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Our Hoetry.

A Little Gentleman.

She stood at the crowded crossing, A woman crippled and old, Whose thin and faded garments A pitiful story told. On her arm a basket of apples That no one cared to buy. "I must sell 'em or go hungry!"

"Maybe if I'd cross over I'd have better luck," she said; But the crowded street before her Filled her with thought of dread, "'Tain't safe for a poor old cripple," She said with another sigh, "But I've got to take my apples Where somebody wants to buy."

She paused by the curbstone, fearing To trust herself in the tide Of life that was coming and going. "Deary me, it seemed so wide, An' so many horses an' wagons, I know I'll get scart !" she said. "An' if I got hurt"—with a shiver-"I'd a good deal better be dead."

"See that apple-woman, Tommy; She's afraid to cross the street," Cried a boy who was going schoolward To a friend he chanced to meet. "She'll get scared and drop her basket And there'll be no end of fun. Hurry up, hurry up, old woman; Grab your apple cart and run!"

"Hush," said the other, sternly, And went to the woman's side, 'If you want to cross, I'll help you, If you trust me for a guide. Let me carry your basket for you; Don't fear, but keep close to me, And you'll soon be over safely," He told her cheerily.

With some one to guide her footsteps, The crossing was quickly made, "I knew I could trust you," she told him, "So I didn't get afraid. God bless you for your kindness

To a poor old thing like me. If I knew your mother, I'd tell her How proud she ought to be."

I fancy that this lad's mother Must know of his kindly deeds, And is glad that the boy she loves so Takes thought of others' needs. Such boys are the ones to trust in For the men that must be had, For the father of the true man Is the true and manly lad.

-Golden Days. The Bird's Breakfast.

Two little birdies One wintry day Began to wonder, And then to say, "How about breakfast This wintry day?"

Two little maidens One wintry day Into the garden Wended their way, Where the snow lay deep That wintry day.

One with a broom Swept the snow away; One scattered crumbs, Then away to play; And birdies had breakfast That wintry day. -For Our Dumb Animals.

Our Hulpit.

Abraham the Friend of Gud. THE LAND OF PROMISE.

SERMON PREACHED BY

REV. A. J. MOWATT.

In St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, Sabbath Evening Feb. 26th.

"And Abram passed through the land ent.—Stephen Langille, East Rawdon of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land .- GEN. XII:6.

> We left Abraham last Sabbath evening on his way from Haran to Canaan. Tonight we shall speak of his arrival in the land, and give some description of the country and its peoples as the great emigrant found them in his day.

> Abraham knew almost nothing of the country he was on his way to. He lived long before the days of immigration-agents, and land speculators, and town-lot boomers. All he knew of the country was, that there was such a country, that it was far away to the west on the shore of the Great Sea, and that Canaan, Ham's youngest son, had settled there, and so it had come to be called the land of Canaan. He was blindly following where the Lord seemed to lead, groping his way across deserts and over mountains, seeking to find where the Lord wanted him and his to the word of the Lord. There were no roads for him to follow; no one had gone this way before him, whose tracks across the sands of the desert, and up and down the sides of the mountains, and Damascus, which was midway between Haran and Canaan, there were no settle

