

## A Voice in the Wilderness.

TOPICAL SERMON AT ST. MICHAEL'S.

This is a short account of a sermon preached at St. Michael's Church on Sunday evening last, Sept. 19th, by the Rector of Bay St. George, Rev. E. A. Butler.

Text—St. Matt. III. 3: "The voice crying in the wilderness."

At the beginning of the Christian era a voice was lifted up, sending forth a message to mankind. It was man's voice, but the message was God's. John the Baptist was the voice, and the desert of humanity was the wilderness in which he spoke. Mankind living in selfish contemplations had to be aroused to a life of higher, broader and better things, and that is what the voice then began to do, to arouse man from his selfish slumbers, to show him the need of preparing for the new order of events that were about to begin, to make preparation for the coming of the Lord. All through the ages since then the voice has spoken, the voice of man delivering God's message; so the voice has never been silent.

A new order of events is being ushered in now, and man has to be taught to prepare for it, and to adapt himself to the new conditions. The great war, with its effects, and after effects, has turned or is turning the world upside down, and we Christians have to take a hand in this evolution. We have to direct the new energies that are being developed, direct them into channels where they will do most good. We have to be the voice now, the preachers of today.

But John the Baptist was more than a preacher: he was also a prophet, a man of vision, and we have to be men or women of visions, to look into the future, and as far as we can make preparation for the stirring events it will bring into our lives. Solomon says, "where there is no vision the people perisheth." The young man starting life with a vision does not live only for to-day, does not live an aimless life. He is always looking ahead, and making preparation for future claims upon his time and talent. That man's usefulness increases with his age, and he leaves the world better than he found it. His vision does not fade, even when he fades, for it is further visualized through others upon whom his spirit may fall. He leaves "foot-prints on the sands of time" to guide others.

Dr. Fahey, the new Principal of Queen's College, is a man of vision. He sees the future needs of the Church in this Diocese, and wishes to make preparation for them. Further, he is a "voice crying in the wilderness." Directly or indirectly he has been crying out for months, "Prepare! Prepare!" and we want that voice to be lifted up and sound far and near, the voice of man with its message from God. We have a college, almost the oldest in the mission field, and within those aged walls most of our clergy were trained. But clergy, like buildings, grow old and fall into decay, and we find ourselves growing older every year, and the time is not far distant when some of the workers shall cease from their labours, with perhaps no others, or very few others, to take their places. Here in St. John's you may not realize the need of more clergy, as we do in the outports. You only see things as they are in the city, or your knowledge of outport life limited to Conception Bay, where fifteen of our clergy minister to fifteen thousand people along a coast line of about 100 miles. But along the South Coast and the West Coast, from Placentia Bay to Flower's Cove, we have only the same number of clergy ministering to twenty thousand people along a coast line of over a thousand miles. We need at least fifteen more men on these coasts, and much the same is true of other parts. Work could be found to-day for thirty more clergy, if we had them. And we must have them, but first they have to be trained for their work. We do not need to go outside of the Diocese for men, because Newfoundland's sons are equal to any on earth. They have proved it on the battlefields, they have proved it in a thousand ways. And Dr. Fahey can find students for Queen's College; he can bring them from the fishing boats, from the farms, from the offices of business, and we must help these men to come and prepare for the great call to the Master's service. This is a duty which rests on all our people. We cannot expect all our young men to become clergy, for the majority of them turn aside from living the simple life of the John the Baptist's in this

Diocese to-day. But those who cannot or will not answer the call for service should be ready to assist those who can. They should be ready to do something to make the work easier and the burdens lighter. They can and they must, if our church is to have its proper influence in building up the lives and characters of our people.

Therefore besides men we need money—seventy thousand dollars for Queen's—that is the minimum sum we can do with. Twenty thousand of this from St. John's, that is when the church people of this city are asked to pay. "A large sum!" do you say? Nay, it is a small sum—the cost of only three or four motor cars.

The voice has spoken, the message has been delivered. It is God's message spoken to you, and through you to others. God needs your assistance, the church must have your help. Will you put your shoulder to the wheel, and help? Not your hand merely, nor your foot, but your shoulder. Yes, yes, I think you will. Because you are men and women with living souls, I know you will. May God grant it on your part, and all others.

