

## MODERN SPIRIT WANTS PROOF FOR BIBLICAL CONCLUSIONS

Rev. A. B. Cohoe in Farewell Sermon Defines His Position—Something Better Needed for Authority of Religion Than the Word of Churchmen—An Age of Negation.

At the service in the Brussels St. Baptist Church, last evening, Rev. A. B. Cohoe, after making the announcements for the week, referred to his departure on Wednesday, and expressed the wish that all members of the congregation unable to say goodbye to him at the church, would let him know so that he might visit them at their homes.

In his farewell sermon Mr. Cohoe gave an eloquent exposition of the reasons of his faith. His text was: "And when Jesus had finished these sayings the people were astounded, for He spoke to them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

"One of the most notable tendencies of the thought of the age," he said, "is to criticize the authority of religion. Yet men seldom carry their skepticism into the practical necessities and extremities of life. When the heart is wrung with grief, when a man gazes upon his dead child, it does not seem so impractical to believe in a God who controls the forces of the universe, and is able to restore him to fellowship with his dead in some future state. In the moments of agony and distress men are glad to come back to the faith of a little child. Some think within them demands a belief in the goodness of God and His power to justify the afflictions of the flesh."

**Demand Rational Exposition.**

"Men working in the realm of science are facing the same problems that are met with in the religious life of the masses. They are questioning the authority of religion not because they were not disposed to believe in God, but because they demanded some rational exposition of the processes by which religion had acquired its hold upon the hearts of men."

"There was a time when no man questioned the divine right of Kings to rule. But that theory had been swept away by the rising forces of democracy; so the spirit of scientific investigation asked something better for the authority of religion than the word of churchmen."

The Bible, continued Mr. Cohoe, provided all the authority he needed, yet he did not believe all that was in the Bible, simply because it was not in the Bible. Every thing therein bore evidence of being written by men, peculiar men and great men, no doubt, but essentially human in their

character and in their experiences. What the modern spirit demanded in order to convince it was not the conclusions of the Bible, but an explanation of the processes by which the conclusions were reached.

### The Message of Christ.

Christ spoke to a simple people—people who had little education, and no disposition to ask the questions that the men of today demand an answer for. Jesus spoke with authority because He had a message of power for His age and all ages. He did not bring men before the mystery of a creed and ask them to believe it even though they did not understand it. He simply asked them to give themselves up to His supreme purpose. Men who tried to imitate Christ soon realized the divine nature of His teachings.

Any man who received a little child in the spirit if Jesus Christ would find growing up in him a belief in a benevolent God. Jesus did not die simply to show that a man might love his enemies. Jesus taught that God cared for sinful people and had the power to save them. It is difficult to explain how Jesus knew this. Men had first to give themselves up to the purpose of Christ before they could understand the reasons for His faith. Government and cities did not spring from accidents, or the operations of spirits, but out of the intentions and purpose and sacrifice of men. Similarly the faith of any age represented the operations and sacrifices of men. Men cannot understand the faith of Jesus until they have walked in the way of Jesus. Men have no right to the comforts of any age until they have shared in its struggles. Christ's life was a challenge to man to enter into fellowship with God.

### An Age of Negation.

"We live in an age of negation, continued Mr. Cohoe, 'but humanity cannot rest upon a doubt. Men shrink their responsibilities if they cannot build a faith that would endure criticism. When I read in the creeds that Jesus is divine, I, by some peculiar kink in my nature, resent the statement. But I go out into the life of the world and harness myself to the great purpose of Christ, then I feel that there is a Deity and that Jesus was divine.'"

## KIRK BROWN OPENS AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The Boston train at noon today will bring Kirk Brown and his company of St. John favorites. The baggage car loaded with costly stage accessories arrived last evening with working staff. Tonight Mr. Brown will commence his two weeks stay with a beautiful scenic production of the famous Rida Johnson Young college play "Brown of Harvard."

Tomorrow evening and Wednesday evening Mr. Brown will be seen in one of his seasons successes in the noted Robert Edson success "Classmates." By request "Brown of Harvard" will be given for the matinee Wednesday. Thursday evening will bring the production of "The Red Rover," the play that served to introduce Mr. Brown to a St. John audience five years ago. "The Merchant of Venice" will be the Friday evening selection, "Classmates" Saturday matinee and the high class melodrama "The Man Who Dared" Saturday evening.

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Main 157-11—Bazley, A. H., res. 147 Orange, number changed from Main 126-21 to 157-11.

