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Feb. 2nd.—SEPTUAGESIMA.

Morning.—Gen. 1, 2 to v. 4. Rev. 21 to v. 9.

Evening.—Gen. 2, 4; or Job 38. Rev. 21, 9, to 22, 6.

THE BURIAL OF BISHOP LIGHTFOOT.—All that was best in England was represented by those present at the solemn service in Durham Cathedral, and at the grave of the Bishop in the chapel of Auckland Castle, which he had himself restored. It was remarkable that the last stroke of his pen was put to an article on the authorship of S. John's Gospel, containing the substance of a lecture delivered years ago, and which is published in the January number of the Expositor. Among the many anecdotes told of the goodness of the great Bishop, we have not seen any account of his generous conduct in connection with the appointment of Dr. Westcott to the Regius Professorship of Divinity at Cambridge. The post was offered to Lightfoot; but he knew that Dr. Westcott, as a married man, could not afford to remain in Cambridge unless he got the Professorship; and therefore he requested that it might be offered to his friend. Lightfoot was afterwards appointed to the Lady Margaret Professorship.

THE INFLUENZA.—Mild as has generally been the form of the epidemic in this country, it has not passed away, or rather, is not passing away without leaving deep traces of its presence. In some cases it has been followed by pneumonia which has frequently proved fatal. But it is said that a more serious danger lies before us. Former visitations of this epidemic, it is said, have been followed by the cholera. It is in the highest degree desirable that these rumours should not circulate idly, and therefore we hope that we may soon obtain trustworthy statements as to the connection between these two maladies in the past. If there is even a probability of our being visited by this frightful scourge, we must prepare to meet it calmly, putting our trust in God, and availing ourselves of all the resources of science. Above all, it is necessary that everything like panic, should be, as far as possible, guarded against.

Lux Mundi.—A volume under this title has been published in England, and seems not unlikely

to excite almost as much attention and discussion as the famous or infamous Essays and Reviews. It is put forth under the editorship of Mr. Gore, of the Pusey House; and the contributors might perhaps best be described as mostly belonging to a new latitudinarian-ritualistic party. We are using these words in no offensive meaning, but as being unable to find any more appropriate term. Already' some of the contents have been denounced by leading divines. One of the Bishops, in a charge to his diocese, denounced some of the results as "utterly incompatible with the whole tenor of the teaching of the Prayer Book,' and warned the upholders of them that they are "imperilling the salvation of thousands of souls;" whilst an eloquent Canon of S. Paul's, supposed to be intimate with some of the writers of the volume, has declared that what is at stake in this matter is no less than the "trustworthiness of our Lord Jesus Christ." We hope soon to give a review of this volume.

LORD NAPIER OF MAGDALA.—The burial of Lord Napier in the great Cathedral of S. Paul brings back many reminiscenes in connexion with his own history and that of the mighty dead beside whom he is laid. If General Sir Robert Napier was fortunate at Magdala, in taking King Theodore's city, and rescuing the missionary Mr. Stern, without loss of life, it was the good fortune of one who had proved himself a brave and skilful soldier in other fields. He had distinguished himself in many conflicts and not the least in that connected with the great Indian Mutiny, for he commanded the Engineers in the operations which ended in the taking of Lucknow. On this occasion and also on account of the "skill, zeal, and intrepidity" shown in the operations which led to the taking of Pekin, he received the thanks of the Parliament. On the former occasion he was made K.C.B. (1858); and after the taking of Magdala he was raised to the peerage (1878). He was made Constable of the Tower in 1887, and there he died in his eightieth year, and now he lies in the crpyt of S. Paul's beside Nelson and Wellington. Much that our Poet Laureate wrote on the death of the Duke of Wellington comes back to us on this occasion:

" All is over and done; Render thanks to the giver, England, for thy son. Let the bells be toll'd. Render thanks to the Giver, And render him to the mould, Under the cross of gold That shines over city and river, There he shall rest for ever Among the wise and the bold."

Thanks be to God that, at the grave of Napier, as at the grave of Wellington, we can take up our Poet's words, and say again:

"Not once or twice in our rough island-story, The path of duty was the way to glory."

THE DIFFICULTY WITH PORTUGAL.—There is a certain class of people who are always ready to assume, when any difficulty between nations arises, that their own country is to blame. We quite concede the element of good that there is in such a cosmopolitan spirit; but there often lurks in it something which is not so good. Now, in regard to the Portugal imbroglio, everyone must hope that matters may be amicably settled, and that England will demand no more of the weaker power than is absolutely necessary. Still we must remember that these Portuguese filibusters have invaded a State under English protection and have actually pulled down the English flag; and, if these things would not be borne from the mightiest power on earth, we cannot see why they should be tolerated in one of the weakest.

THE BYSTANDER.—Those of our readers who regret, with ourselves, that the contributions of Professor Goldwin Smith to the Week have been less frequent of late, will be glad to see his old organ, The Bystander, once more treating of "current events, Canadian and general." The Editorship is, of course, an open secret. We do not always agree with The Bystander, and we may have occasionally to express our disagreement with him. But we acknowledge freely that his words must always have the authority which belongs to a combination of fine scholarship, extensive learning, and great intellectual ability. In the number (for January) now before us, there are more points than one which suggest criticism, and we hope to return to them. But we can assure the distinguished writer that he will always receive at our hands the courteous treatment which he invariably accords to others.

THE TORONTO JUBILEE.—We see from English papers of all sorts and sizes that the Jubilee of the original Diocese of Toronto has excited no small amount of attention in the Mother Church. It is natural and proper that even the great Church of England should regard the growth of one of her elder daughters as a matter which in many ways concerns herself. It is much to be hoped that the lessons of the celebration may not be lost upon ourselves, either in the way of encouragement or in the way of warning. We have abundant proof that our Church system is perfectly suited to all classes, high and low, rich and poor; and we have just as much proof that the system will not of itself make or keep men faithful members of the Church. Zeal, devotion, love, on the part of Clergy and Laity will ensure growth, unity, strength. Where we can see evidences of growth we can tell without hesitation of the reasons which explain them; and generally speaking, it is the same in cases of failure or decline.

ALGOMA.

The publication of the "Report of the Missionary Bishop of Algoma," for the information of the Provincial Synod concerning the state and condition of the Church, as required by one of the Canons of the Synod, affords an opportunity of drawing attention to the most interesting and important work which is being carried on in that widelyextended and thinly populated district.

We hear, from time to time, of the self-sacrifice and devotion shown by young men who dedicate their lives to Mission Work in Japan or in India, and who very often find ladies willing to go out as their wives to the same work. We have not the least wish to speak lightly or slightingly of the devotion and sacrifice involved in such undertakings. To leave country and kindred and friends and the civilization of an English and Christian country, and to go among people of alien race and religion, and of a strange speech, must cost a considerable effort and must involve considerable sacrifice.

But what, after all, is the sacrifice of a Mission-