## The Feast of Tabernacles.

During a period of eight days, beginning on the eve of the twenty-sixth day of September and ending on October the fifth, the Jews will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Once a year Israel revives its love of the soil, and makes public avowal of the fact that even an industrial civilization, such as ours, depends primarily upon the elements of nature. This re-statement of love for and confidence in Mother Earth is indeed a fact of Jewish religiousness. We know and we reassure ourselves that God is at the centre of life through all the seasons and that the prosperity and the satisfaction we seek come or do not come according to His Law.

Judaism is a religion in the very midst of the passions, aspirations and complications of life. Nowhere are these more insistent than in the economic interests of men. Here religion has a duty as well as an opportunity. Judaism endeavors not merely to fortify men in their difficulties as to their daily bread, but also to keep them moral, large-hearted, and just.

The Sukkoth Festival is meant not as a season of self-congratulation on having garnered in the product of the farm or the gains of business, but as time for thought on the larger-scope social interests of men in the national and international life. The Jews are the first to have recognized political economy as the field where religion and morality must operate for the good of men.

In its modern form the suggestiveness of this truth of the Sukkoth Festival is made more effective by the fact that it occurs at the beginning of the Autumn, coincident with the increased activities of the economic agencies. It is, as it were, a timely lesson for each one to interpret his life as of larger scope, related to the national life and made possible in fullness only within it.

The "dwelling in booths" as characteristic of the Biblical phase of the Festival and observed as an archaic symbolism nowadays is a suggestive domestic ritual which re-affirms the lessons of "the simple life" and the democracy of the Jewish household. The five symbolic plants hint that, as the gifts of God in nature vary and in their totality make human life sweet and satisfactory, so the difference among men, as to service and character, may serve to make "society" an organization in which each one of us has a place and can make a helpful contribution. Some more effective, some less; some noble, and some commonplace; some for the day and some for all time, according to what they do and what they are.

The Sukkoth Festival is the culminating lesson of the series of holidays of the month. It addresses itself to the facts of life which we might, otherwise, leave sordid. It widens the horizon of our individual interests. It approves our vocations and labors not when they bring private satisfactions but when they vitalize our common humanity and make us more efficient in the work upon which depend the weal, the peace and the joy of the community.

**C. C. C. BAND CONCERTS.**—The C. C. C. Band will probably give their final Concerts in the Park as follows (weather permitting): Wednesday next, Victoria Park; Thursday, Bannerman Park. Patrons desiring request numbers may mail same addressed C. C. C. Band, P. O. Box 1253, City. The signature of the person must be attached to the request.—sep27.11

## G. W. V. A.

There will be a General Meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association, held in the T. A. Armoury, Tuesday, Sept. 28th, at 7.45 p.m. All Veterans of the Great War are requested to attend.

G. J. WHITTY,  
Secretary.

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## To-Day's Messages.

A SWISS REFUSAL.

BERNE, Sept. 26. The Swiss Government has decided not to open political or ceremonial relations with Soviet Russia.

VALUES RECOVERED.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 26. The careful watch kept on trans-Atlantic liners, owing to the recent reports that passengers have been losing valuables, resulted to-day in the recovery of a ten thousand dollar ring and a valuable brooch from a seaman of the Olympic, when the liner arrived.

INSURANCE RESERVATIONS.

CORK, Sept. 26. The fact that Saturday night passed quietly has greatly allayed the fears that reprisals will be made for the attack on General Strickland. There has been a rush of property owners to take out insurance, which Lloyds have revived after the recent suspension. The rates are extremely high and no policies are issued if the applicant, or any near relative, is connected with a political organization.

NO MORE CUBAN SUGAR.

OTTAWA, Sept. 26. There is now little likelihood of Canada receiving more sugar from Cuba this year, the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Havana, Cuba, writes.

NOT SERIOUSLY ILL.

PARIS, Sept. 26. Former President Dischanel, who has entered a sanatorium at Reuil, five miles west of Paris, is not seriously ill, according to a statement of his physician, Dr. Trepsa, published by Le Journal.

WEAK AND EXHAUSTED.

LONDON, Sept. 27. MacSwiney passed another bad night and was in a weak and exhausted condition this morning, says a bulletin of the Irish Self-Determination League.

IRISH DISORDERS CONTINUE.

