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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

May 10.—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Morning.—Deut. 8, John 1, v. 29.

Evening.—Deut. 8, or 1st. Thess. 2.

May 14.—ASCENSION DAY.

Morning.—Dan. 7, v. 9 to 13. Luke 24, v. 41.

Evening.—2 Kings 2, to v. 13. Heb. 4.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Fifth Sunday after Easter, and Sunday after Ascension Day, compiled by Mr. F. Gatward, organist and choir master of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, N.S. The numbers are taken from H. A. & M., but many of which are found in other hymnals:

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion : 187, 310, 315, 322.
Processional : 88, 166, 176, 215.
Offertory : 142, 167, 293, 306, 505.
Children's Hymns : 291, 383, 389, 573.
General Hymns : 129, 132, 143, 171, 468, 500

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.

Holy Communion : 144, 207, 316, 555.
Processional : 146, 147, 202, 469.
Offertory : 148, 300, 304, 506, 601.
Children's Hymns : 147, 340, 341, 571.
General Hymns : 145, 149, 150, 201, 292, 301.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

We have now been taught to value the "good things" of Christ's kingdom. We have learned to look forward to them, and place our affections upon them. It now only remains for us to pray for them, and prepare our hearts to receive them; and that such is the object of the present season, we find by the services which are appointed for it. This has ever been a season for special supplication in the Church of Christ. Our Blessed Lord is now ascending into heaven to "pray the Father for us." We, who on earth are by faith contemplating our ascending Saviour, choose this time to implore that by His gracious intercession He would procure for us all things necessary for our souls and bodies. The service for last Sunday prepare us for the collect which we use this day. Then we learnt from Holy Scripture that "every good and perfect gift cometh from above,"—now, addressing ourselves to Him from Whom all good things do come, we ask for the best and highest of His gifts—the Holy Spirit. Seeing, then, that God's

"holy inspiration" profits us only in proportion to its fruits, we must follow St. Paul's injunction in the epistle for this day, to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only." Carefully seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, we are here taught to search into our hearts to know what "manner of men" we are. Having discovered what is amiss in us, we should then yield up our souls to His holy inspiration, and so should we go forward in all those holy tempers which are here laid down as the marks of "true religion." The Holy Ghost, ruling and directing us, would enable us to exercise restraint over ourselves, and charity to others. It would keep us "altogether unspotted from the world," and in the possession of such a frame of mind we should find even here a foretaste of that happiness which is in store for us hereafter. Before His ascension, Christ, our merciful Intercessor, addressed His disciples in the words recorded in the gospel for this day. He had before inculcated the precepts of love and obedience, as the only paths in which to walk safely through the dangers of this great and howling wilderness. Now that He is about to leave them, He reminds them of all the mercies bestowed on them through His means,—and He comforts them with the assurance that, when removed from their sight, He will be still more powerfully present with them to help them, and hear their prayers, than when actually present with them in the body. Thus does the Lord even now look down from heaven upon the children of men. As Man, He compassionates our infirmities,—as God, He is able to give us all we pray for. He bids us "ask in His name and we shall receive;" He will "give us whatsoever we ask, that our joy may be full." He knows all the struggles to which we are subject while passing through the wilderness of this world, but He bids us "be of good cheer, for that He has overcome the world." He gives us assistance in difficulties, comfort in trials; He provides us with such things as are needful for our bodies as well as our souls, and blesses us with such peace as the world cannot give. Such are some of the "good things" with which God even now refreshes His people, who pray to Him on earth. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive, the good things which He hath prepared for them in His kingdom in heaven."

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THE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

The Parliament of the Dominion has been dissolved, and we will now be in the throes of a federal election till the 26th of June next. Looking from a neutral standpoint, at the closing scenes of the Parliament just ended, we have, as a young country, very little to be proud of. Rulers and judges of old were called by the exalted name of gods—"I said ye are gods"; but what scenes of bitter altercation recited by the Satirist Lucian as occurring in the councils even of the heathen gods, could equal the Billingsgate language thrown across the floor of the House of Commons dur-

ing the debate on the Remedial Bill? There is this difference between the squabbles of the supposed heathen rulers of the world and the Ottawa rulers: the evil speaking and opprobrious epithets of the former are imaginary. Alas! for Canada, alas! for the example set by our law-makers to the youth of our fair Dominion, the vituperation and bitter exclamations of the latter are real—the former an imaginary collection of heathen deities, the latter a gathering of so-called Christian gentlemen, summoned by the representative of their Sovereign to enact laws for the welfare and happiness of the people. "Fierce is the light that beats upon the throne." No less fierce is the light that beats upon those who are elected to uphold the dignity and honour and glory of that throne; and who, without a blush of crimson, can speak of such conduct of men chosen, it is supposed by the electors of the locality in which they live, as men of purity, integrity and sobriety, to represent them as they should be represented. It may be said in the heat of debate the best of men are apt to forget themselves. Did ever Marlborough, or Nelson, or Wellington forget themselves in the heat of the action? if they did a grateful country would not now cherish the names of these mighty dead. It seems that lawless thought and unbridled accusation could not meet the requirements of these Christian legislators; the acme of senseless, wicked folly was only reached when one of these members brought in the sacred Scriptures—the Holy Bible—and amid jeers and jibes and jokes read chapter after chapter of the inspired book; for what purpose? To tell his colleagues that "righteousness exalteth a nation"? No! For the purpose for which the honourable member used the Word of God. Roderick Random or the French novel would have answered as well. We take no side in politics in this article—we take the side of religion, of decency, of our country, of our Church, of our Canadian youth, of the sanctity and purity of our homes, of our God, and we say that the last days of the Dominion Parliament of Canada have shown it to men and angels as opposed to all these. In dismissing the faithful Commons, the Governor-General styled them "Gentlemen of the House of Commons." Do gentlemen in public debate call each other liars, and when requested by the Speaker to apologize, refuse to do so, or do it in such a qualified manner as to make the apology an additional offence? Do gentlemen insinuate that their opponents are bribed, corrupt and a disgrace to the country and constituency they represent? Do gentlemen force by their acts a portion of the community, whether right or wrong, to agitate the removal of the bar-room? Do gentlemen carry the sacred Scriptures with them for this purpose? It was in Passion Week the member brought in the Holy Book, and while he, with worldly heart and seared conscience, read his chapters to prolong the mad debate, the Church was prostrate with her Lord in the Garden of the Agony, or paying the homage of her love in composing the mangled body of her God and Saviour in the tomb. Members of Parliament, law-makers of this Canada of ours, such unholy—will we say childish, unmanly conduct will not do. come to your right mind. Such acts do not, thank Heaven, represent the thought, the conscience, the wishes, the aspirations, the Christianity of Canada.