Main 4523-11—Bros. Cash Premium Store, 61-63 Peter St., St. John, N. B.

Main 1945-12—Coughlin, E. C., res. 116 Elliott Row, number is changed from Main 1945-21 to Main 1945-12.

Main 1542-11—Douglas, A., res. 81 Bridge, number changed from 1715-12 to Main 1542-11.

Main 639-42—Dicks, N. K., res. 124 Main, number changed from Main 229-21 to Main 639-42.

Main 527-11—Everett, Edward, A., res. 180-182 East Main, N. B.

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Main 639-11—Fleetwood, E. J., res. 109 Central, number changed from Main 1949-41 to Main 639-11.

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Main 268-42—Fennings, P. L., res. Cor. Wall St. and City Road, 1899-11 to Main 268-42.

Main 1958-21—Mullin, D., res. 114 Wentworth, number changed from Main 742-11 to Main 1958-21.

Main 1715-12—McNann, John, res. 16 Main.

Main 113-21—McCaffrey, Gerald R., res. 25 Richmond, number changed from Main 2165 to Main 113-21.

Main 603-12—O'Brien, res. 4 Barker.

Main 659—Rothie, R. S., res. 9 Peter.

Main 1823-22—Rowe, R. H. W., res. 77 Duke, number changed from Main 262-41 to Main 1823-22.

West 42-11—Smith, I. E., Grocer, 135 Union.

Main 1797-11—Smith, E., res. 11 Harding, number changed from 123-11 to Main 1797-11.

West 101-21—Sovill, Rev. G. F., res. City Hall, number changed from Main 1223-11 to Main 1757-11.

Main 727-11—Stetson, Mrs. A. A., res. 162 Mt. Pleasant, number changed from Main 127 to Main 727-11.

Main 357-21—Thomas, James U., res. 75 Park.

West 37-21—Wetmore, E. W., res. Lowell, N. B.

Main 1731-22—Williams, H. P., res. 24 Harrison, number changed from Main 1764-11 to Main 1731-22.

F. A. NISBET, Local Manager.

April 30th, 1910.

## MORE LIGHT IN POST OFFICE ON WEST SIDE

Norman P. MacLeod Replies to Postmaster Sears—Drop Letter Takes Nearly 24 Hours to Deliver.

To the Editor of The Standard:

Sir:—I was considerably amused in reading Postmaster Sears' letter concerning West St. John postal matters. To say one is thorough in the interior economy of the postal service his advocacy of the present system of receipt and despatch of mail at West St. John is at once clear as mud.

I was perhaps in part responsible for the paragraph regarding this matter in which Mr. Sears refers several times in a rather contemptuous manner. So I feel that in fairness to my reporter I should make a comparison of the old and new systems in West St. John, as they affect the business men.

### The Old System.

Under the old system the mails closed at the West St. John post office at 5.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., and arrived at the office at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Under the present system they close at 9.30 a.m. 3.30 p.m. and arrive at 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. With the old system anything mailed at West St. John post office after 4 p.m. and before 5.30 a.m., the following day, for points east or west, was sure to leave the city by the early morning train. Now nothing posted after 9.45 p.m. must lie in the West St. John office until 9.30 a.m. the next day. Besides where formerly we had one hour from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., to answer western mail, we now have only from 3.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., that is fifteen minutes between the receipt and closing of the western mail.

Another inconvenience of the present system is caused by the letter carriers not calling at the West St. John office for drop letters. Any mail for delivery in West St. John posted after 9.30 a.m. remains there until 2.30 p.m., when it is taken to the city and is not delivered in West St. John until the following morning.

The above is a statement of facts as to the actual working of the present postal system at West St. John. The old system was far from perfect but it was preferable to the present.

If I might be allowed to make a suggestion in regard to this matter I would suggest that the hour of closing the afternoon mails be extended to 4.15 p.m., which would give ample time to catch the 4.30 p.m. ferry from this side and reach the St. John post office before 5 p.m., the hour at which the mails close in the city.

If Mr. Sears desires to be of any use as a postmaster I would suggest that he persevere in his strenuous efforts to make the city mail service better than it is now. But since "this is my postal service" as it works out in West St. John, leads the van of progress in Canadian development and make himself a better postmaster than the one and then use his best endeavor to have some improvement made.

