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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

December 28—1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
Morning.—Isa. 35. Rev. 16.  
Evening.—Isa. 38. or 40. Rev. 18.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—C. L. P.—We are sorry to have to decline the verses on the Resurrection. They show poetical feeling and power of expression; but we would take the liberty of asking our fair correspondent to study the art of poetic composition. The lines do not conform to its requirements.

In the last three years the income, the attendance, and number of communicants in St. Andrew's church, New York city, have been doubled.

MR. A. K. GLOVER, formerly a Methodist minister, was confirmed by the Bishop of Indiana, at St. Paul's church, New Albany, on Monday, November 24th. He expects to prepare at once for Holy Orders.

THE Bishop of Michigan has received a gift of \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Slocum of Detroit, to endow an additional lectureship in connection with Hobart Hall, at the State University at Ann Arbor. The Baldwin Lectures this year are to be delivered by the Bishop of Northern Texas.

NUMEROUS CONVERSIONS.—Twenty-five priests of the Roman communion have recently been received into the ministry of the Church of England. A correspondent of the *Echo* gives their names and residences. All except five of these are foreigners, Italian, French, German. One of them is known to the editor of this journal, and a devout and loyal Churchman he has become.

HONOLULU.—Rev. John Hanaloo, a native Hawaiian pastor, has just died, after having served for twelve years a church in the leper district on the island of Molokai. He left his former pastorate in 1877 to accompany his leper wife, and has ministered to the lepers in the kindest way, and without contracting the disease. He is said to have always taken all the ordinary precautions

of cleanliness to avoid infection, but without neglecting at all his duties to the people.

GROWTH OF THE CHURCH.—St. Peter's church, Brooklyn, is another instance of the remarkable growth of the Church in the States. Since the Rev. Lindsay Parker took charge in 1886 the number of communicants has increased three-fold, or from 278 to 768. The Sunday school has increased from 351 to 842. Each year there has been confirmed from 68 to 87. As the result of introducing the free church system, the sum raised this year has been \$16,240.

THE Bishop of Lichfield attended at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Sunday, for the purpose of inaugurating the twelve days' mission to be held simultaneously in all the ecclesiastical parishes in this town, Tettenhall, Bilston, Willenhall, Wednesfield, and other places. The grand old church was well filled. After the delivery of an earnest, practical address, his Lordship formally inducted the missionaries to the work they were appointed to do, and prayed that God's blessing might rest upon their labours.

CONVERSIONS IN ONE YEAR.—A list of ministers from the denominations who have applied for orders from Advent, 1889, to Advent, 1890, has been kept by two clergymen living in different parts of the United States, and their lists compared give Methodist, 14; Congregational, 12; Presbyterian, 10; Baptist, 5; Reformed, 5; Lutheran, 4; Unitarian, 2; Romanist, 2; Salvation Army Officers, 2; Second Advent, 1; Reformed Episcopal, 1; Moravian, 1; Unknown, 1. Total, 60. Of these, 1 returned to his first love, and 18 applied to the Church of England. This is the largest number of accessions for many years. The appeal of the bishops for unity is taking effect.

LAST week a crowded meeting was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel to establish a Consumer's League, their object being to bind themselves to buy only from those who pay fair prices for labour. The purpose is most commendable, and a striking sign of how deeply the revelations concerning the condition of the producer of 'bargains' have touched at least a section of society. By-the-by, most of those present were ladies, which of itself is a satisfactory sign. Canon Scott Holland, who presided, seemed to be hopeful that the League would attain its end. It may do so, it may strike a heavy blow at the sweating system and starvation wages, it may bring home to consumers that they, too, incur a responsibility when they insist upon cheapness without knowing how it has been made possible; and if it does these things, or even part of them, we shall be thankful.

THE Church Congress and the Baptist Union are this year giving striking testimonies of the tendency to tear down barriers of division. In the Baptist Union this week the president in his address triumphantly emphasised the approaching unification of the general and the particular Baptists. At the Church Congress a really pathetic and exceedingly beautiful plea was uttered by Earl Nelson for actual and practical brotherhood between Churchmen and Nonconformists. It is to be hoped that on both sides this earnest expostulation by a Churchman of Churchmen will be ac-

cepted as a token of hopeful possibilities hitherto undreamed of, but now nearing actuality. And it will not soon be forgotten by either hearers or readers of the address of the Baptist Union Chairman, how vehemently and eloquently he dwelt on the evils of sectarian division, and how he evidently was expressing the impassioned yearning of a large-hearted Christian minister for the time when all denominationalism, including his own, shall be but the remembrance of a vanished monstrosity.

DR. LEFROY, the dean of Norwich, is plainly bent on not letting his position be one of idleness, or mere dignity, or even of learned leisure. He has selected one of the worst quarters of that Cathedral city, and intends devoting himself to visiting in its midst. How things change, and not always for the worse! In old days, "in the good old times," who ever would have dreamed of a Cathedral dignitary turning into a district visitor? That kind of hard, practical work was to be got over in the inferior stages of an ecclesiastic's profession; when he arrived at the office of a canon or a dean he might consider himself as having reached at last a very haven of rest. But in this turbulent generation there are to be no sinecures; a man, even in the highest rank, must take his fair share in bearing the burden and heat of the day, or his doom is sealed. And we may be thankful that there are now so many of the Bishops and dignitaries who are so devoting themselves to their work as to win reverence and influence, not because of their position, but because of their sympathy with their brethren and their devotion to their work.

ROMAN FAILURE IN ENGLAND.—Every now and then some alarmist like the Bishop of Liverpool proclaims that the Papal church is speedily going to swallow us up. The following statement made by one who knows, indicates that there is not much fear as far as England is concerned. Preaching on the death of Cardinal Newman, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney is reported to have said:—"I do not know, indeed, that the number of Catholics in England to-day is as great as it may have been forty years ago. In 1850 they were probably more than a million and a half. In 1873 the present illustrious Cardinal-Archbishop of Westminster, relying on the most accurate statistics that could be obtained, estimated their number at 'about one million and a half.' Only the other day the details presented at the Catholic Truth Conference still reckoned them as not exceeding a million and a half. And what renders this numerical sterility the more striking is the fact that the population of the Empire has developed in vast proportions during the same period. The Roman church has enormously increased its agencies, colleges, schools, churches, bishops, priests, and nuns, and failure, absolute failure, is the result of fifty years of unremitting effort.

THE BISHOP OF DERRY ON THE PROSPECTS OF THE CHURCH IN IRELAND.—The Bishop begins with a forecast of the ecclesiastical upheaval that is impending in Ireland. The result of a quarter of a century's agitation, legislation, and social struggle, is, to use the phrase of the *Times*, the "deprotestanting" of the greater part of Ireland. In every province except Ulster, Protestantism,

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