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## LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

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Morning—Isaiah li. Matthew v. 23  
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The Rev. W. H. Wadleigh is the only gentleman travelling authorized to collect subscriptions for the "*Dominion Churchman*."

EVIL RESULTS OF DOCTRINAL ERROR ON THE INCARNATION.—The injustice done daily to the design of the Incarnation and to God, its author, by unworthy conceptions of its motive, its purpose, power and reach, is simply immeasurable and utterly sad. Thus some are alienated from the faith by statements which represent the Father as implacable, and the Incarnate Son as the scapegoat of His wrath. Others are taught to dwell so exclusively on the past atoning and vicarious work of Christ, that they lose sight of Him as their life, their living Lord, their example and standard of righteousness. Many expecting to escape judgment, or on other grounds denying the necessity of good works, live carelessly, or sin that grace may abound. Multitudes once regenerate rise scarcely above the world which they renounced and legions sink beneath it, because never taught the full purpose of the Word becoming flesh, and therefore ignorant of the high degree of illumination and holiness within their reach. It follows that God the Father is dishonoured, the Lord Jesus is undervalued, and subjected to reproach, the Holy Ghost is ignored and sin regains its dominion. The truth is held down in unrighteousness, the divine plan for man's restoration and happiness is obscured and the necessary qualifications for the inheritance of saints are misconceived. Or to put it differently, the guilt and danger of neglecting the means of grace are not discerned because the need of thorough renewal is not felt. Low views of the Kingdom of Heaven, in both spheres, draw the spiritual stature of its citizens. The true character, the depth and severity of Evangelical Repentance, and the proper life of the baptized are alike misunderstood. Lapsed Christians, at least among men, are rather the rule than the exception, and the discipline ordained by our Lord Himself for their recovery, and for the warning of

the tempted, is known to us only by name. The *Reviewer* we quote proceeds to show with demonstrative force that the ordinary views as to the Incarnation are wholly inadequate and misleading, and that the Scriptural doctrine is that by the Incarnation man is to be restored to the image of God. How, if we ignore the recovery of the Divine likeness through the Incarnation, can we assign any adequate meaning to such announcements of our Lord's triumph over Satan, and of his counteraction of the Fall, as were virtually continued in the primal promise that 'the seed of the woman' should 'bruise the serpent's head,' and are constantly repeated in the Gospels and Epistles. What do these inspired statements mean, if they do not testify to the fact of the last Adam reversing the effect of the first Adam's sin and to our recovery of the divine image and of our original relations with God."

THE GOODS DELIVERED.—Whatever may be the sins of the Papacy, there is one it is never guilty of when innocence is possible. When the authorities of the Church of Rome enter into a contract to deliver certain goods they seek to move heaven, earth and hades, if necessary, to enable that contract to be fulfilled. In the past, we know only too well in Ontario, that for a price, that price being an infamous infringement of Protestant civil rights and the practical suppression and dishonour of the Bible by the government, the Roman Catholic Church undertook to deliver an overwhelming vote at the polls to help the party by whom the Papacy had been endowed with extraordinary privileges. That contract is fulfilled by faithful delivery of the suffrages of the Romanist voters who in a ver. large number of constituencies control the decision. We now await with anxiety to see what has been promised for these suffrages. That the Roman Church will take further liberties with our civil and religious freedom is certain, they will be protected in such a step by the politicians they have put into power. The danger is grave and threatens to bring such trouble into this province as few now can dream of, as our people have had so little experience of life except as citizens of a free country. We are convinced that the seeds of civil war are being sown, as Protestants will some day be terribly aroused. Men of the British race, especially, are patient, long suffering and trustful, but once they realize the indignity and wrong inflicted by the political control of this province being in the hands of the Papacy, as it now is, the spirit which has made the Papacy tremble in the past will be awakened, and the storm that will be raised will wreck not merely a political ship, but the peace and prosperity of Canada.

