

Gower Street Church.

THE NEW YEAR DISCOURSE BY
REV. HAMMOND JOHNSON.
(I.C.M.)

There were so many important features in the sermon yesterday morning at Gower Street Church, that one at a loss to know which to write first, unless there were at least two discourses available. The discourse was truly a New Year one, and one which revealed vision, observation, and conviction; and which treated of the year both at home and abroad in a worthy the good man, who delivered the message, and worthy the property of the first Sabbath morning of the year, and worthy the unsettled times in which we live.

Taking as the basis of his discourse the story of the spies, which was sent upon the land of Canaan, and upon the prospects, and upon the possibility of its conquest; the preacher made frequent allusions to the year, and dealt with many questions, both local and national and international. The men, who had been sent to spy out the land of Canaan, all agreed to its health and verdure, and to the great possibilities. But they differed upon the possibility of conquest, and only two of the spies expressed their willingness and their ability to overcome the Canaanite people. Ten men of the task was insurmountable, but he said it was possible. The ten depended largely upon their own strength, but the two had greater vision, and knew that the same Divine power, which had brought them through the Red Sea, and thus far in the journey, was able to conquer and complete his work. Ten of the spies looked upon the land, and were afraid of the task before them; but the two looked further and were confident that their convictions were right.

Applying the lesson to the present year upon this, the first Sunday of the year, and looking out upon world conditions—the tasks and obstacles and dangers of political and social life were almost confusing. Who could solve them? Who could direct or reconstruct them? The situation universally is such as calls for the best statesmanship and the best service and prayer of the Church. Not only in the church and its teachings and their application to National life, can the safety of the world be secured. To the ten spies of old the respect of overcoming appeared impossible; and so to many to-day, who are looking out upon world conditions, at seeing the thin edge, and the danger by which society is protected from warfare and revolution, they are so afraid, and seemingly forgetting that there is a higher power than man's, they almost tremble. For those who like the two believe in their power, and who remember what has been done in the past, there is divine vision and there is hope for the spirit of hopefulness which defies wrong, and defeats disaster.

At the same time looking out upon the year 1923, with its pages clean, unruled and unknown, and with no power of penetration into the future; judging the future from the conditions of the present, it must be seen that we have come to a tremendous moment in the world's history. The daily messages, which come to our shores, tell us this. The actions of statesmen and clergymen are the same; and it all tells the lesson. It shows the one great need. The lesson is that of human nature, and the need is that divine grace.

From a national standpoint the sermon was an able one, and was worthy of being heard at the councils of the times. In the olden times, the appearance of a prophet before the nation resulted in a halt to wrong, and the establishment of the right. If a good man, or others like him, can be represented, or some great light within the Christian Church, either Catholic or Protestant could lead before the next Conference of Nations and deliver the right message, there would not be much fear of continued complications, nor of an outbreak of war. For men would see their own frailty and need and would seek that higher help, which alone can save the world; and they would live up to the words of Kipling's recital, and say:—

"O God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget! Lest we forget!"

Referring to local matters, the speaker was equally emphatic, and stated out, and gave no uncertain hint as to where he stood on the question of temperance and reform. He referred, impartially to our prohibition law, and the manner in which it was carried out. He said every man, who takes notice of what is going on, must only have one opinion, and that is that the prohibition law is a farce, or the manner in which it is carried out is a farce. He said plainly of the arrangement made at the Controller's Department, previous to holidays, and was emphatic in his statements that there is need and room for more spirit and a better definition of enactment of the law. Upon national matters, and upon the current situation, he also laid great stress, and to all he said there seemed to be a conviction in every bosom, which acknowledged that the year certainly had the best of the

argument; and that his New Year message to his people was one not to be forgotten, and one worthy the power of the radiograph; and one that will be spoken of in the years to come.

We thank Mr. Johnson for his timely and able message, and we feel assured that his Pastorate at Gower Street Church will well sustain the zeal and work of the sainted men who have preceded him.

Request Refused.

KYLE WILL NOT GO TO RAY OF ISLANDS.

Regarding the matter of freeing the schoolers that have been frozen in at Bay of Islands, several conferences between the Reid N.B. Co., and the Government have been held during the past few days with a view to having S.S. Kyle despatched to the scene, as requested by B. D. Lilly on behalf of the people of the West Coast. The decision arrived at was that the request could not be acceded to, it being too great a risk to despatch the steamer there under present conditions.

Coasting Accident.

LAD COLLIDES WITH POLE.

A young lad named Dermot Eaglish had a narrow escape from being seriously injured yesterday afternoon while coasting over Robinson's Hill. The lad, in company with other boys, was sliding over the incline, when in the act of steering his sled to avoid several children approaching in the opposite direction he collided with a pole and was knocked unconscious. He was picked up and carried into the home of Mrs. McNamara and Dr. Anderson who was hurriedly called in, found that no bones were broken, and he was suffering more or less from shock. He was later driven to his home on Queen's Road.

Poultry Propaganda.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The Poultry Association are having their annual meeting to-night. Since war conditions prevail, the interest in poultry raising has very much diminished. In the early days of the Association we had a comparatively large and enthusiastic membership. Much inspiration then surrounded the Association. After a while a reaction took place, and there was a falling off in membership, this was followed by the war depression and high priced feeds. The Association then found itself faced with a very limited membership. That residue, however, still kept "carrying on" with the result that one of the best exhibitions ever held here has just been successfully conducted for which the very greatest credit is due to the few men who were responsible for it.

