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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Morning—Gen. 42; Mark 11, to 27.
Evening—Gen. 43 or 45; 1 Cor. 6.
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Morning—Exod. 3; Mark 14, 53.
Evening—Exod. 5 or 6, to 14; 1 Cor. 11, 17.
Sixth Sunday in Lent.
Morning—Exod. 9; Matt. 26.
Evening—Exod. 10 or 11; Luke 16, 28, or 20, 9 to 21.
Easter Day.
Morning—Exod. 12, to 29; Rev. 1, to 10, 19.
Evening—Exod. 12, 29, or 14; John 20, 11 to 19, or Rev. 5.

Appropriate Hymns for Fourth and Fifth Sundays in Lent, compiled by Dr. Albert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other Hymnals:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 309, 311, 472, 553.
Processional: 89, 200, 270, 520.
Offertory: 86, 255, 256, 362.
Children's Hymns: 331, 332, 335, 473.
General Hymns: 91, 92, 94, 213.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Children's Hymns: 254, 258, 336, 342.
General Hymns: 106, 226, 252, 407.
Holy Communion: 97, 107, 310, 312.
Processional: 96, 200, 281, 306.
Offertory: 213, 214, 267, 342.

A Wise Offer.

The Bishop of Newcastle in a recent number of his Diocesan Gazette states that a gentleman has promised him £500 per annum to be at his sole disposal. The Bishop, in expressing his warm gratitude for this thoughtful offer, says there are many men and things which need temporary help, and need it at once. To appeal to societies takes time, and then the society can only grant to the needy object if it falls within the scope of the society's operations. In a young country like Canada it would be a great boon to the Bishops if they had a fund of reasonable proportions under their sole control. Towns spring up almost in a night, population fluctuates, workers are suddenly and unexpectedly withdrawn by death or other uncontrollable causes, and then the whole strain falls on the Bishop. Every Bishop should be put in a position to act promptly and effectively when new and important openings arise. It would, no

doubt, stimulate further action in this direction in the mother Church and elsewhere if it were known that the action of this English contributor had stirred up similar action in Canada.

The Psalms in Daily Life.

One reason why the Psalms are repeated oftener than any other portion of Holy Scriptures in our public worship is their peculiar suitability to the varied experiences of life. Various writers have delighted to trace connections between the words of the Psalms and events in human history. A late work on this subject, entitled "The Psalms in Human Life," by Mr. Rowland E. Prothers, was recently reviewed in the Guardian, and the reviewer adds some humorous applications of the Psalms not found in the book under review. At the Council of Carthage in 411 the Donatists would not sit with the Catholics, but remained standing, and justified their refusal by the words of Psalm 26:5, viz.: "I have hated the congregation of the wicked, and will not sit among the ungodly." To this the Catholics humorously replied by standing up themselves. Again, Richard Baxter and his wife used to sing Psalms in bed, to the great annoyance of their neighbours. When complaint was made, they silenced all opposition by quoting Psalm 149:5, viz., "Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them rejoice in their beds."

St. Patrick's Day.

