

University Students Service at St. Paul's Church

Rev. Frank Baird M. A. of Woodstock Delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon Which Embodied Much Helpful Advice---Should be Prophets of Power in the Life of of the World

There was a large congregation at St. Paul's Presbyterian church yesterday morning when Rev. Francis Baird of Woodstock, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the students of the University of New Brunswick, the academic year of which ends this week. "The Prophet in Life" was the subject taken by the preacher, who himself was graduated by the University of New Brunswick in 1895. The discourse was impressive and was much enjoyed by all who heard it. The sermon was as follows:

THE SERMON.

Text: II Kings, 2:21: "And he went forth unto the spring of the waters and cast the salt in there and said, Thus saith the Lord: I have healed these waters."

Subject: The Prophet in Life.

There is presented unto us in the text a picture of a prophet of the Lord in active service. That old, yet ever new problem—the city's water supply—had pushed itself to the front. The fountain that should have meant cleansing and life to the land and to the people, had become contaminated; the pall of death lay on the city, and vegetation, owing to the deleterious effect of the poisoned streams of water by which the community was evidently irrigated, had failed. The land, we are informed, was barren. It is in this time of crisis and death, when the civic and scientific theories and practices of the wise city fathers had failed to bring relief, or stay the sweeping plague, that we behold appearing upon the sadly confused stage, a single prophet of the Lord, named Elisha. He, out of confusion, by the power of the Divine, manifested through him, brings order. He succeeds in staying the plague, in healing the city's wound, in drying the weeping eyes, in displacing death with life, in restoring the land to its wonted productivity, happiness and beauty. His coming was worth while, and we may with benefit to ourselves, dwell for a time upon the man and the means by which the mighty and far-reaching reformation was effected.

PROPHET ELISHA.

As to Elisha, the prophet with whom we are to deal, it may be observed at the outset that he was the disciple and later the successor, of Elijah. This latter prophet, as a consequence of a serious lapse from his usual high courage and great faith had been instructed by the Lord to appoint his successor, the voice that had commanded one prophet to step aside, had named the other who was to ascend the vacant throne. Elisha, doubtless feeling the justice of the rebuke administered to him, for his lack of faith, hastens at once to find his successor. He finds him, where many great leaders have been found, in the seclusion of the country. He is engaged in somewhat humble work, he is plowing. After the symbolic manner of the east, Elijah calls the new and hitherto unknown prophet by casting his mantle upon his shoulders. The sign is understood, and while the young farmer hesitates for a brief time, he is with little delay found to be a follower, and doubtless an eager disciple of the great prophet whose sun was fast hastening to its setting.

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SONS OF THE PROPHET.

As to the time of Elijah's spiritual apprenticeship to Elisha, it would seem to have extended over some six or seven years—a fairly creditable college course, but none too long to admit a novice into the high and solemn mysteries which pertain unto the advancement of the kingdom of God. When the note of tenderness which sounds in the conversation which takes place immediately prior to the translation of Elisha, it is made apparent that a bond of strong filial affection bound master and servant, professor and student together. And here, at the point where the passing and the coming prophet separate, we may fittingly pause a moment. Here we discover a number of the subordinate, but by no means unimportant factors in the great assumption drama; at this point, with keen interest, with true student like alertness, anxious to put all things to the test, like the Athenians ready for some "new thing"—here we find the college men of the day, fifty in number, designated in the language of the day as "sons of the prophets." They were, however, simply students seeking to qualify for the prophetic office, Elisha being one of their number, who, by reason of his intimate relations with Elijah, his dramatic call and probably his seniority in years and spiritual perception, stood, we would imagine, about midway between the students of the day and the great master so soon to be taken away.

In the seventh verse of the chapter from which the text is taken we discover the students standing afar off but with eye and ear alike alert for whatsoever may happen. It had been rumor, and rumor had become conviction, that something unusual was to take place. They resolve that nothing shall be missed. If these theories as to Elijah's power were to be verified, or falsified, they would know it. Some of them, I fancy, were open unbelievers. There would be many doubters, some hopeful, some fully convinced. Of course they had debated these mysteries—often, mayhap, hotly. The materialists, the bald rationalists, had consented with the others to put the matter to the test, and so, as a body, the whole college goes out on an investigating, truth-testing tour.

THE TEST.

They see Elijah take his mantle, wrap it together and smight the waters of Jordan. It is a moment of keen anxiety. The students fall reverently silent. They strain their eyes to see, standing on tip-toe, as they are afar off. The theological radicals as well as the orthodox section of the group know that the crisis has come, feel that a mighty issue hangs trembling in the balance. But the suspense is not for long. It can be seen that Elijah and Elisha are moving forward. And then it comes home to even the skeptics that God has not forgotten his world nor deserted his prophet. Rationalism, materialism, natural law have all been relegated to their proper place; the divine is still a potent force among men. The waters of Jordan have divided, there is virtue in the prophet's mantle and the prophet who had been, and the prophet who was to be, are crossing Jordan dry shod, the waters a wall on the right hand and on the left.

