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THANKSGIVING.

A SERMON BY THE REV. WM. SHEARER, SHERBROOKE, QUE.

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."—Ps. lxxviii., 19.

This is only one of hundreds of texts, any one of which might have been chosen to guide us in our meditations this Thanksgiving morning. The Word of God is rich in such passages, for the simple reason that through the whole religious economy of the Old Testament saints, special and ample provision was made for the expression of the sentiment of gratitude. As individuals, as families, and as a nation, the Jews were brought again and again to acknowledge the good hand of the Lord in their deliverance from trouble, in their preservation and their prosperity. Monuments in stone, and monuments in verse and song, and monuments in special days set apart, abounded and do still

abound, to bear testimony to their gratitude. Beautiful Christian sentiment has been beautifully expressed by secular poets of both ancient and modern times, but none of them have ever yet been able to give that expression to it which will find acceptance in the hearts of all men, independent of language, race or color. God's word alone can do that. "It was written by Jews for Jews," the infidel may jeeringly say; we grant it. But it was written by inspired Jews who were of God's own family, and His children know His voice and come to Him even if they belong to another race and another generation. We Canadians, living in the last years of the 19th century, have a feeling, for the expression of which we cannot find better language than was penned thousands of years ago by a Jew. His God is our