The approaching return of St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, invites fresh attention to the patron saint of Ireland. Time was when Churchmen devoted very little attention to this distinguished missionary, but recent years have witnessed a keen and growing interest in the proper observance of St. Patrick's Day. Dr. Alexander, the Archbishop of Armagh, and head of the Irish Church, looks back with pride to the great St. Patrick as the first Bishop of Armagh. Bishop Christopher Wordsworth's sharp and striking comparison of the creed of St. Patrick, as found in his "Confession," with the Roman creed of the Council of Trent, shows that the Roman claim to St. Patrick has no foundation, and also shows, in a very telling way, the late and unwarranted character of the twelve Articles in the Trent creed, which the Roman Church added to the simple Nicene faith. The Irish Archbishops, desiring to encourage the observance of St. Patrick's Day, composed a special collect for that day in 1901, and in the previous year (1900) York Convocation passed a resolution in favour of adding St. Patrick's name to our prayer book calendar. Great scholars, like Dr. Todd and Dr. Whitley Stokes, have exhaustively examined the records of St. Patrick's life and times, and S.P.C.K. has issued an excellent short life by Rev. E. J. Newell in its well-known series, "The Fathers for English Readers." In England the "Anglo-Irish Church Society" held its annual meeting on January 27th, 1904, at the Vestry Hall of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Charing Cross, and they reported an increased attendance at their service on last St. Patrick's Day, and they intimated that local secretaries were arranging for services in the Dioceses of Liverpool, Wakefield, Durham and Lincoln in connection with St. Patrick's Day. The preacher at the annual service, on March 16th of this year, in St. James' Church, Piccadilly, is to be the Bishop of Ossory. Little by little the proper observance of "St. Patrick's Day" grows, and so it should, since St. Patrick was Britain's first missionary, and one of the greatest heroes in missionary enterprise which the Church has ever known.

"Abide With Me."

The Guardian of February 3rd refers to the long and persevering effort to rebuild the parish

church of Lower Brixham, in Devonshire, where the Rev. Henry Francis Lyte (author of the hymn, "Abide with Me") was vicar for many years. About sixty years ago this author died of consumption at Nice at the early age of fifty-four. In Palgrave's "Treasury of Song" may be read one of his earlier poems, in which he expressed an earnest wish to write something to the glory of God that would live when he was dead. The lines are very beautiful:

Might verse of mine inspire
One virtuous aim, one high resolve impart;
Might I thus live to bless my fellow-men,
Or hind one broken heart.

Death would be sweeter then,
More calm my slumber 'neath the silent sod;
Might I thus live to bless my fellow-men,
Or glorify my God.

Oh, Thou, whose touch can lend
Life to the dead, Thy quickening grace supply,
And grant me, swan-like, my last breath to spend
In song that may not die.

The above prayer was answered. His doctor having told him he could not live, and ordered him off to the Riviera, he preached his farewell sermon at Brixham, and that night—his last in his parish—he went into his cabin and wrote the hymn, "Abide with Me." A month later he died, but the hymn lived on, and has been declared by competent judges, like Tennyson and Gladstone, to be one of the finest hymns in the English language. The old church in which he ministered gradually fell into decay, and the work of rebuilding was begun about thirty years ago. Since then £7,000 have been raised, and £2,000 are yet required to complete the work. The Bishop of Exeter warmly commends the effort to raise this balance in the present year, and the Princess Christian has granted her patronage to a grand matinee concert on May 10th at Grosvenor House in aid of this fund. Donations may be sent to Rev. Stewart Sim, vicar, Lower Brixham, Devon.

World's Sunday School Convention.

A gathering of unique interest will be the World's Sunday School Convention, which is soon to meet at Jerusalem for three days, April 18th, 19th and 20th. About twenty delegates go from Ontario, and we notice among them the names of Rev. E. L. Howe, late rector of Cookstown, and Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, of the Anglican Church at Wardville. Messrs. Cook & Son have chartered an Atlantic liner, Furst Bismarck, which will leave London March 31st for a month's cruise. They will guide the party to Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Bethany, Bethlehem, and other places in the Holy Land, and also other points of interest, like Naples, Athens, Beyrout and Alexandria. Among the names of the English party we notice that of the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, of London.

Professor Wrong's History.

An event of particular importance in the educational world is the issue of a history, entitled "The British Nation," by Professor Wrong, of Toronto University. Thirty years ago John Richard Green, an English clergyman, acquired considerable notoriety by his successful treatment of the social life of the English people, and now Professor Wrong, another Anglican clergyman, has produced an up-to-date text-book on the whole British nation, in which even greater prominence is given to the social life of the people. The present volume is further notable for its striking biographical sketches and its excellent illustrations. The book concludes with a chapter on the outlook of the British nation, and presents clearly some of the great problems now confronting the