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"Hold fast the form of sound words."—2d Timothy, i. 13

SAINT JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1868.

Introductory Sermon of the Western N. B. Baptist Association.

Preached by the Rev. J. E. HAYMAN, B. A., September 18th, 1868, and published by request of that body.

John i. 28.—"Ecce Agnus Dei."—Behold the Lamb of God. Some eighteen hundred years have rolled their rapid round since the Baptist in all the ardor of his soul directed the wondering gaze of his disciples to one whom he termed the Lamb of God.

The gospel in which the exclamation of the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God," occurs, was in all probability the last written of all the books of the Sacred Canon.

Let us try to abstract ourselves from present surroundings and circumstances, and live with John in Ephesus a little more than half a century after the ascension of our blessed Lord.

The circumstances also in connection with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem are distinctly foreshadowed by Zachariah when he exclaims: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold thy king cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass."

Here are a series of predictions looking for a fulfillment in the person of a divine Redeemer. Has such a one ever appeared who has fulfilled all the conditions of prophecy, as to time, place, manner and circumstance?

As to place, he was to be born in Bethlehem. Why not in Jerusalem? To show that in grace, as in nature, civilization is debtor to lowly evadges; and unknown mothers hold a heavy account against the world.

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their first child was born, Eve exclaimed, "I have gotten a man, Jehovah;" or, translating the last word, "he that shall be." They were, however, doomed to disappointment, so far as the immediate fulfillment of the promise was concerned.

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The Church Year, one of the Ritualist papers publishes a long account of a young man taking the "white," and a man taking the "black" veil, and entering upon her duties as a cloister nun of the Benedictine order.

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The grave and devoted man looked each and all of them in the face, and with great gravity and seriousness said, "Friends, did you pray to God before you left home? Did you ask God to bless you in your undertakings to-day?"

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midst of the throne to lead those saved by his blood to the living fountains and beside the still waters. During these sad hours, that rock was being smitten, whose waters, as a perennial stream, should flow the Christian pilgrim through all desert wastes of this world to the Canaan of rest beyond the swellings of Jordan.

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That, however, did not satisfy the sainted man. He urged prayer upon them. He knelt down; one of the robbers knelt with him; one prayed; the other wept—confessed his sins, and said, it was the first time in his life he had done such a thing, and should be the last.

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It is now some sixteen years since, upon a certain November day, the first railway train in India started out of Bombay, for its short trip of twenty-six miles. This event took place on the 18th of November, 1852.

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