of Pettitcodia, to Adella Jennetta, second daughter of James A. Moore. STRAIGHT-FISHER—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Victoria street, St. John, on Aug. 18th, by the Rev. David Long, Benjamin Harley Straight, of Bangor, Me., formerly of Cambridge, Queens Co., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Fisher, of Bristol, England. BEAL-HEA—At the residence of the bride's father, on Aug. 10th, by the Rev. H. B. Potter, Arthur Beal of Beal's Point, to Florence Muriel, daughter of Arthur J. Hea of Medford, Mass.

### DEATHS.

ALSTON—In this city, on the 17th inst., John Alston, in the 70th year of his age, leaving a widow, three daughters and one son to mourn their loss. HOPKINS—At Crouville, on the 18th inst., after a lingering illness, James Henry Hopkins, aged 27 years, only surviving son of Henry and the late Mary A. Hopkins. TRACEY—Suddenly at Red Head, on the 18th inst., Patrick Tracey in the 69th year of his age, leaving a wife, a son and three daughters to mourn their loss. DICK—In this city, on the 16th instant, William C. Dick, aged 65 years, interment on the 17th instant, at Springhill, N. S. TOOLE—In this city, on 16th August, of cholera infantum, Margarita, aged 8 months, infant child of John L. and Lillie Toole. (Boston papers please copy.) NORTHERUP—Drowned at Isles Island, Aug. 12th, 1905, Roy, aged 17 years, son of Isaac and Annie Northerup, of St. John. THORNE—Suddenly, at Chicago, Ill., Anna Sibell, wife of Robert C. Thorne, daughter of the late Richard W. Thorne of this city.

### HAMPTON SCHOOLS AND CONSOLIDATION.

Whole Question Will Be Considered By Board of Education—Personal News From Hampton.

HAMPTON, N. B., Aug. 17.—Dr. J. R. Inch, chief superintendent of education, came here today and held a consultation with a number of persons interested in the question of the consolidation of school districts, both for and against, with the conclusion the board of education at its meeting next month will have the whole matter laid before its members, and action one way or the other decided on. Meanwhile the Village trustees are expected to stay proceedings in regard to building, etc. This ratification of Hendricks school district, where there has been no school for a quarter of a century, are opposed to being brought into the union with the Village and Station, finding it cheaper and more convenient to send the few pupils they have to the Station and Passages schools, according to location, and pay the fees demanded for the privilege. Miss Belle Donald has arrived home from Durham, N. H., where she had been since the railway accident in which she was seriously injured. She was accompanied by Mrs. Grant, wife of Miss Donald's physician, who is staying here awaiting the arrival of Dr. Grant, who leaves Durham for St. John tomorrow, where he will probably remain over Sunday.

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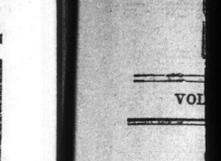
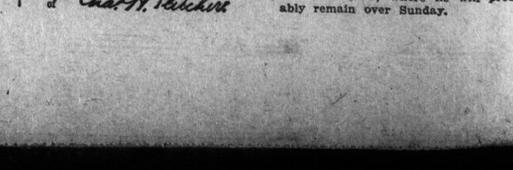
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### BIRTHS.

PATTERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, August 10th, a daughter, DAVIS—Aug. 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, a son. LANGSTROTH—On Wednesday, Aug. 8th, at Somerville, Mass., to the wife of Ernest Langstroth, a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

BUSTARD-MOORE—At Waterford, N. B., Aug. 18th, by Rev. Frank Baird, William Robert Bustard, of Pettitcodia, to Adella Jennetta, second daughter of James A. Moore. STRAIGHT-FISHER—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Victoria street, St. John, on Aug. 18th, by the Rev. David Long, Benjamin Harley Straight, of Bangor, Me., formerly of Cambridge, Queens Co., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Fisher, of Bristol, England. BEAL-HEA—At the residence of the bride's father, on Aug. 10th, by the Rev. H. B. Potter, Arthur Beal of Beal's Point, to Florence Muriel, daughter of Arthur J. Hea of Medford, Mass.

### DEATHS.

ALSTON—In this city, on the 17th inst., John Alston, in the 70th year of his age, leaving a widow, three daughters and one son to mourn their loss. HOPKINS—At Crouville, on the 18th inst., after a lingering illness, James Henry Hopkins, aged 27 years, only surviving son of Henry and the late Mary A. Hopkins. TRACEY—Suddenly at Red Head, on the 18th inst., Patrick Tracey in the 69th year of his age, leaving a wife, a son and three daughters to mourn their loss. DICK—In this city, on the 16th instant, William C. Dick, aged 65 years, interment on the 17th instant, at Springhill, N. S. TOOLE—In this city, on 16th August, of cholera infantum, Margarita, aged 8 months, infant child of John L. and Lillie Toole. (Boston papers please copy.) NORTHERUP—Drowned at Isles Island, Aug. 12th, 1905, Roy, aged 17 years, son of Isaac and Annie Northerup, of St. John. THORNE—Suddenly, at Chicago, Ill., Anna Sibell, wife of Robert C. Thorne, daughter of the late Richard W. Thorne of this city.

### HAMPTON SCHOOLS AND CONSOLIDATION.

Whole Question Will Be Considered By Board of Education—Personal News From Hampton.

HAMPTON, N. B., Aug. 17.—Dr. J. R. Inch, chief superintendent of education, came here today and held a consultation with a number of persons interested in the question of the consolidation of school districts, both for and against, with the conclusion the board of education at its meeting next month will have the whole matter laid before its members, and action one way or the other decided on. Meanwhile the Village trustees are expected to stay proceedings in regard to building, etc. This ratification of Hendricks school district, where there has been no school for a quarter of a century, are opposed to being brought into the union with the Village and Station, finding it cheaper and more convenient to send the few pupils they have to the Station and Passages schools, according to location, and pay the fees demanded for the privilege. Miss Belle Donald has arrived home from Durham, N. H., where she had been since the railway accident in which she was seriously injured. She was accompanied by Mrs. Grant, wife of Miss Donald's physician, who is staying here awaiting the arrival of Dr. Grant, who leaves Durham for St. John tomorrow, where he will probably remain over Sunday.

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