No citizen could resist pointing with pride to the St. John post office. It is in world of service. But since "this is my postal service" as it works out in West St. John, leads the van of progress in Canadian development and make himself a better postmaster than the one and then use his best endeavor to have some improvement made.

Yours,

N. P. MacLEOD.

## OBITUARY.

John Lannen.

John Lannen, a former well known resident of this city, died in Nashua, N. H., on April 30, as the result of an operation for appendicitis performed two days previously. The deceased leaves a widow, mother, three brothers, and a sister. The sisters are Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Cook of Boston; Mrs. Hildes, of Millbury, N. H.; and Mrs. Joseph Walsh and Misses Esther and Nana at home.

Mrs. Mary A. Creighton.

The death occurred on Sunday, May 1 at Silver Falls after a lingering illness of Mrs. Mary A. Creighton, wife of Samuel Creighton. The deceased was a native of Sussex, Kings County, N. B., a daughter of the late Simon Parlee and was 65 years of age. Besides her husband she leaves four sons and one daughter, Herbert E. of Silver Falls, Frederick O. of Woodstock, Howard D. of this city, Clifford C. and Hattie E. at home. She was a woman of sterling character, much respected, and well known here and beloved by her family. Service will be held at her late residence on Tuesday the 3rd, inst., at 2.30 p.m. Interment in Fenhill.

## DEATHS.

Ganter—In Brookline, New York, on April 28th, George R. Ganter, aged 73 years, leaving his wife and two sons.

Funeral this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence of J. B. Holmes, 79 Hazen street.

Mackay—Suddenly on April 28, at her home 125 Duke street, Louisa, widow of Capt. Henry Needham Mackay. Notice of funeral hereafter.

Spears—In this city on 29th, inst., Frances, wife of Henry Spears, pilot.

Funeral from her late residence, 34 St. James street, this Monday morning, at 8.30 o'clock, to St. John Baptist church for high mass of requiem. Friends are invited to attend.

Lannen—At Nashua, New Hampshire, April 30th, after a brief illness of appendicitis, John Lannen of St. John, leaving a wife, mother, three brothers and seven sisters.

Creighton—At Silver Falls, on May 1st, Mary A., wife of Samuel Creighton, in the 65th year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Interment in Fenhill Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend. Coaches will leave Love's stable, King Square, at 1.30 p.m.

Vice-Consul For Mexico.

E. T. Sturdee has received the exequatur from the Mexican government appointing him vice-consul for Mexico and also the commission from the British Government confirming the same. All necessary papers are now being signed by the vice-consul and any information given.

## SITE FOR DRY DOCK TO BE SOUTH OF BALLAST WHARF

Engineer Connected With Enterprise in City Gives Some Interesting Information—Blasting Operations Less Expensive than Dredging to Head of Courtenay Bay.

A development of great interest in connection with the dock and ship building and repair plant for this city is found in the visit here during the last few days of an expert dock engineer in the service of the celebrated engineering and contracting firm of McArthur, Perks and Company, the firm which has been selected to construct the new dock to be built in St. John.

As a result of his visit the location of the new dock has been quite freely discussed among those who are on the inside of the project, and The Standard learns from excellent authority that the dock location is to be south of the ballast wharf, near the spot where the Lake Superior was lost in fact the engineer himself who left the city on Saturday evening confessed this much to a well known citizen and there are several men in the city who are in a position to verify the statement.

In connection with the site which it is understood has been selected, the engineer pointed out that there are several distinct advantages possessed by the new dock location, and that one time or another in the line of dock purposes it is absolutely necessary to have a site with a good solid rock bottom, and this can be secured at the site mentioned.

It is also favorably situated in regard to tide water, another important essential and can be properly sheltered at small expense. There would be much less dredging to do than in the case of Courtenay Bay and it is regarded at cheaper to blast down to the requisite bottom than to dredge out a channel of the size when it is explained to them and the wonder, if any, was that it had not suggested itself before.

In connection with the site there is another interesting possibility, it will be remembered that F. C. Durant when he presented his amended plans to the city council for the sugar refinery, had a dock proposition as part of his scheme and the site selected by Mr. Durant for the dock he would build which has now been picked out.

It would be interesting to know just how much Mr. Durant knew of the proposed location of the dock when he made this proposition to the city.

## MAILS AND PASSENGERS KEPT WAITING 20 HOURS

People for Maritime Provinces Landing at Rimouski Found No I.C.R. Train Available—English Journalists Protest.

