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## LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

August 7...EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:  
Morning...1 Chron. 29, v. 20-21. Romans 7.  
Evening...2 Chron. 1; or 1 Kings 3. St. Matt. 20, 17.

14...NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:  
Morning...1 Kings 10, to v. 25. Romans 11, v. 25.  
Evening...1 Kings 11, to v. 15; or 11, v. 25. Saint  
(Matthew 23 to v. 29.

21...TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:  
Morning...1 Kings 12. 1 Corinthians 1, v. 26 & 2.  
Evening...1 Kings 13, or 17. St. Matt. 27, to v. 27.

28...ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:  
Morning...1 Kings 18. 1 Corinthians 8.  
Evening...1 Kings 19, or 21. St. Mark 2, v. 23,  
to v. 3 verse 13.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1881.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

A large number of subscribers are in arrears and others are just falling due. We expect all to make a prompt remittance.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Ven. R. F. L. Blunt, Archdeacon of the East Riding, and Vicar of Scarborough, Yorkshire.

From the English Church Union Report it appears that it has enrolled near 20,000 communicants, including 2,800 clergy. Eighteen new branches have been formed during the year, and the total is now 264.

The troubles in connection with the election of a clergyman for the chaplaincy of St. Saviour's, Southwark, are not yet over. Although the Rev. W. Thompson has been elected—and by an overwhelming majority—the Bishop of Rochester has refused to recognise the result of the election without inquiring into the charges of bribery and corruption which have been advanced. Four out of six of the churchwardens have resigned; and a number of meetings have been held in order to produce an amicable understanding.

A few days only before Dean Stanley's death, he presided at a meeting held in the Jerusalem Chamber for the purpose of forming an Armenian Educational Aid Society. For the accomplishment of this object, a committee was formed, consisting of the Dean, Canons King, Farrar, and Liddon; the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Templetown, the Hon. A. Bourke, the Hon. C. L. Wood, Sir Walter James, General Burnaby, M.P., Mr. Bryce, M.P., Mr. W. H. James, M.P., Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., the Revs. Dr. Littledale, Malcolm MacColl, W. Denton, and H. F. Tozer; Major Fortescue, Captain Walter, Mr. Lyttelton Gell, and Mr. F. W. Chesson McGill was appointed honorary secretary.

The Boheian Librarian, the Rev. Henry Octavius Coxe, a genial, kindly scholar, has lately died at the age of sixty-nine.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has sent the following letter to Earl Nelson, in reply to the memorial on the subject of infidelity and indifference to religion, which was presented to his Grace May the 18th:—"My dear Lord Nelson, The Archbishop directs me to inform you that he is, by the advice of the Bishops of both provinces, drawing up a public letter on the subject of the memorial which your Lordship presented to the Bishops of the southern province during Convocation week. I remain, my dear Lord, yours very truly, Randall F. Davidson, chaplain."

We desire to chronicle the proceedings of the Old Testament Revision Company, as far as we can. Since the appearance of the Revised New Testament a much greater interest has been taken in the meetings of the "Old Testament Company." The seventy-eighth session took place on the 8th ultimo. There were present: the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Deans of Canterbury and Peterborough, Mr. Bensly, Dr. Chace, Dr. Douglas, Mr. Driver, Mr. Geden, Dr. Ginsbury, Dr. Gotch, Archdeacon Harrison, Dr. Kay, Professor Leathes, Professor Lumby, Mr. Sayce, Mr. Robertson Smith, and Mr. Aldis Wright (secretary). The second revision of Isaiah was continued as far as chapter xxvii. 6.

The death, at the age of eighty, is announced of Lord Hatherley (formerly Sir William Page Wood). Dr. Hook said he was the best man he ever knew. He was an excellent Churchman, and was remarkable for his guilelessness, sweetness, gentleness, and purity of character. While at Cambridge University he obtained high honours. He was called to the bar in 1827. Afterwards he became member of Parliament; and such was his devoted churchmanship that, although his name was on a division list of the Commons at two o'clock in the morning, he was certain at a quarter to eight to be in his place for daily matins in the Abbey, and when the Town his presence was never missed at early celebration on Sunday. When he became Vice-Chancellor, he continued the practice of these duties. He held the Great Seal for four years; and during the term of his Vice-Chancellorship as well as afterwards, when Lord Chancellor, he acted constantly as Sunday-school teacher in the schools of his parish church in Westminster. It was said publicly of him a few years ago, by one of the bishops at a Church congress:—"He has been giving his personal services to working men by instructing their children and grandchildren Sunday after Sunday for the past thirty years, until his hair is whitened with age, and hard, drudging labour. In his attendance at the school his punctuality is so unerring that upon nearing it he serves as an invariable timepiece, both teachers and scholars knowing well that if they are able to reach the door with or before him they are perfectly safe. . . . Westminster found in the Lord Chancellor a most liberal supporter of its schools and hospitals; and among its churches more than one owe their existence to his counsel and munificence."

When he was Vice-Chancellor, he found time to publish a valuable little work, entitled "The Continuity of Scripture."

M. de Lesseps has come to the conclusion that the scheme of creating a vast inland sea to the south of Tunis and Algeria is quite practicable.

A party of about 1,500 Slav pilgrims have been received at the Vatican with great pomp. It is said that in Vatican circles, the gathering of the Slav nationalities into the Roman fold is desired, and contemplated as a stepping-stone to their political union under the Roman Catholic House of Hapsburg. In consequence of this pilgrimage and the permission given by the Pope to use the ancient Slav idiom in the Liturgy of the Croats and cognate races, M. Pobedonoszeff, chief of the orthodox church of Russia, has memorialized the Czar with a remonstrance complaining that the Pope and Austria are attempting to imperil the great national mission of Russia, by appropriating to themselves that ancient ecclesiastical tongue, which, as it is the connecting link between all people of orthodox creeds, is likewise the symbol of Russia's religious and political leadership of the Slavonic world.

Bishop Strassmayer was the organizer of the Pan-Slavonic pilgrimage. All the measures he recommends to the Pope are anti-Russian. Leo XIII. has shown the Bishop, in consequence, extraordinary favour. As the conversion of Russia is acknowledged to be impossible, it is the policy of the Church to strengthen Austria in her self-development as the great Slav state of the future.

The annual Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, South Australia, was convened for May 17. After celebration of Holy Communion in St. Peter's Cathedral, the Dean, acting as Vicar-General, read a short Charge from the aged Bishop, whose infirmities did not permit him to be present. In the Charge the bishop announced his intention of resigning the see into the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the close of the present year—the thirty-fourth of his episcopate—if his life should be spared so long; and requested the Synod to appoint a committee to confer with him upon the arrangements he desired to make for the future sub-division of the diocese. After congratulating the Synod upon the tone of the Easter vestries, which had been singularly peaceful and united, he suggested that it would be desirable first to pass a formal yet hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Ballarat for his kindness in holding an ordination and confirmations in the diocese; and secondly to draw up an energetic protest against the postponement of the meeting of the General Synod of Australia and Tasmania, due in October next.

The *Guardian* remarks:—"When it is remembered that the Church in South Australia has from the first been almost entirely without State aid, that the colony was originally founded by dissenters, and that the population (280,000 by the last census) is sparsely scattered along a sea board of nearly 800 miles in extent, it will be seen that Dr. Short's episcopate has borne good fruit."