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Text of the Lesson, John i, 19-34 Memory Verses, 32, 33-Gelden Text John i, 29-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

When John the Baptist was questioned as to who he was he said that he was not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the expected prophet, but simply a voice crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" (verses 19-23). His commission is found in Isa, xl, 3-8, where ft is said that he was to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight in the desert a highway for our God and to cry, "All flesh s grass, and all the goodliness thereof a as the flower of the field; \* \* \* the rass withereth, the flower fadeth, but he Word of our God shall stand forever." The Spirit through Malachi said of him, as well as of the real Elijah, yet to come, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (Mal. iv, 5, 6). The angel Gabriel said of him to his father Zacharias, "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, \* \* \* and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb; he shall go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah \* \* \* to make ready a peo. ple prepared for the Lord." His father Zacharias, being filled with the Holy Spirit, said of him, "And thou, child. shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways" Luke i, 13-17, 67-79). The Lord Jesus said of him, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a creater than John the Baptist" (Matt.

When questioned farther by the harisees as to why he baptized if he was not some great one, he said hat there was one standing among hem whom they knew not, the latchet of whose shoes he was not worthy to unloose, and that while he (John) baptized with water the unknown one would baptize with the Holy Ghost verses 24-27, 33). He is ever the same Jesus. Trust Him to baptize you with he Holy Spirit now and hear Him say. Be it unto thee, even as thou wilt;" Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and e shall have them" (Mark xi, 24). The ry of John the next day as he saw esus coming unto him, "Behold the amb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world," was one of the createst cries that one mortal could nake to another. It would be worth while to go into

all lands with that one cry and its asociated truths. It takes us not only o the foundation of the world, but before that (Rev. xiii, 8; I Pet. i, 19, 20), for as the Lamb of God He was oreordained before the foundation of he world. It takes us to Gen. iii, 21, where we see Him with His own hand, y the shedding of blood, providing relemption clothing for Adam and Eve. t takes us to Gen, xxii, where we see he lamb dying in the stead of Isaac. t takes us to Ex. xii and all that is aid of the Passover Lamb; also to the ambs of the daily morning and evenng sacrifice; to Isa, lili and to pasages without number concerning His eing a sacrifice for our sins; then on the Revelation, where He is called he Lamb just twenty-eight times, reeeming by His precious blood, enbling us to overcome by the same, onquering all His enemies and ours nd finally associated with the Father n the throne (Rev. v, 9, 10; vii, 14; xii, 1; xvii, 14; xxii, 1, 3).

As His redeemed ones we are lambs the midst of wolves, and when we aink of all He has borne for us as ie Lamb of God and all the glory nat awaits us as His associates we eight well be willing to be killed all ie day long for His sake, if only He an be glorified in us. John says that was his commission to manifest hrist to Israel, and it is our commison to manifest Him to the world, lat the world may know Him through s. Alway delivered unto death for esus' sake, that the life of Jesus may e made manifest in our mortal flesh ohn xvii, 21, 23; II Cor. iv, 10, 11). would seem that John did not know im personally until the day of the aptism at Jordan, but he had been id, "Upon whom thou shalt see the pirit descending and remaining on im the same is He who baptizeth ith the Holy Ghost," John bare recd saying, "I saw the Spirit descendg from heaven like a dove, and it pode upon Him, and I saw and bare cord that this is the Son of God" erses 31-34).

There must have been a knowing Him in some sense before the bapsm, for when He came to John to be ptized that day John said to Him. have need to be baptized of thee, ed comest thou to me." So there ust have been some increased revelaon of Him to John after the baptism, hen the heavens were opened, the wirit descended like a dove and lightupon Him, and the Father said om heaven, "This is my beloved Son, whom I am well pleased" (Matt. . 13-17). What a contrast between hn who hare record "This is the Son God" and the devil who said so on afterward "If thou be the Son-God" (Matt. ili, 17; iv. 3). When e are well pleased with Him in hom the Father is well pleased then e Father is pleased with us, but if e do not receive Him as Son of God e cannot be saved.

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Cir Douglas Haig Reviews World's Greatest Battle-"War Can Be Won on Western Front"

The battle of the Somme is pic tured as a sweeping triumph for aleast of Knapp's Hotel, lied arms in a detailed report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued last week and which covers operations from July 1 to Nov. 18. He con cludes that while the enemy's power has not yet been broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate as to

The following are the chief points tion between office and residence at made by Sir Douglas Haig in his despatch: (1) German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and decisive defeat by the protracted period of unfavorable weather of October and November. This prevented the allies from taking full advantage of a successful advance. (2) The battle of the Somme was a triumph, w'ich proved beyond a doubt the abil y of the allies to overthrow Germany when the time comes. (3) The allies will win the war on the western front. (4) The power of the enemy has not yet been broken, so it is not possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the attaining of their objects by the allies. (5) Fully half of the German army, the mainstay of the Central Powers, despite all its advantages of the defensive supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year.

