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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

- March 5...SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.—
Morning...Genesis 27 to v 41. St. Mark 6, v 50.
Evening Genesis 28, Romans 14 & 15 to v 6.
(or 32.)
- 12...THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.—
Morning Genesis 37. St. Mark 10, v 32.
Evening Genesis 39, 1 Corinthians 4, v 18,
(or 40.) and 5.
- 19...FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.—
Morning Genesis 42. St. Mark 14, v 27 to 53.
Evening Genesis 43, 1 Corinthians 11, v 2
(or 45.) to v 17.
- 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY.—
Morning Genesis 3 to v 16. St. Luke 1, v 46.
* Benedictus occurs in the Second Lesson.
Evening Isaiah 52, v 7 to 13. 1 Cor. 15 to v 35.
- 26 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.—
Morning Exodus 3. St. Luke 9 to v 21.
Evening Exodus 5, 1 Corinthians 13, v 35,
(or 6 to v 14.)
- * Ash Wednesday Collect to be used every day in Lent.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1882.

THE Dean of Carlisle recently presided at a meeting held in his old parish, St. Saviour's, Hoxton, in furtherance of the movement to promote lay help.

The Bishop of Ely has received from a benefactor, who desires to remain unknown, the gift of £1,000 sterling, to be held in trust, and the dividends to be applied to the providing of lectures in the Ely Theological College upon the subject of "The Ancient Liturgies of the Catholic Church." The lectures are enjoined to be delivered annually by the Principal, or by such other person or persons as the Principal may from time to time appoint.

At a recent meeting of the Leeds Church Institute Sir Richard Temple, the late Governor of Bombay, said that on his return to England, which he had left in 1847, he saw an immense improvement in the country in its material aspects, but still more noticeable was the moral progress everywhere perceptible, and no where was it more forcibly manifested than in the Church of his fathers. Everywhere he observed that the ancient cathedrals had been restored, and new parish churches built upon a grand scale. Upon these buildings there had been spent in thirty-five years, no less than forty million pounds sterling. Seven millions had been spent during the last ten years on parsonage houses. The total school accommodation in England was for four million scholars, and no less than two millions and a half of that accommodation was provided by the Church. In the cause of missions, the Church expends £545,000 sterling a year. He showed that in every respect, the Church was an institution which ministers among all classes, in all climes and situations of life.

On the 18th ultimo, All Saints', Margate, which was formerly in the hands of the Primitive Methodists and the "Free Church," was opened for Church service.

On the 13th ultimo the Bishop of Lincoln, in his cathedral, gave his episcopal benediction, and commendation to his future work, to Mr. Morris Hayward, missionary student of the diocese, who after a course of training has been accepted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for work in the diocese of Cape Town.

A very successful mission has just been held at Luton by the Rev. S. Hooke, rector of Clopton, Suffolk. It began on the 9th ultimo, Monday, and on Thursday morning there was an eight o'clock celebration, when a goodly number communicated. On Sunday there were four services, the last being at St. Matthew's. Special psalms and lessons were appointed, and the missionary preached on 1 Corinthians xv. 58. About a hundred of the congregation then went to the chancel step, and received a memorial card at the hand of the missionary. All knelt in silent prayer; "Onward, Christian soldiers" was sung; and the benediction pronounced.

In a recent address to the clergy and laity of his diocese, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol remarked:—"No intelligent observer of our own times can fail to recognize these two things;—First, that until the difficulties which obstruct legislation are removed, there will be little chance of any Church measures, however needed, obtaining the final sanction of Parliament; secondly, that there is a growing disinclination in sober Churchmen to apply to Parliament at all. It is said now by many that it is better to bear with the present state of things than to seek for legislative remedies which, in the sequel, may prove worse than the evils they may be designed to remove.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was observed at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, as a dedication festival. There were two early celebrations, and a choral celebration after Matins. The music for the *Te Deum* and *Benedictus* was Calkin in B \flat ; the *Introit* was the ancient "Hail, festival day," to the Rev. Baden Powell's setting; and the high service was sung to Schubert in C. Minor Canon Milman was the celebrant, assisted by Dr. Simpson and Minor Canon Kelly. There were two large bouquets of mixed flowers and ten smaller ones of white blossoms on the super-altar: the altar itself being vested in a beautiful white silk frontal. The cathedral was well attended in the morning; and in the afternoon the congregation quite filled the nave. There were present the Bishop of London, the Dean, Bishop Piers Claughton, Canons Gregory, Liddon, and Stubbs, and several Prebendaries. The service of Evensong was Calkin in G. The prayers were intoned by Mr. Milman. For the Anthem a selection from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" was given with full orchestral accompaniment. Dr. Stainer conducted, and Mr. Martin presided at the organ. In the evening the members of the Chapter dined together at the Chapter house.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have been informed that a "Church of England Salvation Army" is in course of formation. At a meeting of captains, held at Gravesend on Saturday, the 28th ultimo, a captain was appointed.

It is with much regret that we have to announce that, in consequence of chronic spinal weakness, caused by an accident which happened last year, when he was on a visitation journey among the Kasan Mountains in Burmah, Bishop Titcomb will shortly vacate that mission. It appears that while walking along a narrow edge of a cliff overhanging a mountain torrent, he accidentally fell down a precipice of more than twenty feet on to a mass of rock. The marvel is that he was not instantly killed.

The sixth annual meeting of the Leeds Church Extension society was held at the Church Institute, the vicar, Dr. Gott, in the chair. It appears that since the year 1876, eight sights have been purchased at a cost of £8,605; grants have been made for permanent churches amounting to £6300; the cost of providing temporary mission churches has been £3,450; and the amount expended on stipends of incumbents in the conventional districts £1,809. The amount raised at Leeds during the past year for church building purposes, apart from the society, has been £7,000; the receipts of the society having been £2,248 for general, and £5,508 for special purposes. The total amount received since 1876 was £60,603.

A suicide having been committed in the church at Marston, Lincolnshire, the inhabitants entertained a strong feeling that the building ought to be reconsecrated. The vicar, the Rev. H. B. Thorold, having consulted the Bishop, his lordship stated that he considered a penitential service would answer every purpose. Accordingly the parishioners were invited to attend, and they filled the church. The special service commenced with Psalm LI, followed by collects from the Communion Office; an appropriate lesson was read, and a metrical penitential Litany was sung by all kneeling; then a second lesson, a hymn, and a sermon by the Rev. A. Drake.

On the 16th ult., a well known clergyman in the diocese of Norwich, the Rev. Charles Hicks Gage, passed to his eternal rest. He was born in 1808 at Shefford, Bedfordshire, graduated at St. John's College, Cambridge, laboured with the greatest devotion during the cholera epidemic of 1832-3, and became curate of St. James', Westminster, of which the present Bishop of London was afterwards rector. For twelve years, from 1836, he was reader and evening preacher at Archbishop Tenison's chapel, now known as St. Thomas', Regent-street. In 1848 he became rector of St. Matthew's, Ipswich. For twenty-seven years he devoted himself heart and soul to the spiritual welfare of a flock whose numbers have increased during his incumbency from 3,000 to nearly three times as many. He adopted daily services, thoroughly organized district visiting, mothers meetings, new schools, regular preparation for confirmation, frequent celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, church enlargement, choir improvement, and