on another sort of journey, who are journeying to the Heavenly Canaan; Groves of olive-trees and fig-trees. All corner where Africa, Asia, and Europe rapidly growing frontier towns. And around the plain were terraced mountained with isolation. It lies at a themselves on the great plains, or in the groves of olive-trees and fig-trees. All corner where Africa, Asia, and Europe rapidly growing frontier towns. And around the plain were terraced mountained with isolation. It lies at a themselves on the great plains, or in the groves of olive-trees and fig-trees. All corner where Africa, Asia, and Europe rapidly growing frontier towns. And around the plain were terraced mountained with isolation. It lies at a themselves on the great plains, or in the groves of olive-trees and fig-trees. All corner where Africa, Asia, and Europe rapidly growing frontier towns. Putting the body in a waggon, he started journeying to the Heavenly Canaan; around the plain were terraced mountains journey we walk by faith, not tains with rich valleys and straths openby sight. And here too there are deserts to cross, and mountains to in so many directions to the wealth and main lines of ancient traffic lay along Thus the west to-day is not unlike what "She does not," said climb, and rivers to ford, and dangers to beauty of the land. The same plain its confines. And yet though so central, Canaan was as he found it. And the be on our guard against; but we have to-day "yields abundant harvests of it was strangely apart. The great roads western cities are real Sodoms and Go the word of the Lord to lead us, the same word that Abraham had, and if we beans, lentils, sesame, cotton, and tobac sacred land, and along its 180 miles of kept! No fear of God! The salocus, and follow where the Lord leads, we shall at | 20, and a wreath of wild flowers on every last come to rest and glory. But let us uncultivated patch of ground, especially not turn back, nor stop by the way.

ever any thought of turning back afrer tourist. he had once set out, but I am very sure | Secondly. The Land of Promise—its | and the great nations, and at the same | up no altar to God. The little religion he would have his temptations by the general features and characteristics. way. We cannot know what induce. Moses in his farewell address to Israel another had so much to do with the it by the way, and the darkness grows ments may have been held out to him to describes the land thus; "For the Lord world and its nations. settle in the lovely vale of Damascus, thy God bringeth thee into a good land, have been in yielding to them. Perhaps depths, springing forth in valleys and sisted every temptation.

back in the good way, or turn aside and | brass." last. And alast not a few de come that at the strip of the country lying between but only failure attended the enterprise. Up an altar to Jesus, and the west is princess, to whom he promised to send a prince occame amandot last. And alas! not a few do come the Jordan on the east, and the Medishert. They never set out or they turn the document of the Jordan on the east, and the Medishert they have been but only father the hard-working and honest vet to be greater than the east in all magnificient gift as a testimonial of his magnificient gift as a testimonial of his short. They never set out, or they turn terranean on the west, about 180 miles poor could do well. Not enough for exthat is good. their path, or they stop when they are half way at some levely Damascus of the world. But the special lesson I want to improve the promised gift, arrived, bringing the promised gift, wide, is a most insignificant country raised in its rich valleys, and fertile press upon you here is this, the import world. But the true arrived, bringing the promised gift, arrived, bringing the promised gift, which proved to be an iron egg. The world. But the true arrived, bringing the promised gift, arrived, bringing the promised gift, which proved to be an iron egg. half way at some lovely Damascus of the world. But the true Abrahams, the of New Brunswick that lies between the And of the latter than their world.

of Promise. I suppose Abraham would form some idea of the country he was called of God to go to before he left Haran called and of the country he was called the country he was considered the country he was considered to the country he was considered the country he was considered to the country he was called the country he was ca called of God to go to before he left Haran and all the way along as he was journey and valleys, with two quite extenand all the way along as he was journeying towards it he would try to picture out to himself what sort of land the land or Toyred on the seashore in the seashore in the south, and the great plains of Esdraelon yoke.

When therefore we are the first the world, as ecret spring, which she will be with you, and it will be with you. out to himself what sort of land the land or Tezreel on the seashore half way up of promise would be. Men always do so. The emigrant of to day dreams and so the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic features of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the golden yolk a so that to day dreams and after his day, the coast. so. The emigrant of to day dreams and hopes as he comes tumbling over the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we is lived without the Lord! It will go ed, disclosed within the coast. In Abraham's day, and long characteristic leatures of Palestine, we can be also characteristic leatures of Palestine, we can be a supplied to the coast. In Abraham's day, hopes as he comes tumbling over the lead the mountains being covered with the land of promise was no after thought there will be no one to come after us amination she touched a spring, and the land of promise was no after thought there will be no one to come after us amination she touched a spring, and the land of promise was no after thought there will be no one to come after us amination she touched a spring, and the land of promise was no after thought there will be no one to come after us amination she touched a spring, and the land of promise was no after thought there will be no one to come after us amination she touched a spring. leagues of ocean waves that stretch beash and cedar and fir; but to day its but an arrangment of Divine wisdom and bless our memory. tween the land of his birth and the land mountains are bare and barren for the when He laid its rock-foundations for its of his adoption, and his dreams and hopes are often so extravagant. And the first emigrant would dream as well to the first emigrant would be a securely on, and the first emigrant would be a securely on, and the first emigrant would be a securely on, and the first eminterest to the first emigrant would be a securely on the first em

