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### LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

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Morning—Exodus xii. 1 to 19. Revelation i. 10 to 19.  
Evening—Exodus xii. 29; or xiv. John xx. 11 to 19; or Revelation v.

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### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A quantity of Correspondence and Diocesan News unavoidably left over for want of space.

**THE CROWN OF THORNS—THE CROWN OF GLORY.**—Christ was crowned before He came to the Cross, and, though it was done in derision, and undesignedly by the soldiers as a symbol, yet, in looking back upon the incident, we see how it foreshadowed the fact that Jesus would triumph over death which had come into the world by sin. The Royal Sufferer stooped to conquer, and though He appeared as a victim, He would be a victor in His conflict with death, and the powers of darkness. We know He bowed His head upon the Cross, and cried, "It is finished;" that He gave up the ghost; but, in dying, He overcame death; the grave could not contain Him; on the morning of the third day He robbed the grave of victory, and plucked the sting from death. Death has been abolished by the once crucified, but now risen and reigning Saviour, and immortality has been brought to light by His Gospel. Let us remember that Christ wore the crown of thorns for us. He bore the curse, endured pain, and experienced death, that we may be comforted, sanctified, and saved. Surely we will hate the sin that gave Him such sorrow and pressed so painfully upon his brow and heart. He suffered to lead us to forsake sin, as well as to open the way by which it may be forgiven. To despise and reject the Redeemer is as crowning Him afresh with thorns; and to backslide from and deny Him is to crucify Him afresh, and put Him to an open shame. By the help of the Apocalypse we can see Jesus on His mediatorial

throne, and on His head are many crowns. Let us lift our hearts to Him in reverent worship, and crown Him with the love of our hearts and the devotion of our lives. He is worthy, for He was slain, and hath redeemed us with His own precious blood. He wore the crown of thorns that we may wear a crown of glory, and holy and be happy for ever. He deserves our praises and our most energetic and enthusiastic efforts to extend His kingdom among men, that every human heart may become His throne, and every voice unite to proclaim Him King. This is our joy and inspiration, that He shall ultimately reign from shore to shore, and the crown of universal empire shall yet adorn His brow, and be added to His already many crowns. Let us do all we can to hasten that day, and—

"O, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall;  
Join in the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all."

**A SPECIMEN OF CHURCH WORK.**—A London clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Goulden, thus tells of his parish work with most laudable pride—pride at which only a Voltairian would sneer.

Last year a neighbouring Nonconformist minister (he doesn't like to be called a "Dissenting minister") criticized my statement that I had five hundred members in one of our Bible classes. I wrote to one of our leading Church papers that I had a record not only of the names and addresses of all the members of every class and mission, but also a record of their attendance. I hope my Nonconformist neighbours will not be more irate this year when I say this same class has now 780 members, and that I do not mean to stand still until I get a thousand; and I should not stop then if the church would hold a greater number. I can count my 400 total abstainers and 500 children in the Band of Hope, 1,200 children in schools, and a hundred rough costermongers assembling night after night in our mission-hall. Several costers from the last named mission were confirmed at our confirmation, and made their first communion on Easter day.

We should like to know what means of raising the masses can be set by the side of this? Mr. Goulden's full staff consists of three priests, three lay-helpers, and ten sisters. The church cost £1,000 a year, and another £1,000 a year is needed for the corporal works of mercy which the mission has to undertake. If a hundred more St. Alphege's could be established on the same scale in districts where the masses specially need raising, London would soon wear a very different aspect; but there are few places where the parochial clergy are not doing what in them lies to grapple with the sin and misery around them.

As regards the actual state of English Nonconformity, it is shown that two of the largest sects, the Congregationalists and Baptists, are not in a flourishing condition, the former proving, by their Year Book for 1885, to have 582 pastors with no meetings, 357 meetings with no pastors, and 535 meetings intrusted to mere students or lay missionaries; while the Baptists are much worse off, shewing a steady decline in the number of pastors during the last eleven years, as compared with an increase of meeting-houses, there being eight fewer ministers and six hundred more meetings; and, taking the sects all over the world, there are 12,000 meetings with no settled ministry.

**SAVAGERY INCITED BY HOME RULE AGITATORS.**—The worst of all the features of the Irish problem is the loathsome cruelty which the people evince towards those whom they choose to regard as taking the landlord's side; and not only against them, but against their innocent cattle. The Knight of Glin writes to yesterday's Times to relate a case in which the peasantry burned alive eight head of cattle belonging to a tenant of his who had taken a farm from which a man who had been a defaulter of rent

for five years together had at last been evicted, and had fearfully mutilated fifteen head of cattle belonging to another tenant. In the case of the latest Galway murder, not only was the murdered man's widow, Mrs. Finlay, jeered and hooted in her grief, but the brother was prevented from attending the funeral by the savage threats of the people. And yet it is into the hand of those who stimulate these horrors that Home Rule will throw Ireland. In the Irish World of February 27th, according to a correspondent of Friday's Times, is printed the receipt of the Rev. Mr. O'Reilly for a cheque sent to the Parliamentary Fund by Patrick Ford, the well known advocate of a dynamite policy in America. This dynamite is addressed as "My dear Sir," and is heartily thanked for his contribution, though the contribution is accompanied by another for the purpose of creating "a reserve" for a more violent policy, "in case John Bull fails to render simple and long-delayed justice." As the leaders of the Irish Party thus treat with courtesy and gratitude the organizers of the worst violence, is it conceivable that they really condemn the people who hooted the broken-hearted widows, made widows by agrarian murderers? The above is from the Spectator. An Irish paper is before us giving details of a murderous attack by Nationalists on a boy aged sixteen because his father is a Protestant. That would be done wholesale under Home Rule.

**CONTRACT SPECTACLES.**—The effect of spectacles on the eyesight should be to give clearer vision. But that these invaluable aids can be made of none effect so far as their legitimate use goes, is shown by the common saying that a man's verdict has been affected by his looking at the evidence through the wrong spectacles. A case of this kind has come to light, which is much to be deplored, as it has cast a stain of suspicion on the religious press. No fact is more fixed, as a fact in Canadian life than this, that the Romanists in Quebec are pushing their opponents to the wall. In Ontario the same game is being played. Ontario to-day is more under the control of a Papist Archbishop than we should care to submit to if we were not so divided. Now the organ of a Protestant-religious body recently received a contract from the Ontario rulers, who are like clay in the hands of Archbishop Lynch. The "contract spectacles" are put on, and behold we have an article which is intended to lull Protestant fears and watchfulness in regard to the machinations of Rome! Seen through contract spectacle the Papacy is not aggressive in Quebec, Protestants are not being crowded out, innocent Rome is depicted as having no policy contrary to Protestant interests. So is a Protestant watch-dog, which barks incessantly at Churchmen, silenced as regards the stealthy march of the Papistical power.

Throwing a sop to Cerberus has been successful. But what a miserable creature any Protestant Cerberus must be which allows itself to be muzzled by a dependent of the Romish power! The barking against the Church of England will, we expect, become fiercer than ever from this quarter. We have no bones to throw.

"Sincerity is the perfection of Christians. Let not Satan, therefore, abuse us. We do all things, when we endeavour to do all things, and purpose to do all things, and are grieved that we cannot do better, then, in some measure, we do all things."

"A Christian is able to do great matters, but it is in Christ that strengthens him. The understanding is ours, but the sanctifying of these, and the carrying of these supernaturally, to do them spiritually, that is not ours, but it is Christ's."

—Good things to give up in Lent are unkind acts, unkind words, and unkind thoughts.

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