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LESSON VII.—FEB. 18, 1912. The Ministry of John the Baptist .-

Commentary.- I. John's coming (vs. 1-6). I. In the fifteenth year-In the fifteenth year of his reign, counting the two years during which he reigned concintly with his father, Augustus Caesar. evernor of Judea Judea was a Roman province, and Pontius Pilate had been nde governor, or procurator, after the ment of Archelaus, a son of Herod the tireat. Herod Antipas, a brother of Ambelaus. Tetrarch—This term was eriginally used to designate one of the fear parts into which a kingdom was divided, but it was later used to name the ruler of a small country dependent upen Reme. His brother Philip-Herod Prilip. Abilene A country north of stine, so called from its capital, Abila. 2. Annas and Caiapas. The Roman rulers appointed the Jewish high-prients at this time. Annas had been depleted and his son-in-law, Oniapas, had been aspointed in his stead. Luke goes into particulars and thus fairly locates, to point of time, the events which he is is about to describe. The word of God came unto John-This form of expression essure over and over again in the scriptures in connection with the com-

3. Country about Jordan-John began his ministry in the region where he had just a pin-money proposition, or can spent much of his life. His preaching, it be made to take rank with other distant villages and cities. See Mark le 5. The haptism of repentance Sin was a recognized fact, and John taught that the way to obtain relief from it was to turn away from it utterly, as a necessary step toward forgiveness. Baptism was a pledge on the part of the one baptized that he had renounced sin, and a sign to the world that he had turned frem evil.

4. As it is written-See Isa. 40:3. The voice Attention is called to the message rather than to the messenger. Prepare ye the way of the Lord-John's ministry to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. In the east not much lather was ordinarily expended upon roads, but when a royal personage was to pass over a given road great care was taken to have it in the best posseries what was sometimes done in preparing the way for the approach of a king. 5. Every valley shall be filled, etc. preparing the roadbed of a railway comething much like this is done. In preparation for the coming of Christ the arrogancy of the Roman power must be rebuked, the shallowness of pharicale religion must be expressed, and the worldiness and materialism of the Sadfuence must be condemned. edly heard. The people were chafing under the yoke of Pagan Rome. Remembering that they were Jehovah's cove-

H. John's message (ve. 7-14). 7. Generation of vipers-"Offspring of vipers." R. V. This strong expression was afterward used by our Lord (Matt. 23-33) to est forth the hypocrisy of the Phariwho covered selfishness and pride with a mantle of religion. Who hath -They had come and had cought haptism. Some poyer had drawn sufficiency, so far as their own charthem to John. It is evident that the seter was concerned. Pride of ancestry Hely Spirit, who was inspiring John's preaching, was influencing all classes to They were not called upon to discova some to him in his desert preaching place. Wrath to come The sins of the Jewish people already merited the judgments prenounced in Mal. 3:2; 4:5. 8. Fruits worthy of repentance-Repent

ance is manifested by outward acts. There is not only sorrow for sin, but a forsaking of sin and a turning toward righteousness. Begin not to say, etc. and repentance, and made it the symbol of certain spiritual realities; evil re-It was no advantage to them to be the cognized and repudiated, good perceived children of Abraham, if they refused to and chosen. Those baptized were not to a great hope. Such a baptism was

10. What shall we do—The fact that John's bearers asked him this question shows that they were strongly moved by his preaching, and desired to "bring forth fruits worthy of repentance." IL. bet him impart—The prevalent sins of the time weer selfishness and robbery. and repentance would be shown by self-denial, and by making a charitable that repentance must first condemn sin, of legitimate wealth. Meat — Food. Publicans Tax-gatherers. They

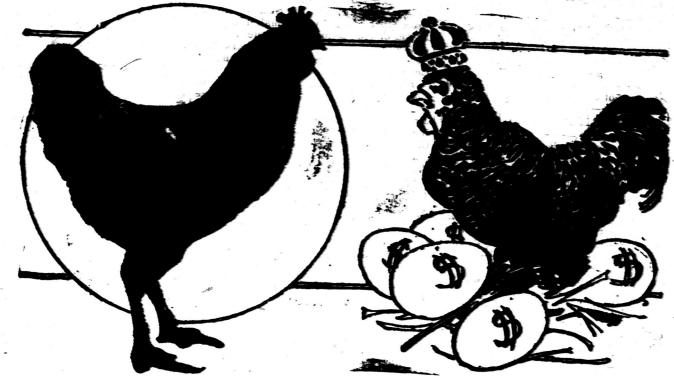
were, as a class, extortionate and unfust, taking every possible advantage in order to enrich them, yet they were brought under conviction by John's preaching. 13. Exact no more, etc. -Tax patherers were accustomed to levy and collect as heavy a tax as the people could be made to pay, and to keep for preached was a gospel of divine origin, themselves all in excess of what they were ebliged to pay over to their sup-erior officers. John's answer to their good from the bad. John proclaimed with carnestness and persistency, the question struck at the root of their truth which had been breathed into his