The story hurries on. Elisha is taken up, having granted the request of Elisha for a double portion of the departing master's spirit. Elisha picks up the fallen mantle and although saddened at his loss, returning, he smights the river as he had seen his master do so recently. And at this point we may imagine a possible revival of interest, indeed, if not an incipient revival of heresy, among the gazing, awe-struck company of students. Can any but Ulysses bend Ulysses' bow? Has not the divine departed from the world with the older prophet, who has been whirled heavenward in a chariot of flame? Will not the victory yet fall to the rationalist, will not the so-called divine, fail, or will not the honors be, at most, evenly divided? Will not the boastful theological radicals have as much support as the trustful, faithful spiritualists of the expectant group? Interest is as keen as ever and distrust is again bravely raising its head. The master did it; can the pupil do it?

With the same faith and the same God, he can. We read verse fourteen, "And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and smote the waters and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither, and Elisha went over."

"And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha. And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him."

RECOGNITION.

From this it is but a step to the appearance of Elisha in the text. Once convinced of the might of Elisha the news flies that the new prophet has wrought a mighty miracle, and if the radicals among the students did not spread the news, he assured the conservatives, the adherents of the old faith, would. And the tidings reach the ears of the sadly perplexed men of the city. Perhaps, indeed, some of the students had died. Perhaps they had in their scientific studies touched the impure water question and who knows but some of them in vacation time, had been in the employ of the city! Perhaps in the water department!

At any rate, it seems to have been but a brief time until we find a delegation from the city waiting upon the new man of God. I fancy there was strong opposition when the proposal, was first made in the city council of that distant day and city, to lay the water question before a mere clergyman! But in great crises, men sometimes fling away pride, humble themselves and when the arm of flesh and the devices of man fails, they turn to the representative of religion, they seek God, give a place to the divine. Small merit attaches to their visits on such occasions and since they come driven of stern necessity, their actions lack both moral and religious quality. It is not faith so much as a conspiracy of circumstances and the failure of the human, that throw the unbelieving back on the Eternal. Happily, however, driven or drawn, the wise men and truly learned men, the men who take the farther and the deeper look, who apprehend life in its broader and its fuller significance, turn, like the distressed men of smitten Jericho, to the Lord of heaven and earth for relief. The spirit of both the people and of the prophet appear in the words preceding the text:

"And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my Lord seeth, but the water is naught, and the ground barren."

"And he said, bring me a new cruse and put salt therein. And they brought it to him."

"And he went forth unto the spring of the waters and cast the salt in there and said, Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land."

"So the waters were healed until this day, according to the saying of Elisha, which he spake."

And here behold the man of God in action, the servant of the most high, the beneficent servant of humanity; here mark the prophet in life. At this point also we may with profit to ourselves, pause a moment to consider first the

SOURCE OF THE PROPHET POWER.

As to his physical and spiritual antecedents, Elisha was evidently well equipped. He was found at an honorable occupation; his request to bid good-bye to those of his domestic circle prior to his departure from home shows a trait worthy of emulation. His prompt sacrifices of the means of his physical livelihood, namely his team of oxen, is a highly symbolic and significant action. He was to go no more back. Convinced of his divine call he sacrifices the means by which he had formerly lived and boldly and in faith, flings himself on the Eternal for sustenance and support. Nor does he shrink at the task of serving as a menial, Elisha for many years. He was also a patient and courageous learner. In humility and with the reticence and reverence of the true scholar we can fancy him spelling out slowly some of the mysterious chapters of the book of life. Best of all, when we see him first in the open, first as leader, first among men in active service, he here, in the performing of his first miracle, in the purifying of the corrupted and vitiated waters, does in the name of the Lord. Herein lay the chief source of his power.

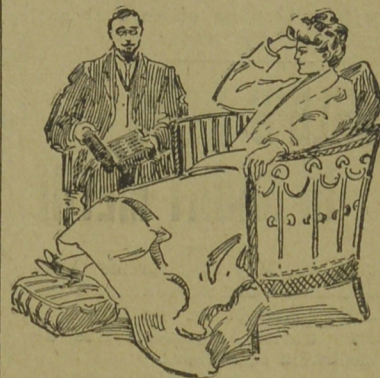
As to the view that the casting of the salt into the poisoned spring was the action of the wise man of science trained in the laboratory rather than in the closet; as to the contention that we have here a case of mere worldly wisdom, an illustration of the superiority of Elisha's scientific knowledge to that of the men of the city, as to the suggestion that there

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