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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

Jan. 22. THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY —
Morning Isaiah 62. St. Matthew 13. to v 24.
Evening Isaiah 65 or 66. Acts 13. v 26.
25. CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL:—
Morning Isaiah 49. to v 13. Galatians 1. v 11.
Evening Jeremiah 1. to v 11. Acts 26. to v 21.
29. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:—
Morning Job 27. St. Matthew 16. to v 24.
Evening Job 28 or 29. Acts 17. v 16.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1882.

THE completion of the Newcastle Bishopric Fund has been announced. The largest contribution to it is that of the Duke of Northumberland for £10,000. The Bishop of Durham subscribes £3,000.

The Northern Convocation will meet for the despatch of business on the 14th of February.

The Very Rev. John Oakley, the new Dean of Carlisle, has become a member of the Council of the English Church Union.

The balance of costs in the suits instituted against the Rev. T. Pelham Dale having been paid by Messrs. Brooks and Co., the sequestration of his property has now been removed.

It has been announced that Robert Robson, a woodman at Hexham, over sixty years of age, has established his right to funds which have been in the Court of Chancery for 138 years, and which now amount to nearly £250,000.

A new mission chapel, dedicated to St. Andrew, has been opened in East Horndon, Brentwood, by the Bishop of St. Albans. It has been provided for the purpose of bringing the Church and her services into the midst of the population.

The Chinese are not always immovable. They have started a line of trading steamers, the first of which recently arrived in the Thames from Shanghai with a cargo of tea. She is owned, manned, and commanded entirely by Chinese.

On the 12th ultimo, the Bishop of Rochester consecrated the church of the Good Shepherd, which has been erected in Handen-road, Lee, at the sole expense of Lord Northbrook, the lord of the manor. It has 650 seats, all free. The cost of the altar furniture and seats was defrayed by a special offertory of £556 at the mother church of St. Margaret's, Lee.

The Convocation of Canterbury is expected to meet for the despatch of business, at the same time as that of the Northern Province viz. February 14th.

The Bishop of Lichfield and the Dean of Salisbury have consented to become Vice-Presidents of the Curates' Augmentation Fund.

The Rev. W. J. Bennett, vicar of St. John the Baptist, Frome, has for some time been unable, from ill health, to perform duty. He is now staying at St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

A successful ten days' mission has been held at St. Michael's, Handsworth. It was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Lester, the Lichfield Diocesan Missioner.

The Earl of Zetland, who is patron of Saltburn church, has offered a donation of £1,000 towards paying off a debt of £1,678 remaining on the building. Since 1876 he has given no less than £5,000 to the same church.

The Queen has granted £50 a year to the Rev. J. Jones (Idrisym), vicar of Llandysilio, Cardiganshire, out of the Civil List Fund, in recognition of his valuable services to Welsh literature. Besides many other works, he is author of a popular Welsh commentary on the Bible in five volumes, which has passed through several editions. More than forty thousand copies of it have been sold, a sale almost unprecedented in the sale of Welsh books.

A very successful provincial synod has been held at Sydney, under the presidency of the Bishop of Brisbane, in the absence of the Bishop of Sydney. Considerable progress was made in ecclesiastical organization. The Bishop of Sydney was formally "determined" Primate of the Province; a court for the trial of offences against Church discipline was unanimously created; and the subjects of Marriage, Missions, and Canons, were warmly debated. At Christ Church, New Zealand, the new cathedral has been so nearly completed, that it has been opened with special services.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, having forwarded a petition of fourteen thousand laymen, praying Her Majesty to order the release of the Rev. Sidney Faithorn Green, pending the sitting of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, has received the following reply:—"Whitehall, December 1, My Lord Archbishop—I have the honour to acquaint you that I have laid before the Queen the petition forwarded by your Grace, praying the release from prison of the Rev. S. F. Green; but that Her Majesty has not been pleased to give any instructions with reference thereto. I have the honour to be, my Lord Archbishop, your Grace's obedient servant, W. V. Harcourt."

The public believes that the responsibility of Mr. Green's nine months' imprisonment rests with the Home Secretary; it is he that advises Her Majesty in these matters.

It has been decided that the next Church Congress will be held in Derby, in October next, under the presidency of the Bishop of Lichfield.

It is proposed to rebuild the church of Lower Brixham, Devon, in memory of the Rev. H. F. Lyte, who was for upwards of twenty-five years incumbent of the parish. He was author of the well-known hymn "Abide with me; fast falls the even-tide."

On the 17th ulto. the foundation stone of a new church, in the extensive parish of Enfield, in memory of Mr. Philip Twells, lately one of the members of Parliament for the city of London, to be built and endowed at the cost of his widow, was laid by Mrs. Twells. Its western tower and spire will rise to the height of 140 feet. The foundress intends to give a peal of bells, and to provide a vicarage house, on ground adjoining the church.

With reference to a false insinuation lately made by the Secretary of the "Church Association," the Rev. T. Pelham Dale writes:—"The bills of costs amount to £314. 12s. 3d; the gross rental of my estate (two cottages and a field) amounts to £145, of which the solicitors of the "association" have had possession for the last year and a half under sequestration. Had it not been for the kindness of friends the rents would have remained in their hands until costs and expenses were paid."

On the 14th ultimo, at a meeting in the Jerusalem Chamber, considerable progress was made with the organization of the Armenian Education Aid Association, Canon Churton was appointed chairman; Major Fortesque, hon. treasurer; and Captain S. G. F. Selfe, R.A., hon. secretary of the society. It is intended to issue an address appealing for annual subscriptions, in order to aid and extend the efforts which the Armenians are making to give a gratuitous education to their own people.

The Rev. Thomas James Rowsell, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park, was formally installed as one of the Canons of Westminster on the 17th ult. The Canon designate was received by the Dean, with Canons Jennings, Farrar, and Duckworth, in the Jerusalem Chamber where the usual declarations were made. Morning prayer was then sung in the Abbey. After the first lesson, the Canon designate was conducted to the Abbey entrance. After the mandamus had been read, he read aloud the Latin declaration, which is a document of singular historical interest. Dating about 600 years back, it affirms the absolute freedom of the Chapter from all foreign bishops, and asserts the obligation of that which is written over that which is said (tradition). The remainder of the service was then proceeded with. The full choir gave the responses with the beautifully rich and plaintive effect only to be heard in Westminster Abbey. At the close of the service, the members of the chapter returned to the Jerusalem chamber when the Dean placed a chair for the new canon, who was welcomed to take his part in the government of the Abbey.

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