According to stories told by several Maritime Province people, passengers by the Empress of Britain on her last trip, the arrangements made by the I. C. R. for the shipment of mails from the steamer to points in the Maritime Provinces are not as good as might be expected of a company owned road holding a small subsidy for mail carriage, let alone a Government owned and operated road which should exist for the people in the greatest sense of that expression.

When the Empress landed her passengers at Rimouski on Friday last it was 4 o'clock in the morning and the regular trains had gone. Mails were also put ashore at Rimouski and were subjected to a delay of 20 hours before they were forwarded to the eastern points.

At the same time the passengers for Montreal, Toronto and the west were sent forward on a special train, but there was no special in sight for the unfortunate easterners and they were obliged to wait from 4 o'clock on Friday morning until Friday midnight before they got away.

Among the passengers on the Empress who were so delayed and who were sent forward on a special train, was an English journalist on board of which was Mr. W. H. Barnaby, of London, of Campbellton. There was also an English journalist on board and he wired to Montreal for a special train but it was not forthcoming. Needless to say the English visitor was not very favorably impressed with this evidence of the way "we do it in Canada."

Other passengers who however, did not land at Rimouski but went on to Montreal and were spared the long wait were Mr. W. H. Barnaby, of London, of Campbellton. There was also an English journalist on board and he wired to Montreal for a special train but it was not forthcoming. Needless to say the English visitor was not very favorably impressed with this evidence of the way "we do it in Canada."

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## FOUND DEAD WITH RIFLE BESIDE HIM

Sylvanus R. Pendleton Took His Life Saturday Night While Insane—Fifth Suicide in Two Weeks.

The fifth suicide in St. John and vicinity within two weeks was reported yesterday as taking place late on Saturday night or early yesterday morning, when Sylvanus R. Pendleton, son of the late "Doctor" Pendleton of "Pendleton's panacea" fame, and himself an artist of considerable repute, shot himself in his home 51 Summer street and was found by his wife with the rifle beside him and a ghastly wound in his temple.

Mr. Pendleton had been suffering from an acute nervous affection for the past few weeks and had been under the treatment of Dr. Roberts. The doctor saw him last time on Friday when his health was considerably improved.

On Saturday night he awoke at a late hour and rising from bed passed from his room through several other rooms until he reached his study. He did not return and his wife becoming alarmed at his long absence followed him to the room. There she found him lying on a couch with a rifle under the coverlet pointing to his head. In his temple was a bullet wound and he was quite dead.

The rifle was a .303 which Mr. Pendleton took his life was one of those used for gallery shooting, and was used in the shooting gallery which he conducted on Mill street. It had been kept in the house for some time and was thought not to be loaded.

No cause other than despondency arising from his illness is given for his action. It is probable that an inquest will be held in which event Dr. E. Berryman will be the coroner. Dr. Roberts having been Mr. Pendleton's medical attendant.

The deceased was about 46 years of age and is survived by a widow, two sons who are not in the city and one daughter, 35 years of age, who is married both at home. He was very well known as an artist and has painted some very creditable works, some of which have been on exhibition in Toronto. Mr. Pendleton was formerly employed with the Maritime Litho graph Company.

Canadian Ports.

St. John, N. B., May 1.—Sailed, steamer Kilkeel (Br.) Sydney, N. S.

British Ports.

Liverpool, May 1.—Sailed: Str Tunisian from St. John, N. B.

Liverpool, April 29.—Arrived str Empress of Ireland, St. John and Halifax.

Manchester, April 30.—Sld str Manchester Shipper, Montreal.

Glasgow, April 30.—Sld str In drani, St. John.

Foreign Ports.

New York, April 29.—Sld ship Canada, Sutherland, Windsor, N. S.

Ameda, St. John, Seattle, Shlman, New York for Fredericton, N. B.

Gloucester, Mass., April 30.—Arrived sch Flora, St. John for New York.

New York, May 1.—Sailed—Sld str New York, St. John, N. B.

Vineyard Haven, April 30.—Arrived—Scheds J. I. Nelson from Philadelphia for Sydney, C.B. Scotia Queen from Southampton for Westport, N.S. Manu dyke from Cheverie N.S. for Boston.

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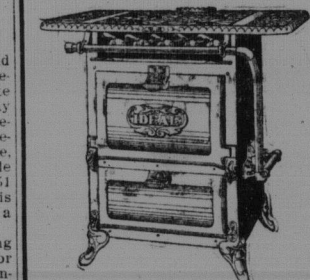
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