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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

January 28—SEXAGESIMA.

Morning.—Gen. 3 Matt. 15, v. 21.

Evening.—Gen. 6 or 8 Acts 17, to v. 16.

TO OUR READERS.—We want a reliable person in every parish in the Dominion, to get subscribers for the Canadian Churchman. Write at once for particulars, giving references.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—We have removed the offices of "The Canad. Churchman" to larger and more convenient ones, corner Church and Court Sts. Entrance on Court Street.

CHURCH FESTIVALS AND DISSENTERS.—*Living Church* has been "calculating" that Christmas—once a thing of horror to the Protestant denominations—has been now thoroughly "acclimatized," so to speak, among them. Nearly the same may be said of Easter, and so of Lent, Whitsunday, etc. They are publishing liturgical leaflets, etc., in a way that shows how much their "wall of partition," erected between themselves and the Church, has been taken down.

A CHEQUE FOR \$20,000 was put on an offertory plate at a recent Church opening in Massachusetts, in answer to an appeal from the pulpit. We can imagine that one person at least was able to sing the *special Te Deum* after the offertory with a "good grace" and a comfortable heart. Such an act once in a while is very refreshing in these days of weary monotony in illiberal Church giving.

A CHEQUE FOR \$71,000—this time by a woman!—has been given to build a mission house in a certain part of New York City. What a satisfaction there is in feeling that some of the immense accumulations of wealth in American cities goes the best way! A mission for the poor is an unmistakable charity. Of necessity one's own Church may not be so—at least, it is more open to wrong motives—we may give in order to enjoy.

ELECTRICITY AND FIRES.—It seems that "fire underwriters," etc., have this year to face the fact that one hundred and fifty million dollars, in value, have been destroyed by fire in the United

States in twelve months! "What puzzles the underwriters is that these losses are *more than ever before* upon what are considered the best class of risks." Electricity is a new factor among such buildings, and suspicion is cast upon it as the cause. Governor Flower, of N. Y., advises great strictness with electrical operations. We are sometimes "too smart."

THE "NEW" CALVARY.—The danger of imaginative departures from solid Catholic traditions to follow new fads and fancies is well illustrated by a fact recently revealed in regard to certain great holes in a cliff, giving it the likeness of a human skull. The visionaries at once jumped to the conclusion that this was the original "Golgotha" or place of the skull. Now a certain converted Jew reveals the fact that his father helped to quarry the holes only forty or fifty years ago!

A MAORI HITS BACK.—Several Colonial and other newspapers have published a long letter of expostulation from a Maori who points out the absurdity of expecting success for the Gospel as long as rival bands of missionaries are sent out to wrangle over converts, setting up their different standards of interpretation of the Bible, use of creeds, manner of worship, etc. The Maoris and other heathen tribes are not to be caught with such a tangled and unravelled net!

THE "CLARET AND CRACKER" SECT is described by *Living Church* as having been lately formed at Portland, Oregon, for the enterprising object of "starving out the devil" in individuals, one by one. We might object to the slowness of the process, and try to calculate when the evil one would be thoroughly starved out: but it is more to the point to doubt the efficiency of the diet. "Claret and crackers" can scarcely be called a strict fasting diet. At least, the idea must have originated with somebody who was accustomed to a very high kind of living!

A JAPANESE VIEW OF THE "PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS."—The chief heathen delegate from Japan has reported on his visit, "that the object of the invitation was to get some light on better systems of religion for those Westerners, who had become convinced of the weakness and folly of Christianity"—which he characterizes as a mere social adornment! This is a rich commentary on the boasts of those who suppose that the "Parliament" had demonstrated the superiority of Christianity over heathen religions. So much for that fad!

"THE LOYAL CO-OPERATION OF HIGH CHURCHMEN AND EVANGELICALS against a coalition of 'orthodox' Nonconformists, Unitarians, Agnostics, and Secularists," carried through the Committee of the London School Board a resolution for instruction emphasizing the doctrines of the Divinity of Christ. So writes Mr. Riley to the *Rock* on 22nd Dec. What a spectacle both of dissenting inconsistency, and of Churchmen true to their standard—for the latter, thank God. Only one Nonconformist voted with the Churchmen. The committee's report comes up this month for adoption. The victory was "hard won."

ANCIENT BABYLON, as described by a recent writer, consists of heaps nearly 200 feet high lining both banks of Euphrates—at least at the point where the original "Tower of Babel," rather its

ruins, is supposed to be. Sand flats and morasses are about the only things to be seen now from the chambers of that proud palace which Nebuchadnezzar built and gloried in so unwisely. The spot carries us back 2,000, 3,000, 4,000 years ago. So the Bible is proved true.

UNINTENTIONAL "FREE ADS."—A correspondent of the *Guardian*, writing from Sydney, 20th Nov., 1893, about the attack there upon the "Kilburn Sisters" by the local "Church Association," notes that, "The result has been most favourable to the Sisters, for their work has been brought before the public, and its real nature has been enquired into by many who would otherwise have possibly never heard of it." It seems that even a Judge of the Supreme Court (a thoroughly good man, too) was carried away so far as to make a groundless assertion. Result: stong reaction.

EXPLORATIONS IN ASIA MINOR—undertaken for curiosity—have resulted in signal and unexpected illustrations of the routes, methods and successes of the Apostolic missionaries of the Gospel; the guilds and manner of life of Christians, waxing into heathen lands during the first two centuries after the crucifixion: the names under which they cloaked their faith, and the manner in which they confessed it: the survival of paganism in their heresies, and the influence of locality on the strange observations of Montanists or Gnostics: the part that the Church in its first purity exercised in civilizing the interior, &c. So we read in the *Guardian* this month.

"A RETROSPECT" is a very creditable and very interesting four-page paper, got up in the interests of Rev. Forster Bliss's missionary work. It is accompanied by a financial statement in business form. The pamphlet itself is adorned, very usefully, with several "log" churches and "log" schoolhouses, as well as churches and schoolhouses of a much more "advanced type" as regards civilized material. We are also given the "Interior of All Saints church"—an interior which would gratify many a city rector. Mr. Bliss evidently makes good use of all he gets.

"ST. ANDREW'S CROSS" is still flourishing. The January number has a heavy freight of particularly refreshing news. It also begins the interesting story of "Stephen Remarx"—which "novel" Rev. C. H. Shortt has lately been reading and explaining to a Toronto audience. It is a wise course to watch such books and even republish them—even when we cannot altogether agree with them. If they mean well, we ought to know their ideas, study them, and, if possible, correct them.

AMERICAN "CHURCH BELLS" seems to be a somewhat peculiar publication—"published ten months in the year by the Church Bells Association to aid the aggressive work of the American Church." It makes a specialty of aiming at the "restoration of Church unity"—very laudable object. Their "Advent Lenten issue" for this year, just to hand, boasts of an ordinary circulation of 15,000 per month; but in Lent 50,000. Their liberal programme is "to imitate the work of S. P. C. K. in England, to co-operate with all other Church publishers, furnishing electro plates and illustrations when desired." The illustrations are quite equal to those of its English kinsake.