



LESSON VII.—FEB. 16, 1908.

Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son.—John 4: 43-54.

Commentary.—I. Jesus received as a prophet (vs. 43-45). 43. After two days—The two days mentioned in verse 40, which he had spent in Samaria. He then carried out his original plan (v. 3). Galilee—The centre of life and activity in Palestine at that time. It contained three millions of people. There was a large foreign population and the Jews were more ready to receive the gospel than in the south. 44. His own country—This proverb was repeated later when he was at Nazareth (Mark 6, 4; Luke 4, 24); then Nazareth was "his own country." To what country does he now refer when he speaks of "his own country"? Various explanations have been suggested: 1. That having first gained recognition in Judea, he will now return to his own people where he is not over popular, and endeavor to reach them. 2. Whedon says, "From foreign Samaria, where he was honored, Jesus departs to his own country, where he is without honor." 3. That Jesus regarded Jerusalem and Judea as his country, it being the place of his birth, the place of his Father's house and kingdom, and the centre of the Jewish world. This does not seem to be the correct interpretation. 4. Into Galilee—The country of Galilee. He had accomplished his journey from Judea. This does not mean that none rejected him, but where he went he was welcomed. His first miracle there, nearly a year before, was still in their memory, and it was only a few weeks after his return, those same countrymen met him at the Passover, and there witnessed other miracles and a display of his authority in cleansing the temple. II. The nobleman's request (vs. 46, 47). 46. Again into Cana—Where his disciples witnessed the first display of his power (John 2, 1-11), and where his faith in him as the Messiah was confirmed. Very likely the same Cana, as mentioned in the home of Nathaniel. A certain nobleman—Literally, "one belonging to the king." Herod Antipas was king at this time and this man was probably some high officer of Herod's court. Some think he was Chuza, Herod's steward or chamberlain, whose wife, Joanna, ministered to Jesus (Luke 8, 3). The miracle of healing the centurion's servant (Matt. 8, 5 and Luke 7, 1), but must not be confounded with it. Son was sick—Very sick with a fever (v. 52). Disease and death some times come to the nobleman. There is misery in places as well as in hotels. Capernaum—A city on the northwest coast of the Sea of Galilee. Soon after this Jesus met Capernaum at his home. 47. When he heard he was going through the reports of those who had been at the Passover, if he had not himself witnessed the miracles there, Capernaum surely would have been miles from Cana, and the news would quickly spread that Jesus was again come to Galilee. Went unto... he sought—Here, the nobleman's affection for his son; he spared no pains to get help for him. He also sees his great respect to our Lord; he came himself when he might have sent a servant; and he besought him, when, as a ruler in authority, some would think he might have ordered his attendance. The great men, when they come to God, must become beggars. Point of death—This would show the urgency in the case, and the difficulty in affecting a cure, and the reason why Jesus should go in person. "Times of sorrow and deepest need lead to Christ; when no earthly power can help us, we turn to the One who has all power and love. Many a man has gone to Christ from a sense of want and conscious helplessness. It would seem from the text that he needed to bring us in contact with reality." III. The nobleman's faith (vs. 48, 50). 48. Except ye see—Not only did he see many miracles, but miracles performed in a striking manner. How totally unlike the Samaritans from whom our Lord had so lately come who embraced the divinity of His teaching without demanding wonders. This nobleman came purely to see Jesus, and the dying son, anxious for the bodily miracle, but thoughtless of the divine claims of the Saviour of sinners. It is this selfishness of spirit that Jesus now rebukes. The words of the nobleman were, an ejaculation, a thinking aloud of Jesus. He sees that to awaken his son he must more than heal his son; He must so lead him, as to arouse the man to reflection, and then he may come to a true faith.—Whedon, 49. Come down, etc.—This discussion of faith was as long of time to him. He cannot stop to answer the rebuke, to argue the case or to defend his character. It is his conviction that fills his thoughts. His earnestness shows a belief in Christ's power which will soon cause him to acknowledge his child's Saviour as divine. 50.—Go thy way—This would be great to the man's faith, but he was ready for it. Thy son liveth—The healing is granted, but without its being health for Jesus to leave Cana. The nobleman had believed on the testimony of others. Now His faith is to rest on a better support—on the personal contact which he has just had with the Lord himself.—Godet. The nobleman believed—This is an instance of the power of Jesus to convince the mind; to soothe doubts; to confirm faith, to meet our desires.—Barnes. Had our Lord come with him, as he wished, his son could not have been fully removed. God always bestows His gifts in that way in which his glory is secured.—Clarke. Our eternal interest is secured.—Clarke. The word spoken—Before this he believed in Christ's power to heal, now he believes in His word and acts accordingly. IV. The nobleman's faith rewarded (vs. 51-54). 51. Going down—from Cana to Capernaum. Met him—While the father was descending the hillside with trust and peace, they were ascending them with glad news. Thy son liveth—Meaning the same that Jesus meant when He used the same words—that he would recover from his sick-

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TORONTO MARKETS.

Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market on Wednesday and Thursday, as reported by the railways, were 46 carloads, 44,200; of 764 cattle, 131 hogs, and about 60 calves.

There was little change in the quality of cattle offered, a few good and the bulk unfinished.

Exporters—None were offered.

Butchers—Chosen picked lots of butchers were quoted at \$4.75 to \$5.10; good of good sold at \$4.75 to \$5.10 per cwt.; medium, \$4.40 to \$4.60; common, \$4.10, \$2 to \$2.50.

Feeders and Stockers—Only one small lot of 10 stockers was reported, that weighed 700 pounds each, and sold at \$3 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers—About 15 milkers and springers, all sold, sold at \$30 to \$50 each.

Veal Calves—Veal calves sold at \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt. The market was firm, and choice milk-fed calves are worth \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs—Export ewes, \$4 to \$4.50; rams, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Hogs—There were only 131 hogs on the market for the two days, although the evening papers reported 349. Mr. Harris reported prices unchanged at \$5.15 per cwt. for select, fed and watered.

Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were nil, owing to the heavy fall of snow. Prices are purely nominal.

Hay very dull, the only receipts being two loads, which sold at \$22 a ton. Straw is nominal, at \$14.00 to \$15.00 a ton.

Dressed hides, 10 to 12; raw, 8 to 10; sheep, 8 to 10; pig, 8 to 10.

Wheat, white, bushel, \$0.97 to \$0.98; Do, red, bushel, \$0.97 to \$0.98.

Do, spring, bushel, \$0.95 to \$0.96; Do, winter, bushel, \$0.95 to \$0.96.

Oats, bushel, \$0.55 to \$0.56; Barley, bushel, \$0.70 to \$0.72.

Rye, bushel, \$0.84 to \$0.85; Peas, per bushel, \$0.88 to \$0.90.

Hay, timothy, per ton, \$19.00 to \$22.00; Do, clover, ton, \$16.00 to \$18.00.

Straw, per ton, \$14.50 to \$15.00; Seeds—

Alsike, No. 1, bushel, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Do, No. 2, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Do, red clover, \$10.00 to \$12.25; Dressed hogs, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Eggs, new laid, dozen, \$0.35 to \$0.40; Butter, dairy, per lb., \$0.23 to \$0.26.

Do, creamery, \$0.30 to \$0.32; Geese, dressed, lb., \$0.10 to \$0.11.

Chickens, per lb., \$0.12 to \$0.14; Turkeys, dressed, lb., \$0.11 to \$0.13.

Apples, per bushel, \$1.16 to \$1.18; Potatoes, per bag, \$0.90 to \$1.00.

Calabash, per dozen, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Beef, hindquarters, \$8.50 to \$10.00.

Do, forequarters, \$5.50 to \$7.00; Do, choice, carcass, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Do, medium, carcass, \$6.25 to \$7.00; Mutton, per cwt., \$8.00 to \$9.00.

Veal, prime, per cwt., \$10.00 to \$11.00; Lamb, per cwt., \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.50 in barrels, and No. 1 golden \$4.10 in barrels. These prices are for delivery; car lots less.

Groceries.

Montreal granulated, in barrels \$4.50; yellow, \$4.10; in bags, \$4.50; Ontario best, \$4.35; in bags prices are 2c less than above.

New York, Feb. 6.—The coffee market closed quiet and unchanged prices. The market was quiet and unchanged. Sales were reported of 5,500 bags, including March at \$6.10, May at \$6.20, July at \$6.30 and November at \$6.50.

Spot steady; No. 7 Rio, 61c; No. 4 Santos, 81c; Cordova, 93c to 10c.

Seeds.

The markets are steady, but, owing to the condition of country roads, there is not much improvement.

Following are the prices paid at outside points: Alsike, No. 1, \$8.50; fancy lots, a little higher, No. 2, \$7.50 to \$8.00; No. 3, \$7.10 to \$7.50. Samples mixed No. 1, \$8.75 to \$9.10. Wheat mixed with timothy, trefoil or hemp, 3c to 3c per lb.

Red clover—Finner, No. 1, cleaned, \$10.25 to \$10.50; ordinary lots, mixed with trefoil, from \$7.50 to \$8.50, according to quality.

Hides, Tallow, Etc.

Hide prices are advanced a cent a pound, owing to purely local reasons. The markets on the other side are stiff and uncertain, but buyers are paying an advanced price here. Calveskins, tips and horsehides participate in the advance.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London.—The offerings at the wool auction sales to-day amounted to 10,086 bales. Competition was keen, especially for fine grades. A good supply of greasy combing was in strong demand for home and continental spinners, and Americans paid 1d for several lots of Victoria super-combing. Greasy crossbreds were active and in sellers' favor. Several good times were withdrawn for higher prices.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day: Wheat—Feb, \$1.07 1/4 bid, May \$1.11 1/2 bid.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET.