ET. Christ's coming announced (vs. the evident sincerity of John the Bap15-17). 15. Expectation...mused—tist which drew around him the sinner-There was a prevalent expectation that of Judea, and he demanded sincerity in the Messiah was about to appear, and the remarkable character of John's language with which he c'othed his jdeas, all showed how radical was the whether he was not really the Christ. 16. John answered-Anticipating their question. One mightier than I — Christ. Not worthy—He whose coming John foretoid was so far exalted above John that he was not worthy to perform for him the duties devolving upon the most menial servant. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost-Baptism with water was an outward act and the symbol of an inward work, and the inward transformation was to be wrought through the operation of the Holy Spirit And with fire—This refers to the destroying power of the Holy Spirit, 17. Fan—As the winnowing-fan was an instrument for separating the chaff from the wheat, so the gospel is the agency for separating sin from the heart. Floor-The threshing floor in this figure represents the world. Gather the wheat into his garner-Christ will gath-

er the good into His eternal kingdom. Questions.—At what age did John the Baptist begin his ministry? Who were the rulers in Palestine? Where did John preach? What prophecy was thus ful-filled? Who came to hear John preach? How did his preaching affect the peo-plet What particular directions did John give to different classes? What is meant by "fruits worthy of repentance"? What is meant by being hapfised with the Hely Spirit?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. ie.—A distinctive mission. I Proporting a people. A Preparing a propie. All issue had

The Billion-Dollar Hen



SHE'LL BE WITH US SOON, SAYS POULTRY EXPERT; CLUCKING PULLET IS ALREADY QUEEN OF THE FARM.

What is this chicken raising business; its extent and possibilities? What kind of a poultry plant is a paying one? How does Queen American Hen compare with King Cotton and King Corn? Is the raising of chickens and the selling of eggs just a pin-money proposition, or can it be made to take rank with other.

annually. The day is not far distant when the possibilities of poultry culture and is giving this branch of his business the same care and attention that he gives to ether branches. He has discovered that instead of being a muisance, as he formerly considered the chickens, they are a source of profit—in fact, the most profitable live stock on the farm when properly great rural pursuits? Those and many other questions arise in many minds just about the time they get the "chicken bug." The Daily Times asked them of J. F. Schureman, associate editor of American Poultry Journal, and a noted writer on positry subjects. This is his answer. -Editor.

(By J. F. Schureman.) value of American poultry products was only \$299,000,000, and that was considered a splendid showing. For io years the business grew slowly; was then regard as a "pin-money occupation for women and children. In 1900 the industry started upwards with leaps and bounds, keeping up such a fast pace that to-day only corn, hay and cotton surpass it in value of all farm products.

The year of the greatest growth in The year of the greatest growth in value of the poultry products was 1997, when a jump was made from \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000. Again in 1908 the gain was nearly \$100,000,000, and the three following years have showed gains of over half the amount

inded become a barren wilderness when

"the voice of one crying" was unexpect-

nant people, their yearning for deliver-

ance naturally took on a religious form.

They supposed that it was their politi-

cal condition which needed to undergo

a change. They were full of a fatal self-

was very prevalent among the Jens.

their descent from Abraham, but warn-

ed against trusting in it as a means of

salvation or making it a substitute for

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Jew that he needed to be introduced in-

to the kingdom of God. He placed bap-

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ence enlighten, convince, convert, and

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John's baptism was preparatory and ini-

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pentance.

Until within recent years the average farmer paid very little attention to his poultry and his flock was made made up of a heterogeneous conglom-eration of nondescript fowls, inbred, emaciated, non-productive birds that, instead of paying a profit, were an absolute expense.

Instead of having warm quarters in which to roost, they were compelled (By J. F. Schureman.)

Twenty-one years ago the total in the pig pen or the cow stable, or wherever they could find it and to est enow when they were thirsty in the winter time. They were exposed to all kinds of weather and stood around on one foot half the time, hungry and cold and not earing whether they lived or died. Under such conditions winter eggs were out of the question, and in the spring the here stole away under the barn or out in the weeds and laid a clutch of eggs in obedience to the material poultry industry. There are poultry though it would seem that the treatment they had received would have annihilated all the maternal desire and instinct they ever possessed.