What did Abraham think, and how where Jerusaiem statuts. Looking not the did he feel, when from the mountains of again your eye rests on mount Tabor can learn, to his settlement. Perhaps the addition of a tablespoonful of the people, feeling their isolation, were did he feel, when from the mountains of again your eye rests on mountains of dilead on the east of the Jordan his towering grandly above the lesser peaks, the people, feeling their isolation, were butter and requires less sugar. at his feet the Jordan valley with its beyond Tabor the two Lebanon ranges, thread of silver winding in many a running parallel to one another and the bighest peak here is the banks of the Euphrates. The Canameter and the moment then drain a moment then drain a thread of silver winding in many a running parameter to one another and the curve through it, and beyond in the sea-coast. The highest peak here is anites seem to have been mainly agritains with valleys between of his future Out of its perpetual snows the river Jor- culturists, although they may have trad home. Far away to the north he could dan receives its waters, and carves out a ed some as well, for they knew something see snow-capped Hermon towering sky-channel for itself as it flows southward, with many a lesser peak in the forming by the way the waters of Merom, the plain of Sharon. They huilt towns where form ing scene to one who, like Abraham, its waters into the Dead Sea. It receives and lived in communities, and had a should be freshly powdered and had seen only plains, or the rolling table many tributary streams in its course, system of government, a rude civilization. kept there continually, sure that he would be greatly taken yards wide and three or four feet deep.
with what he saw. It would be so The Land of Promise has about the or Mamre, Salem, where Melchizedek wet the burn with cold water, then different from the idea of the land of same latitude as Southern California. the priest-king reigned, Luz and En-Mish-cover the burn with white flour so promise he had formed in his mind, for It has two seasons, the wet and dry. pat; and then down on the plain of Jorthick it will keep out the air; keep our ideas of anything we have not seen January is the coldest month, and July dan, where, it is believed, the Dead Sea it on, it will prevent blistering. are reproductions of what we have and August the hottest. It is seldom now lies, were the pretentious cities of

mountains that centuries afterwards now. came to be famous, Mount Ebal on the mountains nearly 3000 feet high, with a grapes, figs, oranges, apples, pomegran much about them. valley of varying width between them, ates, being common. The grains grow new home. That was his way of tak- infested at one time the jungles of the had not much to do with them. ing possession of the land in the name Jordah valley, and herds of wild asses I have thus to-night given some degood way it was, a better one than that fettered in the mountains. in vogue to-day of landing an army, and

the father of the faithful. mallows and anemones of many colors,

as the last one, and his dreams would be no nearer the truth. I do not wonder en the Carmel ridge running east and west canaanite was then in the land."

that the emigrant of today when he first and about 1500 feet high, its western fuller account says: "The Hittites and sets foot on this new land is so disap- ond jutting out into the Mediterrean sea. the Jebusites and the Amorites dwell in pointed that he is ready to turn right In other days it was noted for its vineabout and go back home again. And he yards, and so was called Carmel. Be- by the sea and by the coast of Jordan." does it sometimes, and he would do it youd Carmel the mountains rise still It is very clear, however, that in his oftener if he only had the wherewith.

