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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

April 12th.—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
Morning.—Num. 20 to v. 14. Luke 11 to v. 29  
Evening.—Num. 20 14 to 21. 10. or 21. Gal. 3.

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THE BROTHERS OF NAZARETH, a New York order of laymen, living the common life monastically, and devoting itself to rescue work among boys, requires six months from "postulants" for entrance to the order, followed by two years novitiate. Then if the candidate has proved his vocation or mission for the work, and is 30 years of age, he may "profess" as a full fledged Brother. H. G. Moore, well known as a lay helper in Ontario dioceses, has joined the Order.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHURCH is in great trouble over business failures which have involved about \$150,000 of their funds. Collections to meet the temporary deficit are being energetically pushed in England, and so far about \$20,000 have been secured. There appears to be some good ground for expecting that a large portion of the money now unavailable will be recovered from the business wreck in course of time. This experience is a salutary warning for others.

"AN INCARNATE PROVERB" is a title given to Meissonier, the great French painter, lately dead, on account of the minute accuracy of his painstaking artistic work. He has followed that line for 60 years, so constantly that he once gave an estimate for painting a drop curtain for a theatre, as being worth, at his usual rates, no less than four million dollars, and taking up about 200 years of his life to do it. He thought that "whatever is worth painting was worth painting well."

"THE CHURCH HOUSE" scheme in England is, as we say here, "booming." Some anonymous donor offered £1000 toward the Building Fund, if 20 others would give the same. The *Guardian*

advertises 13 of the 20, with only seven blank spaces to fill in the list. The institution will be a grand centre for all sorts of Church enterprise and work in the very metropolis of the world. It may prove—let us pray that it may—the chief rallying point for all Christians engaged in every good work—the nucleus of Home Reunion.

EXCESS IS A CRIME.—This proposition is becoming fundamental in the region of Temperance Science. The wild fanaticism of *total abstinence* as a panacea has become discredited; it has well nigh run the length of its tether, and proved its impotence for the production of any real and lasting improvement in morals. Nothing but the vigorous and uncompromising punishment of the actual error of excess will convince the average mind that the laws are *in earnest* in dealing with this matter.

ROME'S TACTICS are as varied as her necessities; and just now her hands are full of policies—the papal mind is full of *tact*. In Germany they have succeeded in overthrowing the Kulturkampf, in Italy a powerful ministry has gone under by the exercise of papal influence. In France, Cardinal Lavigerie coquets with the Republic. In England, Cardinal Manning is cultivating the socialists, as well as combining with nonconformists. In Russia, even, the Pope has his finger in the Poland pie.

THE MIXED CHALICE still occupies a good deal of attention in English Church papers; and the net result so far is that the Archbishop's position on the subject is substantiated. While the *Mixed Cup* is evidently most consistent with our Lord's example, the balance of testimony goes to show that the mixing has always been considered most proper before the communion service begins; to mix at the offertory seems to be a local peculiarity of the modern Roman rite—and like most of their peculiarities, "more honoured in the breach than in the observance."

WESLEY'S STATUE has been erected in England with great *eclat* to commemorate the centenary of his death. So enthusiastic have those who "take his name in vain" been in the affair, that one is forcibly reminded of what is said about those who build the sepulchres of prophets whom their fathers slew. Modern Methodists did not literally stone John Wesley to death, of course, but they certainly "threw him overboard," so to speak, soon after he died. It seems rather funny to find those of the present generation honouring him whom their fathers disregarded.

"NON TALI AUXILIO."—It is a sign of a turn in sentiment or of an access of reason, when men like Spurgeon and Parker—though they think disestablishment would be good for the Church of England—refuse to make common cause in the matter with the Atheists and Agnostics of the "Liberation Society." It is only one step further for them to see—as some eminent Roman Catholic prelates have confessed—that in attacking the established Church at all, they are attacking the great bulwark of the Christian Faith in England.

THE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA AND DR. PENTECOST have lately furnished an instructive episode. It

seems that Dr. P. is an "American Evangelist" at *large*—very much so. He has reached India, and in the course of his proceedings asked the co-operation of the Bishop, and signified his purpose of receiving at an early celebration in the cathedral. Dr. P. is a schismatic, unconfirmed, and impenitent. The Bishop declined to accede to either proposal, considering that to do so would be a flagrant dereliction of duty. So he stands firm, as all bishops should.

WELSH CHURCH AFFAIRS are receiving a very fair airing, and her claims getting a very effective hearing on the head of Mr. Gladstone's now "historical" speech in Parliament in her defence. Various newspaper editors and others have been trying to "draw" the G. O. M. so as to make him commit himself to some modification of his effective onslaught on the enemies and slanderers of the Church; but it is difficult to "get salt on that bird's tail!" He does not "draw" worth a cent! The more they try to get him to curse—the more he blesses.

CO-OPERATION IN WORKS OF MERCY as a *modus vivendi* among Christian denominations, is the theme of Earl Nelson's last paper on Home Reunion. He thinks that by associating more in such enterprises, we shall be all drawn nearer together. He says "petty religious jealousies alone stand in the way, and for the triumph of true Christian principles they ought not to be allowed to exist." In Canada we have had considerable experience of "combines" in charitable work, and ought to be able to give some light on the effects of such association.

AN OLD BOY indeed is William Ewart Gladstone, who lately delivered a lecture on his favourite ancient author, *Homer*, before an audience of boys at Eton, where he himself was a pupil just 70 years ago. The new boys seemed to have been delighted with the Grand Old Boy; for the lecture and its reception is reported to have been a "beautiful and impressive example of sympathetic and contagious enthusiasm." The point which seems to have been mutually most interesting was a description of Apollo's beautiful sister.

WHAT IS HE UP TO?—OR as they say in England—*what's his little game?* This is the kind of question the Orangemen and other ultra-protestants of Liverpool are asking themselves in regard to the accumulation or acquirement of Church patronage in that locality by Mr. Gladstone. Some think that he is only providing some nice places for certain clerical relations in view of the possible disestablishment of the Welsh Church where they are now employed. Others fancy that he has a scheme for establishing High Church ascendancy in Liverpool!

THE MEDICAL VIEW OF FASTING is given in a recent number of *The Lancet*, and is well worth considering. The most serious objection is to an exceptional class of cases—persons whose physical condition is usually "under par," and yet who exhibit an *abnormal* zeal for abstinence. *Church Bells* emphasizes the objection by pronouncing the fasting of such delicate persons as a "sin against the body," and therefore a breaking of the Sixth Commandment—in fact a kind of quasi-