Sugar, raw, steady; fair refining, \$3.25; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.75; molasses sugar, 3.00; refined, steady.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—London cattle are steady at 10 1/2c to 12 1/2c per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c per pound.

LIVERPOOL APPLE MARKET.

Wodall & Company called Eden James' Market firm, with good demand. Quotations as follows: Baldwins, best, 16s to 18s; ordinary, 14s to 17s; seconds, 10s to 13s; Rynas, best, 18s to 21s 1/2; ordinary, 15s to 16s; second, 11s to 14s; Bunsell, best, 16s to 17s; ordinary, 14s to 15s 1/2; seconds, 12s to 14s. Ben Davis, best, 13s to 14s; ordinary, 12s to 13s; seconds, 10s to 12s.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

General business here continues to hold a steady course. There has been little increase in the volume of trade during the week, but wholesalers report that prospects for the spring trade are bright. There is generally a healthy tone to trade notwithstanding the fact that movements are generally held steady. Trade conditions here are showing a decided improvement. Retail trade has picked up considerably and travelers report a better tone to trade in all directions.

There is an excellent movement of goods from Vancouver and Victoria. There is still a quiet tone to wholesale and retail trade here because of a result of collections are being held slow. There is a quiet tone also to local industries.

Quebec: Trade in general conditions fairly quiet, reported that the attacks made by the demand for heavy goods, the market is fairly well.

Hamilton: There is now a rather better tone to trade here. Retail stores are being cleared up and collections are being made moderately good. Travelers report a moderately good amount of business for spring deliveries.

London: The most noteworthy feature of trade conditions here is the gradual resumption of activity in almost all lines of commerce. Trade continues steady.

EMPTY CARS

Instead of a Shortage There is Now a Surplus.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—A special meeting of the American Railway Association, to consider the decrease in traffic, which had resulted on Jan. 22 in a surplus of 339,053 cars, began in Chicago yesterday, and will continue to-day and to-morrow.

A decrease is shown to be starting from the report of the Deficiency Committee on Feb. 6, 1907, when a shortage of 104,226 cars was reported, and appeals were made by shippers to Congress to pass laws requiring the railroads to increase their equipment to meet the traffic demands.

The chief work of the Association probably will be consideration of the per diem charges for cars in the service of railroads, other than the owners. With the present great surplus of cars the charge has caused the immediate return of foreign cars to their owners at a great expense and consequent storage.

The railroads would prefer to let other roads use their cars free of charge rather than be forced to haul and store them over their systems, and it is likely that this fact will lead the Association to suspend the per diem charge upon foreign cars until the situation clears up.

POSTOFFICE AFTER HIM.

Toronto Man Charged With Sending Fraudulent Mail Matter.

Toronto despatch: Under the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes William J. Francis, 145 Richmond street, was arrested yesterday morning.

He has for some time past been advertising indiscriminately to stenographers, bookkeepers and other clerical and female workers, not only in Toronto, but in the neighborhood of the Soo. The matter was brought before the notice of Inspector Henderson, of the post office staff, recently by a young girl who had answered one of the advertisements of Francis, only to find that he had no position at his disposal.

When Detective Twigg searched the prisoner's room after he had been arrested he found over a hundred letters from different people, most of them replies to advertisements of non-existent positions.

Among his effects were found letters of recommendation from Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. Geo. P. Graham and Premier Whitney, and a letter from Hon. W. S. Fielding, showing that Francis had tried to get transportation free.

TOOK CHILD AND GUN TO BUSH.

New Brunswick Farmer Disappears After Quarrel With Wife.

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 10.—According to accounts from Upper Knoxford, near Centreville, a most distressing affair occurred there a few days ago. Mr. Richard Gray, a farmer, aged about 30, had a dispute with his wife, who claimed, whereupon Gray seized the newly-born child to leave the house. His wife succeeded in getting the gun from him, but he again got possession of the weapon, and, with the child, started for the woods. He has not been seen since. Deputy Sheriff Foster has been searching for him, but so far without success.

BROKEN HEART.

Boy Weeps Bitterly, Staggered and Dies as He Leaves Car.

New York, Feb. 10.—Heartbroken because his musical ambition was thwarted, fourteen-year-old Ernest Roth dropped dead to-day in Broadway on his way to a manual training school. The lad had remarkable musical talent, and begged to be allowed to study as a musician, but his father decided that he must learn engineering. He was a truant child, and was bitterly disappointed when sent to the Stuyvesant school for manual training.

While in a Broadway car at 50th street, on his way downtown to the school, the boy wept bitterly, and when he tried to get off he staggered and fell dead on the sidewalk.

In the right pocket of the lad's Norfolk jacket was found this note, dated this morning: "Mr. Hayward—Please transfer my son from the High School of Commerce to the Stuyvesant School, as I want him to learn a trade."

Yours very truly, "Charles E. Roth."

The transfer had been granted by Principal Hayward, of the School of Commerce.</