LONDON, Sept. 27. Cork was shaken by a great explosion at an early hour this morning and one of the largest dry goods stores in the city was completely demolished. The explosion was followed by the sound of rifle and machine gun fire, says a despatch to the Evening News. Several persons were sleeping on the premises at the time and, the despatch declares, the military authorities allege bombs were placed inside a window. There is serious rioting in Belfast, and it is said a number of wounded persons have been received in hospitals. Large forces of troops with armoured cars are patrolling the streets.

POLES CAPTURE GRODNO.

WARSAW, Sept. 27. Grodno, an important city of north western Russia, was captured by Polish troops after severe fighting, says an official statement, and a large number of prisoners and much war material was taken by the Poles. The city has been a concentration point for Bolshevik forces.

HELD BY KIDNAPPERS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27. Convinced that Ambrose J. Small, Canadian multi-millionaire is held a prisoner here by kidnapers, who hope to obtain one hundred thousand dollars, Chief Detective James L. Mooney to-day started a search for him and his secretary, John Boughty, who disappeared last December.

PEACE FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, Sept. 27. Several United States business men have recently had daily interviews with Leonid Krasin, head of the Russian Bolshevik Trade Commission here, regarding the opening of commercial relations with Russia, says the London Times. General opinion in Soviet circles is that Russia will soon be at peace with Poland, providing that country does not press claim for a large indemnity.

SNIPING CAUSED PANIC.

BELFAST, Sept. 27. Shooting by snipers and others, which occurred in the centre of Belfast yesterday, caused a panic among a crowd promenading the Royal Avenue after church hours.

BOLSHEVISM IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 27. Violent harangues, urging social revolution, were made to a great throng yesterday by agitators, who managed to enter the Central Palace and speak from the central balcony. There were cheers for Russia and the Italian metal workers, and demands that food supplies be turned over to the people.

THE GREATEST IMPEDIMENT.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 27. The greatest impediment to the financial reconstruction of Europe is the movement for the socialization and nationalization of industries, with the accompanying burdens of

Government, it was declared by R. H. Brand, British Vice-President of the International Conference, in opening the debate to-day.

ADMIT GRODNO'S CAPTURE.

LONDON, Sept. 27. Retirement by the Russians in the Grodno region is admitted by the Soviet War Office in an official wireless statement to-day.

## Along the Waterfront.

Along the waterfront this morning things were looking brighter than last week. A few crafts were discharging fish. The owners of others were either seeking better prices or looking for places where the cull is not too strict. At Barr's premises there is one schooner discharging, the Gamecock, from Port au Port. At Hickman's are the Alice Roberts, from Lower Island Cove, and Little Jean, from Cape Broyle. The Annie Gover, from Marytown, is discharging at Bishop & Sons. The Stella, Millie H. Scott, and Sinclair are at Goodridge's. Schr. Maple, from the North Shore, is discharging at Baine Johnston & Co. Schr. Minnie Gladys, from Trinity Bay, and the Eva Gertrude, from Fortune Bay, are at Bairds'. Schr. Nellie M., from Conception Bay, is discharging Labrador Shore at Job's. Schr. Ripple, Capt. Vey, from Great's Cove, is also in port discharging a cargo of splendid fish, White Napes.

No. 1 Labrador is selling for \$8 per quintal; No. 1 White Nape, \$11; Madeira, \$9. One of the schooners has a load of last year's fish. The coopers are getting busier now and are working three-quarter time.

Last year, at this time, hundreds of schooners from all parts were discharging fish and coopers and laborers had all the work they could attend to. Notwithstanding the present activity many fishing schooner masters are displeased with the average price and freely express the opinion that if they do not receive better terms, their fish will be taken home again.

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## Personal.

Mr. M. F. Aylward, after a few weeks well deserved vacation, took his place at the General Delivery window at the Post Office to-day. His many friends were pleased to see him there again with his genial smile, and pursuing his usual obliging demeanour to the public, which has made him so popular. He is now over 30 years in the institution.

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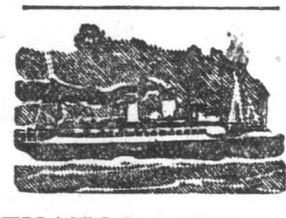
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**From Cape Race.**

Special to Evening Telegram  
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Wind E. light; weather fine. The steamer Thuban passed west yesterday afternoon; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 30.04; Ther 58.

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