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live stock on the farm when properly taken care of.

He has also learned that there is comething in blood and breeding as well as in care and feeding; that there is all the difference in the world between the nondescript, emaciated hen and the pure-bred, vigorous hen that has by careful breeding been perfected as an egg producer and the producer of strong, vigorous progeny. On the average farm nowadays we find flocks of pure-bred fowls, full of vigor and stamina and bred to the highest degree of productiveness, which means profit. And they are housed in warm, sanitary houses and properly fed and cared for. The natural result is an enormous in-

crease in eggs and fowls for market. The incubator, or modern artificial hatcher, has played a most important part in the development of the farms in this country where from 50,000 to 100,000 chicks are hatched annually. The town lot poultryman and farmer are also using the artificial hatchers and brooders with the lamb. Spring 13 00 But to-day the farmer has awaken- best of success.

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tical, yet there was a word of hope even in his storm of vengeance. He granted that repentance was no easy thing, that it cost time and effort to level mountains. He urged that the smallest act of service done for Christ has an importance all of its own. He laid stress upon external conduct, yet counted it of no value only as the fruit and proof of an inward change of mind and purpose. John was utterly fearless and unmindful of his own interests when duty called him to speak against sin. His soul was characters are so strangely attractive as ed like success. When the question arose whether he was the Christ, a selfseeking man would have turned the doubt to his own account, but John's message when he went forth. His muit of great success. He always repreaching was stern, danntless and practained a true estimate of himself, his

work and his Master. Nothing but injury to others, damage to the cause of God, and sorrow to himself could have come from an overestimate of himself or his position. He not only declared the dignity of Christ's person, but the exceldignity of Christ's person, but the excel- | 5c less. lency of his office. John was a godly, upright, heroic coul. He took or



A dog that is worth keeping is entitled to good shelter.

I know a young man who started farming for himself five years ago. He has succeeded and last year purchased an auto. For this act he has been criticised unmercifully by his father, and S yet I remember that it caused a much S greater sacrifice for this man to buy a buggy 35 years ago. His neighbors I predicted bankrupter, without fail. You see, therefore, that it all depends.

The first top buggy that came into our locality was regarded as a veritable death trap and the man who owned it was called a "loon" not only behind his back, but also to his face. Horses are cheaper, at least for the time being. Many think all the decline will be regained by spring, when good langes will be as high as the highest. Market prophecies are as uncertain as weather prophecies, and no wise man will make either or believe in either, but this time we have the Presidential election to take into consideration, and there's no telling what will happen in

Presidential year.

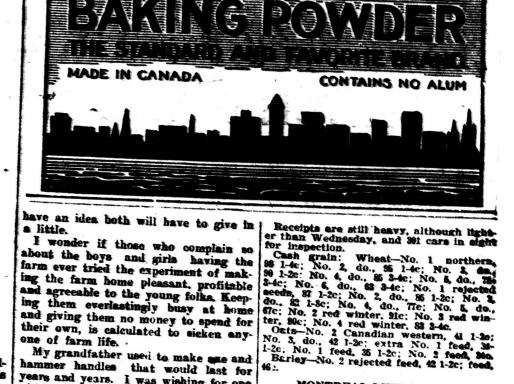
The horse now idle that does consider to \$4.50; second clears, \$2.50 to \$2.80. a Presidential year. erable work during the summer, needs

it—that's always been the great draw-back to its adoption. Unless the farmers speak up in writing to their Congressmen and tell them they want par-cels post, there's little possibility of its ever being realized, as the interests who do not want it are constantly bringing up argument against it. Write a letter to your Congressman, urging him to support parcels post-not to morrow or next week, but right now

If you speak to the werse, then yell at him again before he has time to obey the first command, you may just ex-pect him to become confused till he acts almost as crazy as his master does. Adding a little grain to the roughage

ration of even the stock herds, not only saves roughage, but by furnishing a greater variety of feed, better digestion will be promoted and more nourishment obtained than from a like amount of a single article of feed. If you would have the bank account

balance in your favor, be sure to feed the dairy cown a balanced ration. This is a good time to get on close terms with those colts. Some of the farmers say they are not going to pay such high prices for hired help another year, and the hired help may they will not work for less than they resided this year. Who will the ally give in remains to be seen, but I



years and years. I was wishing for one of his make the other day, after breaking a 25 cent handle that had about as much strength to it as if made of so much brown paper. It seems an excep-tion to get a "store" handle that is any good. If I had some of the old Vermont

wood I would try making some.

TORONTO MARKETS.

