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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

5th SUNDAY IN LENT.

Morning—Exod. III; Luke IV to 16.

Evening—Exod. V or VI to 14; 2 Cor. I 23—II 14.

Appropriate Hymns for the Fifth and Sixth Sundays in Lent, compiled by Dr. Albert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other hymnals:

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

(Passion Sunday).

Holy Communion: 97, 107, 310, 312.
Processional: 96, 200, 261, 281.
Offertory: 213, 214, 267, 542.
Children's Hymns: 254, 258, 336, 342.
General Hymns: 106, 226, 252, 467.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

(Palm Sunday).

Holy Communion: 193, 197, 321, 322.
Processional: 36, 98, 99, 547.
Offertory: 88, 248, 252, 255.
Children's Hymns: 286, 331, 332, 334.
General Hymns: 31, 91, 250, 253.

Our New Offices.

This number has been issued from our new offices, No. 36 Toronto St., Toronto, the Union Block, on the southwest corner of Toronto and Adelaide streets, opposite the Post Office. The rooms are spacious and convenient, and we have to acknowledge our indebtedness to our landlords for the taste and care that they have displayed in the fittings. These larger rooms had really become necessary owing to the increase of circulation and work connected with the publication of the Canadian Churchman. At the same time we regret leaving our old home, where we had been so long, and which had so many happy associations and memories. But the rooms were required by the Canadian Northern Railway, and so we had to go. It is the story which we have repeated so often of the development of Western Canada, and the influx of population, which requires attention. That attention and assistance is given by railways and all material agencies, and we are constantly calling for the necessary spiritual assistance in

these developing fields, we trust not altogether in vain.

Foreign Elements in England.

It is hoped that Mr. Balfour's Government will attack successfully that most serious question for England, the influx of debased foreigners. The various enquiries, which have been made in recent years, and the evidence collected provide ample material on which to base a measure that would be warmly welcomed by all classes of the community, if it is provided for drastic regulations as to the admission of foreigners. It is a significant fact that, while in 1884 the immigrants numbered 123,500, and the emigrants 242,000, in 1900 the number of immigrants was 175,700, and of emigrants 169,000. In 1884 the foreign immigrants amounted to only 32,000, while in 1900 they were nearly 75,000. No inconsiderable portion of the growth of taxation has been necessitated by the poverty and crime imported by this alien population. Even more serious is the deterioration, both physical and moral, which is fostered by the congested state of the labour market, consequent on the starvation wages at which these foreigners are willing to work. The clergy supply abundant evidence as to the poverty, misery, and degradation which have dogged the steps of many deserving families through the wholesale admission of these undesirable settlers.

CANADIAN CHURCHMAN AND CHURCH RECORD.

The following letter speaks for itself:

To the Subscribers of the Church Record:—

Gentlemen,—We beg to advise you that we have disposed of the "Church Record" and good-will to Mr. Frank Wootten, of the Canadian Churchman, who will faithfully carry out with you the engagements of the "Church Record" with those who have paid subscriptions. We bespeak for our successor the hearty support of all our friends. All subscriptions in arrears and now due must be paid to Mr. Wootten, and all communications in reference to "The Church Record" must be addressed to him.

THE CHURCH RECORD.

Church Record Office,

Confederation Life Building,

Toronto, March 20th, 1903.

We welcome our new subscribers, and assure them that we will do our best to retain them as friends. Looking back over the many years which have passed since this periodical was first published, we are glad to find that persistent adherence to the line of conduct adopted at the beginning of our career has succeeded through good and evil report. In our first number, we announced our determination to represent the Church and not to be the organ of any party or school within it. We have striven to be fair to all, and we believe that on the whole we have succeeded. Our new subscribers will perhaps miss something to which they have been accustomed. We are all creatures of habit, but we trust they will find some things of which they will approve. Canada has greatly changed during the last thirty years, and at this crisis great individual responsibility for the future rests upon us all. By united action alone can our country and our Church within it maintain their position.

Australia Felix.

Looking over the map of the world, one would think that there were few waste places of the earth of which geographers were ignorant; and we can scarcely realize that in Australia there

existed anything but waterless desert, unexplored and unknown. Yet, a Mr. Maurice and party have just crossed the continent, much of the ground never having before been trod by a white man. Probably the most valuable result of the trip was the discovery of unsuspected permanent inland waters here and there. At a place called Annalilla, a little to the north of the Musgrave river, the expedition came upon the first native graves seen by white men in that part of Australia. The graves were of a curiously primitive character, for the blacks, it appears, avail themselves of the burrowing habits of the kangaroo rat, and push the bodies into the holes. They were suspected of eating their dead, but this discovery dissipates the legend. The expedition further discovered some remarkable aboriginal drawings. These consisted of pictures of lizards, emus, and human figures, and a number of strange devices which passed the skill of the explorers to interpret.

The Law of Marriage.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we have read the following paragraph in an English exchange: Nothing should be made more definite and simple than the legal formalities connected with marriage, and we regret that these formalities are regulated in Canada by the provinces and not by the Dominion. The requirements of Ontario work well; similar ones are in force in the other provinces, and we would be pleased were one uniform and identical marriage code adopted by all. The paragraph that we referred to says: "We believe that there is good ground for stating that the Government are considering the advisability of constituting a Royal Commission to enquire into the law of marriage in the Empire, with a view, presumably, to placing it upon a common basis, or—which is, perhaps, more likely and more natural in the circumstances—shelving a troublesome subject for a while. The subject is not one of any particular complexity, the facts are few and simple, and the law and practice of the Christian Church have long been quite explicit upon the matter."

London Churches.

We have pointed out lately how greater and more methodical interest is being taken in the preservation of the remaining City of London churches. A great assistance to united action would be obtained by a full and early answer to Mr. Talbot's enquiry, who successfully moved in the House of Commons on the 23rd of February for a return of the churches in the City of London pulled down or condemned during the period from August 2nd, 1894, to December 31st, 1902, stating the gross sum realized by the sale of the site, the items of expenses, such as solicitors' and auctioneers' charges, and the cost of removal of the dead buried within the church, and the net sum produced; what new churches had been built out of the proceeds in lieu of the churches pulled down, their situation, and cost; and what had been done with the parochial endowments. All over Canada there are many interested in these questions, and have ancestors buried in these old churchyards.

Missionary Curates.

Church Bells quotes with approbation the example of the parish of St. Matthew's, Dunedin, New Zealand, which has adopted the happy plan of sending one of its curates on foreign service, and making itself responsible for the whole of his stipend. The Rev. W. H. Edgell is priest-in-charge in the New Hebrides, and the Melanesian "Southern Cross Log," for January, de-

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