What did Abraham think, and how where Jerusalem stands. Looking north no opposition was made, so far as we foreground. It must have been a strik- and the Lake of Galilee, and emptying the plain of Sharon. They built towns where foul gases are present. It lands of Padan-Aram; but we are not but at its mouth it is only about 180 On the hilly region in the south of the

hotter than 92 degrees in the shade, and Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Ze-But he held on his way. He forded seldom colder than 28 degrees, or a little boilim and Zoar, cities already disgust eating bib for children is made of the Jordan and it must have looked below freezing point. The hot summer ingly wicked and obscene, and fast ripen- a towel. It is better to have the "And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the oak of March And the Canaanite was then the banks of the banks o Euphrates. Where he forded its waters the beginning of October is the dry sea- over them. they were not more than 80 or 100 feet son, and then a cloud in the sky is rari. The Canaanites were themselves imwide, and four to five feet deep. Across ty. From October till April is the rainy migrants a century or two before Abrathe Jordan he was in the land of pro- season and there are sometimes heavy ham. They found aborigines in the it is due much of the beauty of mise, but he pushed on along the valleys storms of rain and wind and thunder. country, the gigantic Rephaim, and the English complexions, and those who and up among the hills, till he had come In January it snows and freezes in the Horites who were troglodytes or cave- live in hot and dry climates must be to the plain of Moreh, in the very heart mountains, and the snow storms were dwellers. These original settlers condoubly careful to guard against their

Haran and Canaan, there were no settle ments. But he felt sure that the Lord who had called him to undertake the journey, would be with him by the way, would guide his steps, and would bring him to the land of promise.

The place where Atraham pitched his accident that that strip of Syrian tertitory became the threatre of sacred tent and erected his alter on arriving in the land, was afterwards called Sickem other things never came short.

What a lesson here for immigrants, and the problem was how spot, one of the loveliest in the whole land, well-watered, fertile, abloom with him was alterior of sacred that that strip of Syrian tertitory became the threatre of sacred tent and erected his alter on arriving in the land of sacred events, the home of the covenant people, and the seat of Divine revelation. There was and everywhere first, and so the total that strip of Syrian tertitory became the threatre of sacred tent and erected his alter on arriving in the land, was afterwards called Sickem of the land, was afterwards calle How rich with lessons for us who are pretty wild flowers, and planted with position with isolation. It lies at a themselves on the great plains, or in the pretty wild flowers, and planted with position with isolation. It lies at a themselves on the great plains, or in the pretty wild flowers, and planted with position with isolation. seacoast there is not a harbor where a gambling-hells, and theatres, and dent ship of any size can ride at anchor. Thus of infamy, everywhere, and crowded Abraham's God prepared for him and day and night, and the churches almost Carty. I do not know that Abraham had and ranunculi." So writes a modern bis seed a country with very special features, a country apart from the world So many immigrants come, and they set time a country that in one way and they had, they leave it behind, or lose

nor can we know how nearly he may a land of brooks of water, fountains and promise too, it was the poor man's country. ous and awful, and the story of Sodom's It demanded industry and thrift from all | dcom is told over again? he lingered there longer than he should, hills; a land of wheat and barley, and who would succeed in it. Here only and it may have been quite an effort on his part to pull up his stakes and face the does not," and shepherds, and small farmers, and vine the does not," and shepherds, and small farmers, and vine the does not, and shepherds, and small farmers, and vine the does not, and shepherds, and small farmers, and vine the does not, and shepherds, and small farmers, and vine the face the does not, and dressers, could live, and would care to who know how to plead at the facetsteel. his part to pull up his stakes and face land of oil olives and honey; a land dressers, could live, and would care to who know how to plead at the footstoolthe desert again. But his faith tri- wherein thou shalt eat bread without live. No chance here for the merchant for mercy, and their prayers are heard, umphed over every difficulty, and re- scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything princes of Tyre to roll up wealth! Being and for their sakes the towns are spared. in it; a land whose stones are iron, and without harbors it could never build up As a church we are trying to follow our And we are so often tempted to turn out of whose hills thou mayest dig and carry on a foreign trade. Again people into the plains and mountains, the following story is told: Many years and again it was attempted in later days, and wherever we can find them we set ago a prince became affianced to a lovely but only failure attended the later days, back at the first difficulty that crosses long north and south, and 45 or 50 miles port, but enough for home-use, could be