A SLEEPING OR GAGGED WATCHMAN.—From all parts of Canada, but especially from the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, enquiries have been made, expressed in tones of indignation, and surprise and sorrow, that our Evangelical contemporary has not uttered one word of protest against the casting out of the Bible from the schools nor against the substituted book being submitted to Dr. Lynch, nor against the Bible being expurgated of all passages unfavorable to popery, nor against the use of Romish hand books in public schools attended by Protestant children, nor against the payment of Protestant taxes towards Romish schools! The *Evangelical* is clearly fast asleep at his post, or he has been seized and gagged by the enemy. One can understand this watchman being asleep, the popes he administers have probably produced their natural effect, as chemists handling narcotics are often stupefied thereby. After screaming "No Popery" for years, he has got weary and may have gone off into slumber. But his sleep must be a trance, or else the shouts of alarmed clergy and laity all around would have roused him from torpor to fury. There are, however, some indications that

the *Evangelical* is not asleep at all, but is merely choked by a gag. We feel for any sufferer under such a painful indignity. Fancy the agony of the *Evangelical* bursting to shout "No Popery," and all the rest of it, and yet dumb because his mouth is choked lest his cries should offend a "Popish Archbishop!" Mr. S. H. Blake we suspect of doing our friend this grievous wrong. The Protestant champion has been actively working in the interests of the Papacy, defending the attacks on the Bible, defending their ejection of the Bible from the schools, abusing all who protested against dishonouring the Bible, insulting all who prefer God's Word to any man's scrap book, defending those who have caused Popish books to be used in Ontario Public Schools, and, in his characteristic style breathing out threatening and slaughter against all Protestants who condemned a government pandering to Popery! "Fallen like Lucifer," has been exclaimed throughout Ontario, at the right of the most prominent Protestant zealot in Canada, swallowing his principles and giving the lie to own record, because his political friends need the votes of Roman Catholics. The *Evangelical* straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel is a sad sight for men who believe in righteousness, in principle, in bravery, in manly honour and Christian faithfulness.

NOT SURPRISING.—In a recent number, we found it our duty to say that the Church we represent is the "One Catholic and Apostolic Church in and of England." The *Globe* has done us the honour of publishing this very commonplace remark in its editorial columns day after day ever since it appeared. Such a truism as this remark must have a special significance at this period, or the *Globe* would no more repeat it so prominently than it would publish the statement that two and two make four. The statement of our creed as Churchmen has the greatest significance at this period. We of the English Church utter in our creed a protest against the Church of Rome, because that Church denies point blank that our Church in and of England is either Catholic or Apostolic. Now the *Globe* is at present, while the votes of the Catholics of Canada are wanted for its friends, the *Globe* we repeat protests against the English Church being Catholic and Apostolic, because it is so anxious to gratify the Papal authorities that it casts contempt upon us and our Church for placing its claims on any equality with the arrogant claim of the Church of Rome! That is the secret of the free advertising we have had in the *Globe* for over a week. The votes of Romanists have been secured by various bribes given by the government of Ontario to the Papacy, bribes scandalous alike to giver and receiver, and infamously unjust to all Protestants, and another bribe has been cunningly given by the *Globe* in the form of insults to the Catholic claims, Apostolic history and recognised position of the ancient and original Church in and of England. But let all the anti Church of England papers in Canada take note—let them and let any Churchmen who are politicians first and Christians afterwards, and Churchmen last, object to our persistent assertion of the rights and the dignity of the Church of England, and our demand that no Italian priest shall toll or tithe in this Dominion at our cost on behalf of Popish schools. We heed such base cries no more than the wailing of the melancholy wind. In the true Churchman's composition the element of fear finds no place. The *Globe* thought to silence Canon Damoulin and caught a tartar. Would that in Canada, the spirit of personal independence, and love of outspoken manliness of speech were as universal as in the old land.

—True glory takes root, and then spreads; all false pretences, like flowers, fall to the ground; nor can any counterfeit last long.