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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

July 22—9 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
Morning.—1 Kings 10, to v. 25. Acts 22, v. 23 to 23, v. 12.  
Evening.—1 Kings 11, to v. 15, or 11, v. 26. Mat. 11.

TO OUR READERS.—We want a reliable person in every parish in the Dominion, to get subscribers for the Canadian Churchman. Write at once for particulars, giving references.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—We have removed the offices of "The Canadian Churchman" to larger and more convenient ones, corner Church and Court Sts. Entrance of Court Street.

"BE BRIEF AND TO THE PURPOSE," was the advice given by the Iron Duke—who fought more than forty battles and never lost one—to Henry Melville, when he had made the latter chaplain of the Tower of London, and the clergyman asked him for advice, as he had never previously preached to soldiers. The maxim will answer very well for others than soldier parsons—especially in Canadian July weather. It is a course very naturally taken by a man who feels the authority of his office.

"YOU TEACH US WITHOUT INSULTING US" was the grateful acknowledgment made by the Assyrian Christians as an apology for seeking the establishment of an Anglican mission in their country. Divided between Turkey and Persia, they have a hard time under both masters, and are grateful for any manifestation of fraternal sympathy and respect, for, indeed, as Archbishop Benson says, they are worthy of much respect for their martyr-like steadfastness to the Faith for centuries past.

PRISON REFORM AT OTTAWA.—The Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada is pressing for prison reform legislation during the present session of the Federal Parliament, and more especially for the establishment of a Dominion Reformatory for young men between the ages of sixteen and thirty who have been convicted of their first offence, so that they may receive the most approved reformatory treatment with a view to their restoration to good citizenship. Sir John Thompson has

admitted the necessity of such an institution, and intimated his intention to take the necessary steps for its establishment at an early date. We trust a matter of such vital moment will be dealt with without further delay. Hundreds of our young men, many of them bright, well educated, and well connected, are constantly drifting into the ranks of the criminal classes for the want of just such an institution.

THE "DEADNESS" OF THE WELSH CHURCH is sarcastically illustrated by *Living Church* by a reference to its recent ordinations, etc. Out of 96 deacons ordained by the Bishop of Llandaff within the last three years, no less than eight had been Nonconformist ministers. Besides these he licensed 45 lay readers. "This indicates that the demand for the Church is running ahead of the clerical supply. These are not the signs of a decaying Church! It becomes constantly more evident that the violent attack which is being made upon the Church in Wales is owing not to her deadness, but to her vigorous life." They want her to die, but she won't!

A DYING NATION.—The last one hundred years have seen strange changes in Great Britain and France: they have exchanged positions. The French population has increased from 26 to 40 millions only, only 14 millions more, not 50 per cent. Britain can show an increase from 10 to 100 millions, 1,000 per cent., 90 millions of a net increase. In England the excess of births over deaths is 13 per 1,000; in France it is generally a decrease, occasionally 1 per 1,000, on the average probably dying faster than they are born. "Are not such striking contrasts to be accounted for by the difference between the two countries in the observance of religion and morality?" So asks an American Church paper.

FEMALE PREACHERS are becoming a bone—a "rib"?—of contention among the Baptists. They have at least eight women now "ordained" as full fledged ministers. The *Examiner*, representing the denomination generally, repudiates these female evangelists and pastors in a very autocratic tone. "Such ordinations are in plain contradiction of the Scriptural doctrine, and must be treated as null and void." This is, as a contemporary remarks, "an interesting state of things." What are they going to do about baptism and communion administered by one of these unauthorized ministers?

"A BISHOP, KINDEST AND TRUEST, OPEN HEART, OPEN HAND."—Such a character does the venerable (doubly so: he is 89 years of age) Archdeacon Denison give to the deceased Bishop of Bath and Wells—so differing from him on minor theological questions, though at one on the great doctrine of the Faith—"highest things, in which we were of the same mind," says the Archdeacon. It does the Church good to read such generous amenities across the chasm of a new made grave. "Making no parade of learning, but having much for every good use. In every case, kindest, loving, charitable, he has died 'by the mercy of God' as he has lived."

"IF AN ARCHBISHOP WERE TO GO TO PRISON"—a speaker at the recent gathering of the E. C. U. said—"it would do the Church a world of good." The Archbishop might be forgiven for doubting

the accuracy of this prescription for the Church's amelioration: but the reference was to the policy to be pursued in case of the actual disestablishment of the Welsh Church. Should the Archbishop, as a matter of Church principle, summon the Welsh Bishops as usual to meetings of the Convocation?

"CONFIRMATION OUTFITS" are advertised by an enterprising American dry goods firm, with some uncomplimentary remarks about "other houses" and the significant addition, "we always give to the boys a handsome gold ring free with each suit." They do not say what connection the ring has with the ceremony—perhaps they think "Confirmation" is a Church version of matrimonial engagement! What is a "Confirmation outfit" anyway—especially for boys? It was bad enough to have fashion "rig out" our girls in mock bridal costume: it is outrageous to dandify the boys for such a solemn occasion. Our Bishops should look after these corrupt fancies.

THE EVIL OF SECULAR EDUCATION divorced from religion forms the subject of some valuable editorial notes in *Church Bells*, which comments upon the noble energy of the Churchmen in the diocese of Adelaide, who have established an independent system of schools at their own expense. Other Australian dioceses are preparing to follow their example. It is a "result of an uneasy reflection that the remarkable and continuous growth of evil (there) may be the outcome of their system of elementary secular education." So one extremity of the British Empire teaches the others by experience.

MAKING THE BEST USE OF MATERIAL AT HAND.—To do this is in itself a mark of what we may call practical genius. The gift or talent is well illustrated by a recent incident in the hands of Canon Tristram. On one of the islands of the Mediterranean he saw what he supposed was a rare specimen of lizard lying on the beach, and hastened to seize it. It proved to be a deadly viper! Here was a predicament. He had it by the neck, but his muscles were gradually becoming paralyzed, and the snake's prospect was excellent. The Greek boatmen stood aghast in superstition and waited to see him "done for." Espying an empty soda water bottle, he thrust the viper's head therein, following it with its body, added alcohol, and has the bottle and snake as a trophy to this day!

"WHY DO THEY CLAW AT US LIKE CATS?" asked a Coptic Bishop in reference to some Presbyterian missionaries who had done noble work in Egyptian territory. They had, however, spoiled their good work by the uncharitable and unbrotherly proselytizing spirit which they manifested continually, and with which they insulted those whom they desired to convert to Western Puritan fancies as to doctrinal expressions and views. Anglicans, avoid this mistake.

"GREEK SABBATARIANS" the Assyrian Christians might be called. Some of their notions even "outherod the Herod" of Connecticut Blue Laws. Their Canon Law actually forbids people to wash themselves on Sunday. The Metropolitan recently said to Rev. Dr. Lang, "Rabbi Lang, you promised not to change any of our old customs. Will you see that the bath-house is shut up on

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