> Achieved All Objects (6) "Our new armies entered the battle with determination to win, and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified." (7) Battle of Somme was begun to relieve Verdun, to prevent the sending of German troops from France, and to wear down the strength of Germany. It has succeeded in all three of these objects. (8) Evidence has been obtained placing beyond doubt the fact that the losses of the enemy were heavier than the losses of the allies, in men, material and morale.

The Future Outlook

army, despite all advantages of the ences as a sign of a closer union of the victors nor the vanquished will meeting demonstrated that the Enforget this, and although bad weather tente, instead of being weakened by has given the enemy a respite there threats of peace, is resolved firmly are many thousands in his ranks who to continue the war until the objects little confidence in their ability to re- liner Tageblatt points out that a sist our assaults or overcome our great war council has been assembled defence." He adds high praise for in Rome, probably in order to obtain the work of the Canadians and de- the necessary Italian co-operation in tails their triumphs.

"The total number of prisoners taken in the Somme battle between July 1 and November 18 is just over 38,000, including over 800 officers," Heartening Review and Prophecy to says the British Commander. "During the same period we captured twenty-nine heavy guns, ninety-six field guns and field howitzers, 136 trench mortars and 514 machine guns."

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## CANADA'S SUBMARINES

Davidson Reports on Purchase and Small Arms Deal

Str Charles Davidson's reports on the sale of small arms' ammunition to the British Admiralty and the purchase of two submarines by the British Columbia Government, were completed last week. In the case of the submarine purchases, the finding is: "It is cause for congratulation to all Canadians that this much discussed and criticized enterprise was throughout of blameless character. The acquisition of these submarines probably saved, so it is believed my many, including high naval authorities, the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, or one or other of them, from attack and enormous tribute. What Sir Richard McBride did in those days of great anxiety and distress, and what he accomplished, deserves the commendation of his fellow-country-

In regard to the sale by the Militia Department to the Admiralty, through the medium of Sir Trevor Dawson and J. Wesley Allison of some 3,000,000 rounds of small arm ammunition, at \$20 per thousand, the commissioner finds that the price of \$20 was not an under-valuation as was alleged; that while there is evidence that \$25 was to be the ultimate price, the account is still open, that there is no evidence of Allison benefiting from the transaction other than by commission, and that General Sir Sam Hughes, on the evidence of anything deducible from the evidence, stands free of anything that would affect his personal honor. At the same time, the commissioner believes that the transaction should have been authorized by order-in-council.

## LLOYD-GEORGE TO ROME

Entente War Chiefs Gather-Berlin Tries to Explain

Premier Briand, Minister of War Lyautey, and M. Thomas, Minister of National Manufactures, including munitions, representing the French Cabinet: Premier Lloyd-George and Viscount Milner, of the British Cabinet, and Gen. Palitzin, representing the Russian staff, arrived in Rome last Friday for a war council with the Italian officials. The coming of the British and French Cabinet Minis-"The Germany army," says Sir sters is creating a most favorable Douglas, "is the mainstay of the Cen- opinion in the Italian newspapers, tral powers, and a full half of that which regard the forthcoming conferdefensive, and supported by the the allies, and as marking the beginstrongest fortifications, suffered de- ning of more vast and formidable effeat on the Somme this year. Neither forts. The Corriere d'Italia says the will begin the new campaign with of the allies are attained. The Berthe Balkans.

### Nivelle Praises British Armies

Soldiers of France

The following general order to the French troops has been issued by Gen. Nivelle: "At a time when another year of the war is ending you can be proud of the work accomplished. At Verdun you broke the most powerful blow Germany ever struck A Bookkeeper, and Stenograph- against any of her adversaries. On er, one quick and accurate at fig- the Somme, sustained by the courage ures, competent to handle double of our British allies, during a long entry books. Underwood operator series of attacks you have given proof preferred. Apply in own hand of a tactical superiority which will writing, stating qualifications and continue to improve. Never has our salary expected. Address, Mr. army been better trained or more brave or possessed of more powerful Could you fill the bill? If not. means. It is under these brilliant why not, when a course of busi- auspices that the work of 1917 begins. ness training will enable you to to You will make it a year of victory. so? Many such opportunities are In this absolute confidence I send you going unfilled for the lack of all, officers and soldiers, my most

## Italy Finds Traitors

ed by Conspirators, Now Caught

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Reach Hun Third Line

Keeping the Allied superiority continually before the Germans, Sir Douglas Haig's troops have carried out another successful daylight raid southeast of Arras. The British entered the German trenches over a wide front, and penetrated to the enemy's third line. Many dug-outs were destroyed and extensive damage occasioned to the defences. A similar raid was attempted by the Germans south of Wytschaete, but the attackers were driven off in disorder. The British captured two hostile posts with their occupants.

Still Plundering Belgium The Maastricht newspaper Les Nouvelles, was authority last week for the statement that the Governor-General of Belgium has issued a dehold goods made of brass, copper, tin, A settler who has exhausted his nickel or bronze, including kitchen utensils, door plates and door knockers. The communes have been ordered to assist in the collection.

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