And then the land could be easily de-First, Abraham's arrival in the Land this remarkable land. The physical feather the people were all but unconquerable.

the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell

of the land. Here at the feet of two probably much more severe once than tinued in the land in diminishing numbers even as late as David's time. Al- cape the appearance of mummies. Canaan was, and still is an a' undant | most every country has such aborigines, north, and Mount Lerizion on the south, fruit-growing country, such fruits as but no one seems to be able to tell us

The Canaanites were already divided removed, and they should be left and under a wide-spreading terebinth he well in the valleys, and up the moun- and subdivided into clans. The Amo- unironed. White dresses of any pitched his tent. That night, it would tain-slopes, and the country was once rites were a rude, wicked, warlike clan fabric are improved by placing sheets seem, the Lord appeared to him, and capable of supporting a dense population in the mountain districts of the south. of blue tissue paper between the told him that he was now in the land But oppression and degradation have The Hivites and Hittits were superior folds, and then wrapping the whole that was to be his, the land of promise done their work, and now the land people, more especially the latter, and that he had come so far to find. In the of promise is very far from be- Abraham was on good terms with them. morning he built an altar to the Lord, ing what it was when Abraham set foot The Hittites afterwards grew to be a and gathering his people around it, he first in the vale of Shechem. Beautiful powerful nation, and scholars of late children. It is simply barbarous. gave thanks for the mercies of the jour wild flowers bloom everywhere, and have been devoting much attention to In winter woolen mitts are good and make their home. It was a journey of faith he was making, a simple taking of the love the make their home. That was his way of tak-

of his king, the Lord God, and a very and deer and goats roamed free and un- scription of the land of promise and its ples and fetter the motion of cunning peoples in Abraham's time. He came baby fingers. Such is a brief description of the count there at the call of God to live among through the waters, he could trace; and unfurling a banner and drawing the try to which Abraham emigrated by the its degraded idolaters the life of faith, sword. Abraham's was a right and call of God, and in some respects it was and, as we have seen, almost the first no one from whom he might enquire the christian way, one that was worthy of not much of a country. And yet, as a thing he did was to erect an altar, and thoughtful writer states, it was not by The place where Abraham pitched his accident that that strip of Syrian ter-

darker and darker, and is it to be won-Another thing about the land of dered that the judgments come, sulphur-

ance of an altar wherever your home princess was so angry to think that the and work are. Have you built a new prince should send her so valueless a men of faith, hold on their way to the river St. John and the State of Maine, fended from a foreign invasion. Among house? Are you starting out on a new present that she threw it upon the floor, you will have some idea of the size of their mountains, and in their valleys, the remarkable land. The physical features of the two countries however are their mountains, and in their valleys, a profession, getting married, and so on?

They laughed at investion and felt file. When therefore we examine into the is not everything. How poor a life that found another spring, which when open is not everything. How poor a life that found another spring, which when open is not everything.

"The other starchy foods, for they cannot Goody—I always do; I prefer it to a

USEFUL HINTS.

To brighten faded carpet, sponge with a mixture of one part ox-gall to two parts water.

water loosens the seeds and they come out clean.

A decided improvement in the

Fog is an excellent cosmetic. To

In putting away wash dresses, every vestige of starch should be dress in the same paper.

Never put kid gloves upon little lis positively sinful to hide the dim-

BREAKING THE NEWS.

They are telling a story on a well

"Does the widow McCarty live here?" "She does not," said Mrs. McCarty. "But indade she does, The Widow

McCarty does live here, he insiste with more significance and greater emphasis on widow." "But she does not, replied Mrs. Mc-

Disgusted at her lack of perspicuity the bearer of the bad news asked in

"An' faith, does Judge McCarty live

"He does." "Well I'll bet yes tin dollars he does

not. "He does." "But he does not," insisted Pat, "Til

have got his corpse in me wagin, an' a foiner wone was niver seen at a wake.

Of an iron egg in the Berlin Museum affection. In the time the messenger forth came the diamond ring with which he affianced her to himself.

dustpan.