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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

- 5 SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY Genesis 1 & 2, to v. 4. Revelation 21, to v 9 Evening Gen. 2, v 4; or Job 38. Rev. 21, v 9, to 22, v 6.
 - 12 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY .-Morning Genesis 3. St. Matthew, 24, to 29. Evening Genesis 6 or 8. Acts 27, to v 18.
 - 19 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY: --Morning Genesis 9, to v 20. St. Matt. 27, to 27. Evening Genesis 12, or 13. Romans 3.
 - 22 ASH WEDNESDAY Morning...Isaiah 58, to v 13. St. Mark 2, 13 to 23. Proper Psalms: 6, 32, 38. Commination Service to be used Evening Jonah 3. Hebrews 12, v 3 to 15
 - Proper Psalms: 102, 130, 143. 24 St. MATTHIAS, Apostle and Martyr Morning...1 Samuel 2, 27 to 36. St. Mark 1, v 21.
 - The Athanasian Creed to be used. Evening. Isaiah 22, v 15. Romans S, to # 18. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.
 - Morning Genesis... 19, v 12 to 30. St. Mark 2, 21 to 3, v 13, Ash Wednesday Collect to be used every day in Lent. Evening...Gen. 22, to 20; or 23. Romans 9, to 19.

THURSDAY, FERBUARY 9, 1882.

THE Church Congress of the Diocese of Lichfield is to be held at Derby, on the 3rd and three following days in October.

The Very Rev. John Oakley, formerly vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton, was installed as Dean of Carlisle on the 6th ult. The service was choral, for the first time since the Reformation.

land to obtain funds for building his cathedral. It is to cost \$50,000. Among the subscribers to it liberate this nation from any complicity in the already announced are King Kalakana, the Queen, and the Dowager Queen Emma.

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Canon Knox-Little has declared to his parishioners at St. Alban's, Cheetwood, Manchester, that he has no intention of resigning his incumbency. Threats of an intention to prosecute him for ritualistic practices are made. The Canon declares he will "stand to his guns."

into Parliament during the coming session for demolishing the City churches in a wholesale manner. The "City Church and Churchyard protection Society" have resolved to oppose any such measure. It is stated that the congregations attending some of the churches it is proposed to demolish, are larger than are to be found in many of the churches built from funds obtained from churches in the city.

The Goldsmiths' Company has made a donation of £50 to the National Society.

The British Electric Light Company have lost £15,000 in endeavouring, unsuccessfully, to light the principal streets of Liverpool by electricity.

A legacy of £1,000 has been left by the late Edward Killington to the treasurer of the building and restoration fund of St. John's church, Yarmouth.

A new church for English residents and visitors at Alassio, on the Italian Riviera, was opened on Christmas-day. It will hold 120 persons. The church-yard has been planted with palms and other choice trees.

From the report of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund it appears that Churchmen have contributed £1000 more than last year. amount raised by the Church was £22,863, while all the sects put together only raised £7,284.

Confirmation has been received of a report circulated some time ago that the King of Ashanti has murdered 200 girls, for the purpose of using their blood to mix with the mortar employed in building a new palace. The girls were obtained from some neighbouring tribes by raids made by the king's followers in order to obtain the required number of victims.

At the ruri-decanal meeting of the deaneries of Dewsbury and Birstall, the Rev. T. G. Davies. vicar of Batley, read a paper on the subject o the "British Opiun policy, and the Church's duty regarding it." He gave a history of the policy, and showed that the traffic formed one of the greatest obstacles in the progress of the Gospel in China. It was injurious to British commerce, the money would be spent on cotton and woolen goods, while the moral effects were in the highest The Bishop of Honolulu is on his way to Eng-|degree injurious. It was the Church's duty to protest against the traffic, and use every effort to evil. The members of the chapter unanimously agreed with Mr. Davies on the subject.

The persecutions of the Jews in Russia still continue. During the past eight months a tract of country, equal in area to the British Isles and France combined, is said to have been the scene of horrors that have hitherto only been perpetrated in mediæval days in times of war, or in later days by the Turks in their persecutions of the Christians. A correspondent of The Times states that school," held from 9-50 to 10-50 a.m., in the Ex-A general measure is threatened to be introduced the deeds with which southern Russia has been stained since last April, include the ruthless murder of men, dashing tender infants to death or roasting them alive, outraging young girls and married women by the soldiers till death ensues, and the pillage of all the property on which thousands of we would ask, are the other nations of Europe, such abominable barbarities to continue?

The Dishop of Gibralter has recently held a confirmation at Rome, in the church for the English residents outside the Porta del Popolo.

A Sodor and Man branch, under the presidency of the Bishop, of the Church Temperance Society has been established by the clergy at Douglas, Isle of Man.

The Times says:—"It is impossible to deny that the Church of England, whether it be seriously in danger of disestablishment or not, has gained enormously by comparison with the Noncomformist bodies during the past thirty years."

At Rous Lench, Christmas was celebrated by a religious performance, somewhat of the character of an oratorio, entitled "Emmanuel," illustrated by tableaux vivants. Rous Lench is an exceedingly picturesque village situated among the Lenches of Worcestershire, twelve miles east of Worcester. The rector is the Rev. William Kyle Westwood Chafy-Chafy, M.A., who is lord of the manor, and lives in a remarkable house called "the Court," which is the admiration of all archæologists. There Richard Baxter wrote, in 1645, a considerable part of "The Saints' Everlasting Rest;" and there also Cromwell slept on the night before the battle of Worcester; the Rous family having been his supporters. The "oratorio" was suggested by visits to Oberammergau.

The "Churchman's Shilling Magazine" has an article on The Musical Revival in the Scottish Churches, it is worth reading, as it gives us an insight into the wonderful progress Ritualism is making in the established and united Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, and also though with less vigour, in the Free Church. Indeed so blind are the latter of the existence of Ritualism in their midst, that they make its presence in the Old Kirk' a reason for disestablishing it. But no candid observer can deny the fact that the whole Presbyterian body is adopting gradually the very things that their forefathers objected to the Church for-dedication of buildings by names of Saints, crosses, pictures, Prayer Books, hymn-books, and organs.

The organ of St. Peter's Collegiate church, Wolverhampton, has been rebuilt at a cost of £1,000, and was reopened on the 6th ult. The preachers for the several services were : Sir J. C. Hawkins, hon. Canon of St. Alban's; Bishop Abraham; and the rector, the Rev. T. J. Jeffcock, Mr. Jeffcock has opened an "Upper Sundaychange Assembly-room. It is for girls, and embraces two chief divisions-those looking forward to Confirmation; and those who have by that rite assumed the full privilege of Church membership, but yet need further instruction in the truths of our holy religion, so as to mature the Christian Jewish families depend for their support. What, life. The work for 1882 will be :-Old Testament history to the death of Moses; Catechism, repeatespecially England and France, doing, to allow ing the whole, and explanation to the end of the Creed; Prayer Book, the Morning Prayer.