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Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:
Extra granulated, St. Lawrence \$ 55

LIVE STOCK.

when the people were moved to inquiry to bring before them the greatness of Christ and His work, compared to himself or his baptism. He was but a herald to perpare the people for the real King.

T. R. A.

The ronto despatch: The market at the Western Cattle Market is again dragging this morning. Common cattle are still coming in, in spite of the notice of the drovers to the farmers to not send their strictly common and half-fattened butchers' cattle are selling strong, but the demand is not quite as keen as earlier in the week. Milch cows are becoming plentiful, with prices steady, Good lambs are firm at yesterday's quotation, but common or barn lambs are not bringing the prices expected by the farmers. Hogs have taken a little rise and are up ten cents.

Receipts, 80 cars, consisting of 1000.

nave taken a little rise and are up ten-cents.

Receipts, 80 cars, consisting of 1,008 cat-tle, 251 sheep and lambs, 1,759 hogs and 125 calves.

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OTHER MARKETS.

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1.03 1-8 to \$1.63 5-8.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66c to 67c.
Oats—No. 3 white, 45 1-1c to 50c.
Rye—No. 2, 89c.
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WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

tough heing unchanged. Export enquiry is absolutely off and with prices tending downwards buyers are holding back. Oats are keeping steady for May, with firmer tendency, but little or nothing doing in July.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

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Montreal—At the Canadian Pacific Live Stock Market the receipts of live stock for the week ending February 3rd were for the week ending February 3rd were hugs and 550 calves, while the ofterings this morning amounted to 450 cattle, 169 calves. Although the supply of cattle was very small a weaker feeling developed in the market and prices ruled about 25c per 160 pounds lower than on Monday. The demand was limited, owing to the fact that buyers were generally well supplied with the class of beef offered and were not disposed to load up with any more for the time being, comsequently the trade-was slow throughout the day and the market was dull. A few top quality steers sold as high as \$6.59, and some choice cows at \$4.75 per 169 pounds. The trade in small meals was also quiet, on account of the limited supplies coming forward, and prices showed no important change. The tone of the market for hogs was stronger under an increased demand, and smaller supplies and prices advanced 16c to 29c ner 160 pounds, with sales of selected lots at \$7.25 to \$7.35 per 160 pounds, weigher ed cff cars. Quotations: Butchers' cattle, choice, \$6.25 to \$5.59; do., medium, \$2.50 to \$3; butchers' cattle, choice cows. \$4.75 to \$6; do., common and me. Supplies and prices and culls, \$3.75 to \$60, common and me. Supplies cattle, choice cows. \$4.75 to \$6.50 to \$7.50; do., medium, \$2.50 to \$3; butchers' cattle, choice cows. \$4.75 to \$6.50 to \$7.50; do., sach, \$7.50 to \$7.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$7.50 to \$7.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$7.50; do., sach, \$7.50 to \$7.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$7.50; c

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BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. Fast Buffalo despatch—Cattle - 1 ceipts 150, elow and easy. Veals-Receipts 100 active and stea

5.50 to \$10. Hogs-Receipts, 2,400 head ,active and steady to 5c lower, heavy and mixed, \$6.50 to \$5.55; Yorkers, \$6.50 to \$6.60, pigs, \$6.25 to \$6.40, roughs. \$5.75 to \$5.-90, stags, \$4.50 to \$5.25, dairies, \$6.28

Sheep and lambs - Receipts 6,000 sheep active and steady. Lambs slew 25c lower; lambs \$3.50 to \$6.90, a few

Paris, Feb. 8.—Prices were firm the Bourse to-day.

BLACK WART.

Canada to Put Up the Bars Against This Pest.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Canada is about to put up the bars against potatoes from the United States, fearing the dread black wart, according to Department of agriculture officials. The "wart" does not exist here, but there is no quarantine law which would keep infeeted potatoes from Europe out of Amcrican ports whence they might make their way into Canada.

For this reason the Department of Agwinniped Grain Market.

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Winniped With very little demand the prices reacted on this market stightly. The opening prices were 1-8 lower for old May, 3-8c lower for new May, and the lower for July. With a weak undertone.

While making your New Year resolutions, what have you resolved to do about parcels post? Too many farmers who need this never have resolved about it—that's always been the great draw
Winniped Grain Market.

Winniped—With very little demand the price stightly. The opening prices were 1-8 lower for old May, 3-8c lower for new May, and 1-4c lower for July. With a weak undertone. The closing figures were 3-8c lower for new May, and 1-4c lower for July. The cash bills have been defeated a number of times, but Government officials said to day that they thought the process. day that they thought the measure would pass this year. Nursery men, it is said, have withdrawn their onposition, several slight changes in the bill having made it meet their ideas.



