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Calendar.

CALENDAR WITH LESSONS.

Day & date	MORNING.	EVENING
S. June 13	Sund at Trinity, 1 Sam. 12: Luke 3:1	Fam 17, Gal 3
M. " 20	Q. Vic. Acc. 157, Job 1: Rom. 13: Job 26	4
T. " 21	Job 37, Luke 5	58, 5
W. " 22	59	61, 6
T. " 23	61	62, Eph. 1
F. " 24	Nat. of St. John the Baptist, Mal 3: Matt 3: Mal 4: Ma. 14	14
S. " 25	1 Luke 8: Prov. 1: Luke 8: Prov. 2	Eph. 2

* Proper District, 20, 21, 101. † Athanasian Creed to be used.

Poetry.

AN OLD HYMN.

In the life of the Rev. Andrew Fuller, the following hymn is referred to, as being a favorite of that eminent man during the latter penultimate years of his life; and especially as being often repeated while pacing his room in the agonies of his last illness. Is this gem of modern origin, say within the last two hundred years; or is it, like "Jerusalem my Happy Home," a translation of one of the Latin hymns of the early Church?—*Illustrator*.

I mourn in a vale of tears,

Alas! how can I sing?

My harp doth on the willows hang,

Distuned on every string;

My music is a captive's chain;

Harsh sounds my ears do fill;

How shall I sing sweet Zion's song

On this side Zion's hill?

Yet lo! I hear a joyful sound:

"Surely I quickly come!"

Each word much sweetness doth distil,

Like a full honeycomb.

And dost thou come my dearest Lord,

And dost thou surely come?

And dost thou surely quickly come?

methinks I am at home.

Come, then, my dearest, dearest Lord,

My sweetest, surest friend,

Come, for I loathe these Kedjar tents,

Thy fiery chariots send.

What have I here? My thoughts and joys,

Are all packed up and gone;

My eager soul would follow them,

To thine eternal throne.

What have I in this barren land?

My Jesus is not here;

His eyes will ne'er be blest until

My Jesus doth appear.

My Jesus is gone up to heaven,

To get a place for me;

For 'tis his will that where he is

There should his servants be.

Canaan I view from Pisgah's top,

Of Canaan's grapes I taste;

My Lord who sends unto me here,

Will send for me at last,

I have a God that changeth not,

Why should I be perplexed?

My God that owns me in this world,

Will own me in the next.

Go fearless, then, my soul with God,

Into another room;

Thou, who hast walked with him here,

Go see thy God at home.

View death with a believing eye,

It hath an angel's face;

And this kind angel will prefer

Thee to an angel's place.

The grave seems but a sleeping spot

Unto believing eyes;

For there the flesh shall lose its dress,

And like the sun shall rise.

The world which I have known so well,

Hath mocked me with its lies;

How gladly could I leave behind

Its vexing vanities!

My dearest friends they dwell above;

Them will I go and see;

And all my friends in Christ below

Will soon come after me.

Fear not the trump's earth-rending sound,

Dread not the day of doom;

For He that is to be thy Judge,

Thy Saviour is become.

Blest be my God that gives me light,

Whia in the dark did grope;

Blest be my God, the God of love,

Who causeth me to hope,
Here the words, signet, comfort, staff,
And here is grace's chain;
By these, thy pledge, Lord, I know
My hopes are not in vain.

Ecclesiastical.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

On the 7th March, his Lordship and the Bishop of Antigua met the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth, where, or in London, several further Conferences have been since held, most of which have been presided over by His Grace, respecting the measures of relief which are in train for the better administration of Colonial Dioceses. The last of these Meetings was held on the 23rd April, and (as well as one on the 18th) was attended by the Archbishops of Canterbury and New York, and fourteen English and two Colonial Bishops. The same Bishops not having been present on both occasions, the number of English Prelates who have taken part in these deliberations, and thus manifested their interest in the welfare of the Colonial Church, has been eighteen.

The Bishop of Quebec has also been much engaged, in different ways, in contending against the measure, which has since passed the Imperial Parliament, for the alteration of the Act of 1840 regulating the disposal of the Clergy Reserves; and, independently of the Petitions from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and from himself and Archdeacon Bethune jointly, his Lordship, again in conjunction with the Archdeacon drew up a Circular, which was sent round, accompanied by a form of Petition, to five hundred of the local Secretaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; and his Lordship afterwards printed a letter addressed to the Bishops of the English Bench and the Irish Representative Bishops, invoking their protection in the peril to which the Canadian Church is exposed. Copies of this letter were also sent to a considerable number of Lay Peers.