In 1923 Newfoundland imported Poultry valued at \$51,602
Eggs 77,235
\$128,837

1922:—
Poultry .. \$46,743
Eggs 62,611
\$109,354

All this money was sent out of the Colony, making a condition quite possible of improvement. What about making an effort through the Association to save the Colony this expenditure? It is up to you as public spirited patriotic Newfoundlanders to do your bit. Here is our opportunity. Become members of the Association. We want your helping hand and the inspiration you will bring us. The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at the Board of Trade Building.

Yours faithfully,
ALBERT J. BAYLY.
Jan. 3th, 1923.

Radio.

AN APPEAL FROM IOWA HEARD.

Listening in last evening, J. J. Collins, Marconi Superintendent, heard several concerts broadcasted from different American cities. In particular he heard one from Station W.O.C. Davenport, Iowa. During the concert an appeal was made from the station for contributions from its "invisible audience," towards a "shut-in" fund. The object of this fund is to purchase receiving sets for people who, through illness and infirmity are shut in and are unable to purchase sets themselves. Every word of the concert and appeal was heard quite distinctly and the programme was a pleasing one.

SEBASTOPOL ARRIVES.—S. S. Sebastopol arrived from the westward yesterday morning bringing a part freight and the following passengers:—Messrs. M. Duggan, J. Bovis, J. Connors, J. Walsh, F. J. Cahill, and Mrs. Cahill.

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

SOME SPEED BOAT.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.
Garfield A. Wood, of Detroit, established a new international salt water record for dual motor speed boats yesterday, driving miss America first at a rate of 75.43 miles an hour.

ARMS IN PRINTING OFFICE.

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.
State troops on Saturday night raided the premises of the Bulletin, a Republican organ, seizing printing presses and a quantity of ammunition.

NEW GOLD FIND.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 8.
L. C. Westwick, of Springhouse, in Caribou, reports the latest gold find in British Columbia. He states that men digging for drinking water found they were throwing up bit nuggets by the shovelful, and the whole area is impregnated with gold. He immediately staked out claims, anticipating a rush.

WANT JOFFRE.

PARIS, Jan. 8.
An invitation sent to Joffre who is at the head of the French mission, to reorganize the Soviet Red Army and Russian Military Society, has been addressed to the French Government by the Soviet Government, according to an announcement in Le Matin.

THE FIRST MOVE.

PARIS, Jan. 8.
Forty naval and military engineers left Paris for Dusseldorf on Sunday night, there to await instructions designating the various Ruhr mines they are taking control of.

ATHEISM AT CHRISTMAS.

MOSCOW, Jan. 8.
Young Communists, observing Christmas of the Gregorian Calendar yesterday, launched a widely heralded "attack upon Heaven" in a grotesque carnival procession that was a mockery of the world's great religions. Thousands of Russian students performed the snake dance around a great bonfire kindled before the principal railway station, at the close of the revelries, of which the climax came with the tossing into flames of straw and paper effigies representing the deities of the Christian, Mohammedan, Jewish and Buddhist religions. There were no disorders.

PLACING THE ISSUE.

LONDON, Jan. 8.
Draft of a Near East Agreement will be presented the Turkish League within a fortnight. It was said in official circles to-day. The Turks will be told to sign the document, or tear it to pieces and take the consequences.

GETTING AFTER REBELS.

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.
Twenty-eight irregulars were arrested at Glanigan, West Meath, by National troops, operating from Mullingar, and a quantity of arms and ammunition seized.

JAP ADMIRAL DEAD.

TOKIO, Jan. 8.
Admiral Baron Hayao Sima Mura, chief of the general navy staff, died to-day. He was chief of staff to Admiral Togo in the Russo-Japanese war.

Shipping.

Schr. Catherine M. Moulton, which left here last week, arrived at Harbor Buffet on Saturday, all well.

S.S. Rosalind left Halifax yesterday and is due here tomorrow.

S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax at 6 p.m. making the run from this port in 44 hours.

S.S. Sable I. leaves Halifax tomorrow for this port.

S.S. Sachem leaves Liverpool tomorrow for here.

S.S. Mapledawn sailed for Halifax at 6.30 a.m. yesterday where she will, it is understood, be moored for the winter.

Schr. Review, Capt. Symonds, is at present unloading codfish at Halifax.

S.S. Canadian Sapper arrived in port on Saturday evening with a full general cargo from Halifax.

Schr. Myrtle has arrived at Grand Bank from Fortune and will load fish for Oporto.

Ten following first class passengers arrived at Port aux Basques yesterday afternoon and are on the incoming express which is due in St. John's midnight:—F. W. Tuer, R. Goodman, W. Steward, R. Fudge, Miss C. Devos, D. E. O'Brien, D. J. Murray, Miss O. Quinn, Sir P. T. McGrath.

For a good time, come to St. Joseph's Card Party and Dance on Wednesday night, Jan. 10th. Tickets 75c, including tea.

Personal.

Major Phillips who arrived from England by the last ship will be leaving for the Grenfell Hospital at St. Anthony in a few days.

Capt. W. Carroll, Tidewater, who had to be removed to hospital on Saturday night, is considerably improved to-day.

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