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Morning-Gen. XIX 12 to 30; Mark IV 35-V 21 Evening-Gen. XXII to 20 or XXIII; Rom. XI to 25.

Appropriate Hymns for First and Second Sunday in Lent, complied by Dr. Albert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other hymnals:

QUINQUAGESIMA.

Holy Communion: 259, 307, 317, 323. Processional: 4, 202, 217. Offertory: 36. 175. 196. 210. Children's Hymns: 233, 331, 337, 341. General Hymns: 22, 34, 177, 186.

2nd. SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 300, 313, 316, 320.

Methodists working on a common platform. They would regret that what he might call the metaphysics of theology were heard so little of nowadays, and might think that we did not pay sufficient regard to differences in the form of Church government, which were the battlecries of their age. It seemed to him that it should be the part of each generation to decline to be bound by the stereotyped forms which were deemed good enough for the preceding generation. We must alter our methods to suit the changing circumstances of the time, and should go forward, striving by every means in our power to battle with the evil which surrounded us on all sides.

Contrasts.

A few months ago Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, lamented the growing neglect of Sunday and the relative decrease of people to be seen going to church or chapel with Bible and Prayer Book. But to our great regret a visiting Scottish clergyman flouted at a venerated Presbyterian minister of Toronto, and called him "old priest writ large," because he expressed his regret that a representative band of Scotsmen had set a wholly unnecessary example of Sunday desecration. In other respects the language and conduct of the members of the religious world change. Take for instance the Bible, under the name and guise of criticism how much has of late been done to belittle the book, to disturb belief in its teachings among Protestant bodies and to detract from it as an object of learned study, and a book of devotion and instruction. At this very time the Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, has published a series of articles on the importance of Bible study, of which the following are the leading thoughts: The reading of the Holy Scriptures is the best means for the support of the true and genuine apostolic office, and is entirely adapted to awaken in the people a truly Christian knowledge and conscience, which can then be perverted by nobody. What an inestimable blessing it would be if every Christian family would be assembled daily and read a chapter from the Gospels! In this way the divine language of the book, together with its sublime simplicity, would become common property; the image of Jesus Christ would become clearer and more deeply impressed on the hearts of the people; a thorough religious training would be imparted on all sides, and in this way the most dangerous results of ignorance and indifference-would be removed. If it would only be made possible to have this constant and steady reading of the Scriptures introduced into many families, as is the case in a number of countries in Northern Europe, what an immense gain this would be for the Church and the faithful !

but not to smoke before the evening meal. The improvement was so great that his fellow clerks, partly to encourage him and partly for their own good, formed an after six c'clock rule in smoking. The league is spreading we are glad to hear, because more harm is done to some constitutions by narcotics or nicotine than is caused by beer or whisky.

Vermont.

The result of the referendum in this State has been that the prohibitory statute of 50 years ago has been altered. The first vote was carried by 1171, the change by 1600. Fifty years has made a great change in Vermont and necessarily modifications must be made to meet the needs of a changed population. Large towns and summer resorts have grown up and a system of optional license comes into force. Seven classes of licenses are to be granted at fees ranging from \$1,200 for a saloon to \$10 for a druggist. Each town (that is township) voting for a license may have one open bar for every 1,000 inhabitants, exclusive of druggist and summer hotel licenses. The Springfield, Mass. Republican, a leading newspaper, says :- " Prohibition is still available wherever wanted, and probably two thirds or more of the towns of the State will hold to it at the coming town meetings. The cities and large towns, where liquor has been sold freely and often openly, in defiance of law, will generally choose a license policy, which will simply mean a regulated, revenue-producing traffic in liquor, in place of an illicit, lawless, and demoralizing sale conducted on a scale that the license policy will find it difficult to exceed. A system of high, restricted license like that of Massachusetts has been provided, and that it will prove as satisfactory in Vermont as it has in this State we have little doubt."

The Results of Travel.

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A World of Change.

The Bishop of Ripon in the course of a recent address said that what we wanted to realize in the present day was that Christianity was being sown and accepted in the world, and that, in spite of many things that we deplored, the divisions of Christendom were lessening every hour. There was not a single question which split up Christendom years ago but that had either been entirely absorbed, accepted or relegated into the background altogether, and disturbed the peace of the Christian soul no more. It seemed to him that the Christian Church needed to fasten its mind not upon the conflicts of the past, but upon the wide and comprehensive duties of the present. And Lord Justice Cozens Hardy, one of the ablest English judges, expressed similar thoughts at a Congregational meeting. He remarked that their Puritan forefathers might be shocked could they see Independents, Presbyterians, and

Temperate use.

The announcement of the rise of the antitippling red button order has been followed by another league, "the after six smokers." This one began in this way-a young man, who, like so many young men in London and elsewhere, smoked too much, was directed by his medical man, not only to smoke in moderation,

the results of secular education : " Permit me to recall the time when, as a Radical Nonconformist, I landed in New York some seven years ago, prepared to find here carried out every ideal cherished by the English Radical mind. Before leaving England nothing seemed more plausible to your correspondent than the plan of secular education. After a prolonged residence in the United States, I am convinced that nothing is more inimical to the finer human instincts, more dangerous to common morality, or more fatal to stability of character. "I have had unusual opportunities in the pedagogic way of noting the workings of the secular system. I find a boy of fisteen, gentlemanly, well-dressed, courteous, comingfrom a comfortable home, ignorant of the fact that the Bib'c is divided into two parts, the Old and the New Testaments. In a group of some twenty boys, of ages ranging from twelve to sixteen, none knew who was the first King of Israel; only two had ever heard the story of David and Goliath. Four boys knew that Jesus was born-at Bethlehem; only one had heard the story of the conversion of St. Paul. Of the names and arrangement of the books of