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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

May 8.—3 SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Morning.—Num. 22. Luke 24. 13.
Evening.—Num. 23; or 24. 1 Thess. 5.

THE PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM, according to all accounts, is the very *beau ideal* of an Eastern Patriarch ecclesiastical. His whole aspect and manner, as well as personal qualities, leave nothing to be desired in the hereditary chief of Christendom—as distinguished from the bogus *Papa* at Rome.

RECTOR-BISHOP is the title suggested by the Bishop of Barbados for the new Bishop who is to take episcopal charge of the Windward Islands (St. Vincent, Grenada and St. Lucia), together with the Rectory of the Cathedral. The stipend so far amounts to £500; but the English societies are expected to increase it. A good step!

THE NIGER MISSION question is once more on the *tapis*, owing to the recent death of the venerable native Bishop, Crowther. There are indications—as a result of a Commission, which lately visited the region to investigate and report on the past troubles and present condition of affairs—that the Archbishop will be asked to consecrate a European rather than a native successor.

PEDANTIC READING of the lessons is very offensive. A simple English pronunciation of the vowels is better than a slavish adherence to the Oxford or Cambridge *dialect* of Greek, Latin, Hebrew and Syriac—languages pronounced very differently by the *natives* on the continent and elsewhere. The *accent*, however, should be closely observed, though the vowel sounds vary.

COINCIDENT EASTERS do not occur very often—when the whole Church Catholic, East and West, keep literally the same day. The Western tradition is to cling to the day of the week, making the annual Easter coincide with one of the weekly festivals of the Resurrection—the Lord's day: while oriental Churches think it more fitting to observe the exact day of the month rather than week.

KULTURMENSCH—"votary of civilization"—is the title which the average German gravitates towards as he advances in years: Christian dogma becomes obscured. The *Guardian* correspondent reports that the sermons in "Protestant" churches "oscillate between a qualified belief in the divinity of our Lord and pure *rationalism*." There is very little church-going now-a-days there.

A RECTOR'S RIGHT TO SUPPORT has been very emphatically affirmed by a Queen's Bench *mandamus* to the Vestry of St. George's, Southwark. In lieu of tithes—his ecclesiastical inheritance—he is entitled to £480 from the parochial rates. The secular courts all over the world have repeatedly recognized the stipend of the minister as *absolute first charge* on parish funds in all denominations.

"HINDUISM IS DOOMED," writes the learned Swami Ram Soonder, late vice-President of the Benares Hindu Shastric Club. So we learn from the columns of *True Light*, published at Lahore. "There will be no Hinduism in about 250 years . . . it has given way before the constant and vigorous attacks of Christianity, and will soon be a thing of the past."—Good news for missions!

DECAY OF ROMANISM.—A study of numerical statistics leads the *Rock* to conclude (in an editorial on "The Popes as princes") that "in another 20 years there will be more Protestants in the world than Romanists, and more English speaking people than speakers of any other language under the sun." Poor Cardinal Newman! Where would his "*Securus judicat orbis terrarum*" lead him then?

"THE TRUTH IN LOVE."—So much comment has taken place on Archdeacon Sinclair's sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral on the subject of "Christian courtesy," that many strange things have been said. One man has questioned whether the Archdeacon's views represented the "average sentiment" of clergymen. Why not? Courtesy towards others is quite consistent with fidelity to one's own creed.

RAIN MAKING has been attracting a good deal of attention—"enough to float two companies!" The *New York Times* furnishes a "rain market report," quoting \$600 as the price of a "trial," and "showers" at the rate of \$700 per inch. Counties may furnish themselves with local "patent rights" for \$2,500 each, with a restriction to their own boundaries—which they must keep their rain within!

FATHER PULLER'S LECTURES, at All Hallows-on-the-Wall, are attracting great attention for the painstaking and elaborate process by which he traces historically the growth of the papal power. Concluding his last lecture he says, "We in England, while humbling ourselves for our own grievous short comings, must give continual thanks to God that we have been delivered from the Roman bondage."

ENGLISH PAPERS FOR CANADIAN PARSONS.—The kindly movement for furnishing our clergy with plenty of periodical literature seems to be spreading in England, which is pouring its surplusage very generously into the receptive Canadian lap—including everything from the *Guardian* and *Athenaeum* downwards to the *Rock* and other cheap

papers. There is neither stint, partiality nor color, in their profusion.

ORIGIN OF THE McALL MISSION.—About 20 years ago, the Rev. R. W. and Mrs. McAll visited Paris (it was after the cessation of the Franco-German war) and talked with the *ouvriers* or workmen. One of these gave the "Macedonian Cry"—"we want such men as you to come among us and teach us a religion of purity, reason and love." McAll responded, and now there are 700 agents at work!

"CORTESIA," courtesy, is a trait very highly developed among the Italians, who, from a religious point of view, regard it as the human counterpart of Divine condescension or consideration for others than Himself—His creatures everywhere, from the sparrow upwards. Dante does not hesitate to qualify his description of his ideal Supreme Being by the title "Lord of all courtesy." His idea is as beautiful as it is true.

THE CHICAGO "PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS."—Our contemporary, the *Rock*, falls foul of that feature of the proposed World's Fair at Chicago which has reference to an open conclave of Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Brahmanists, Parsees, Confucians and Mohammedans. It says:—"This solemn trifling with serious matters is infinitely disgusting . . . what discussion can there be on such an occasion that shall profit any?"

A PROTESTANT "WAY OF THE CROSS" has been devised by Rev. N. Green-Armitage of St. Aidan's Chapel, Boston (Eng.), under sanction of the Bishop of Lincoln. It provides—much after the manner of the stereotyped "Three Hours" service—for a series of 10 stations with appropriate addresses, hymns and prayers. It begins with "Pilate's sentence of Christ" and ends with the action of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF THE "CLASSES."—A movement has lately been started in England to promote the acquisition of a fuller religious knowledge by the upper and middle classes of society. A speaker at one of the meetings said: "The ignorance of church doctrine manifested by the average English gentleman would disgrace a navy!" Too many of the upper ranks "fail to take in" what they hear, and they do not read.

THE "FILIOQUE" CLAUSE (added to the Nicene Creed), which has occasioned such strained relations between the Eastern and Western Churches of Europe, seems to have originated in Spain, spread through France and then entered Italy. Though the doctrine is orthodox and Scriptural, the proceeding (of "improving upon" a General Council decree) was irregular. Pope Leo III. condemned it *ex cathedra*; but Benedict VIII. accepted it in 1014.

THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSOR OF ST. JAMES THE JUST—the present Patriarch of Jerusalem—seems to be a very intelligent and imposing personage, according to "Peter Lombard's" interview, reported in the *Church Times*. The interview included Bishop Blyth, who happily seems to be on quite fraternal terms with his eminence. "If once the Moslems could see Christians at peace one with another, there might be some hope of their conversion!"

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