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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

- Feb. 2. PURIFICATION OF MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN:—
Morning Exodus 13 to 17. St. Matt. 18, 21 to 19, 3.
Evening Haggai 2, to v. 10. Acts 20, v. 17.
3. SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY:—
Morning 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 18.
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 8, to v. 18.
26. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:—
Morning Genesis 19, v. 12 to 30. St. Mark 2, 23
[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, FEBRUARY 2, 1882.

THE clergy and laity of the diocese of St. David's intend to present their Bishop with a pastoral staff, for the use of himself and his successors.

The Bishop of Ely requested his clergy to observe Sunday, 22nd January, as a day of intercession to Almighty God, that the land may this year yield its fruits abundantly.

The Bishop of London has requested his Rural-dean's to invite the attendance of two lay representatives from each parish for consultation on the formation of a Diocesan Conference.

It is stated that a branch of the "Church Association" is to be formed for Rochester, and that its head quarters will be at St. Nicholas' church, Stroud. It is also stated that this church has a surpliced choir, an ornate altar, with frontal and marble cross, and flower vases upon it!

In consequence of the rapid progress of the Church in Derby, another edifice, the gift of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Oliver, in memory of the late Archdeacon Hill, was opened on St. Thomas's day, by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. The church is Norman in style, and will seat 550. A sermon was preached by the very Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple and Dean of Landaff.

The Dean of Bristol has received for the third Christmas even in succession, an anonymous gift of £100, towards the cost of clearing away the houses around the cathedral.

A mission church, to cost £2,500, is being erected for a new and fast increasing population, in the parish of Fenton, near Stoke-upon-Trent, which forms part of the "Potteries." Two persons in the neighbourhood have given £500 each, and other funds are rapidly coming in.

It is stated on very high authority that the sole obstacle to the Rev. S. T. Green's release lies with the Home Secretary, Sir William Harcourt, whose Erastian proclivities are well known, and who, from the first, has obstinately declined to advise her Majesty to exercise the royal prerogative in Mr. Green's favour.

The Bishop of Rochester has received a communication from a city merchant who has already built a church parsonage, and parochial room for the diocese, making another most liberal offer. He says that if other churchmen will come forward within a year and build nine churches, he will build a tenth on any site selected by the Bishop, and holding a thousand people.

The aged Bishop of the diocese of Adelaide Bishop Short has forwarded his resignation to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and intends to leave for England with his whole family immediately. He was well enough to attend a meeting of his synod, which was called to transact some pressing business. His parting counsels were received with full sympathy and respectful attention by the large number of clergy and laity present on the occasion.

The first stone of the parish church of St. Pancras was laid by the Duke of York in 1819. The church has already cost £90,000. In its general plan, the building follows the lines of the Erechtheum, with the Temple of the Winds added to it by way of steeple. Its ceiling has now been decorated, and on the walls in letters of gold, are verses from the Te Deum, beginning, "The glorious company of the Apostles." The windows have also been adorned with effigies of Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, and other early members of the Church.

The Bishop of Lichfield consecrated, on St. Thomas's day, the new church of St. Thomas, Litchurch, Derby, which has been built at the sole cost of the Rev. Alfred and Mrs. Olivier. It is in the Norman style, consisting of nave (with aisles), transepts, chancel, western narthex, and north porch. The chancel which is higher than the nave, has a lofty spirelet in which is a bell. There are benches for 550 worshippers. On the chancel arch pier is a tablet inscribed, "To the worship of Almighty God, and in loving memory of the Ven. Thomas Hill, B.D., a minister of Christ in this county for sixty-two years, this church is dedicated. December 21, 1881. The consecration sermon was preached by Dean Vaughan on St. Luke i. 17.

Mr. Douglas H. Hallett, Associate of the College of Organists, has been appointed organist and director of the choir at the Rev. Canon Knox-Little's church, St. Alban's, Chetwood, Manchester.

The special service at Westminster Abbey, which Dean Stanley instituted on Holy Innocents' day has been continued by his successor, and on Wednesday the 29th ult., Dr. Bradley preached to a large congregation of children on Baruch iv. 27, "Be of good cheer, my children."

A former chaplain to the Bishop of Barbadoes says that at least one Bishop appreciated the late John Keble; for Dr. William Hart Coleridge, when appointed in 1824 as first Bishop of Barbadoes, offered Mr. Keble the Archdeaconry of that island, worth £2,000 a year. He declined it because his aged father did not wish him to be so far from home.

The church of St. Peters, Cornhill, is one of the oldest churches in England, and has many valuable relics. There is a tradition that its original prototype was founded in the year 108, and there is a very curious ancient monument in the vestry bearing an inscription to that effect. The Communion plate is the most valuable in the country, and is very curious. Among others is a spoon of pure gold, the bowl of which is drilled and has many small holes. There is also a MS. Bible, beautifully illuminated. All these are shown in the church on great festivals. Three times an attempt has been made to rob the church within the last two years, the last of which was on the 26th inst; but although the jemmy and crowbar were used, the attempt was fortunately unsuccessful.

The miserable organization calling itself the "Church Association" in England, has been severely exercised, and has passed through terrible trials, from a knowledge of the fact that some truly Evangelical Churchmen have united with their brethren in Church Congress and other institutions calculated to promote unity of action in Church matters. The "Association" finds more congeniality among the "denominations" which started into existence for the sole purpose of destroying the Church root and branch. The "Association" has been in the habit of subsidizing a certain committee which had undertaken to watch over "Evangelical interests" at the annual gatherings. The conscience of the "Association" has been lulled into quietude by refusing to continue the grant. All the money they can gather is needed to carry on their persecution of clergymen who persist in obeying the "laws" laid down by their Prayer Book.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

MORAL discipline is the subject of the Church's teaching till Easter Day, beginning with this Sunday—as well as the object of the provision made by the Church during the same period. The intention of this discipline is to produce abundantly the fruits which the Christian religion