On Sunday, 13th March, his Lordship preached at Havant Church, Hants, and on the 18th was again in London, to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, at the weekly meetings of which he had, in different instances, been present. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided on this occasion. On the 20th, the Bishop preached on behalf of the National Society, in the Church of Blonham, in Bedfordshire, at the Rectory of which place he remained to spend Passion Week with his brother, the Rev. Dr. Mountain, Prebendary of Lincoln, for whom he preached also on Good Friday and Easter day. On the 3rd April the Bishop preached in the Temple Church in London, one of the four circular Churches which remain in England, among the memorials of the Knights Templars. It has been recently renovated with remarkable taste and at immense cost. The full choral service of the Church of England is exquisitely performed in this Church. On the 5th his Lordship attended the Monthly Meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (of which some account will be found in another column), and on Sunday, the 10th, preached at Fulham Church, where he again preached on behalf of the National Society, on the 24th. On Sunday, the 17th, the Bishop pleaded the cause of the same Society, at Great Haltingbury, near Bishop's Stortford; on the 20th, attended and took part in a very important and interesting Meeting held in London, in connection with the extension of the Colonial Episcopate. On the 26th, his Lordship was again at Havant, to be present at a Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel which he addressed, and which was very encouragingly attended and supported. A collection was made at the close of the Meeting, amounting to £31, a large sum, considering the size of the place. The late Rector of Havant was a brother of the Bishop's, and the affectionate regard which is entertained for his memory ensures a cordial support for any measures with which his name is connected. The Parishioners have always shown themselves zealous friends of the Church in the Colonies, and especially in the Diocese of Quebec; and the present Rector is

ever willing to do his part to keep up their interest in its welfare. The Meeting was preceded by Divine Service, after which his Lordship preached. From Havant his Lordship proceeded to Southampton, where, on Sunday, 1st May, he preached in the forenoon at All Saints' Church, and in the afternoon at St. Paul's Chapel, and on the 4th returned to London, to take part in the consecration of the Bishop of Lincoln, which took place in the Parish Church of Lambeth, on the 5th (Ascension Day). The Archbishop of Canterbury was assisted in the service by the Bishop of London, Winchester Oxford Lichfield, Quebec and Ohio—all of whom united in the imposition of hands. The Holy Communion was administered by the Archbishop and the Bishop of London and Quebec on one side, and Winchester and Ohio on the other, to the Clergy and Laity. The Bishop of Oxford and Lichfield also administered, a temporary arrangement having been made by which they officiated at the same time, without the rails of the Communion Table. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Jeune, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. At half-past six in the evening of Ascension Day, twenty-eight Bishops assembled for Divine Service in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace, among whom was the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and afterwards dined with the Archbishop.

On Sunday, the 8th, the Bishop of Quebec preached twice at Havant Church; and on the 12th and 13th, was engaged to take part in the services at the re-opening of Boston Church, in Lincolnshire, one of the finest Parish Churches in England, which has recently been restored, but was obliged, at the last moment, by press of other occupation, to deny himself the gratification of doing so. His Lordship's present intention is to leave Liverpool on the 11th instant for Halifax, and from thence to take a sailing vessel for the Magdalene Islands, and complete the visitation of the District of Gaspe before his return to Quebec, which, in that case, cannot be looked for till the end of July.

PARISH OF QUEBEC.—On the evening of Whit Sunday, an interesting ceremony was performed in St. Matthew's Chapel in this Parish. Three fugitive slaves, negro women, who had been for several months under a course of preparation and instruction, were publicly received into the Church by Baptism. A sermon appropriate to the day and occasion was preached by the Rev. Armine Mountain, in the course of which an appeal was made on behalf of the design for the extension of the Episcopate to Natal. The collection amounted together with that made at the Offertory at early Communion, which was devoted to the same purpose, to £6 4s.

Those of our exchanges who have given circulation to rumors, originating with a secular paper in this city, respecting certain charges to be made in the Diocese and Parish of Quebec, are requested to inform their readers that no such arrangements are in contemplation.—*Can. Eccle. Gaz.*

BERMUDA.

The Lord Bishop of this Diocese held a Visitation of the Clergy in St. John's Church, Pembroke, Bermuda, on St. Mark's day. The weather proving very unfavorable, the Congregation was, in consequence, much smaller than it would otherwise have been. The proceedings of the day commenced with the Morning Service; the Prayers were read by the Rev. M. K. S. Frith, Rector of Pagets and Warwick; the Visitation Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. F. Lightbourn, and the Holy Communion was administered by His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Ecclesiastical Commissary, to the Clergy and several Lay Communicants. The amount collected, on the occasion, amounting to £5 13s. 3d., together with the annual donation of Miss Wood, is to be presented to the Venerable the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. After the Service the Clergy dined with His Lordship, and at four o'clock repaired again to the Church, when the evening Service was read by the Rev. J. A. J. Roberts, Rector of Hamilton and Smith's; after which the Bishop delivered his charge to