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## LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

April 14... Thur. bef. East... Hosea 13, to v. 15. St. John 17.  
 Evening... Hosea 14. St. John 13, to verse 36.  
 15. GOOD FRIDAY:— Proper Pss., M. 22, 40, 54. E. 69, 88.  
 Morning... Genesis 22, to verse 24. St. John 18.  
 Evening... Isaiah 52, v. 13, & 53. 1 St. Peter 2.  
 16... Easter Even.—Morning Zech. 9. St. Luke 23, v. 5.  
 Evening... Hosea 5, v. 8, to 6, v. 1. Rom. 6, to v. 11.  
 April 17... EASTER DAY:— Proper Pss.—Morning, 2, 57, 111.  
 Evening, 113, 114, 118. Anthems instead of the  
 "Venite." Athanasian Creed to be used.  
 Morning... Exodus 12, to v. 24. Rev. 1, verse 10 to 19.  
 Evening... Exod. 12, v. 21, or 11. St. John 20, v. 11-19.  
 18... Mon. in Easter-week:—  
 Morning... Exodus 15, to v. 22. St. Luke 24, to v. 13.  
 Evening... Cant. 2, v. 14. St. Matthew 28, to v. 10.  
 19... Tuesday in Easter-week:  
 Morning... 2 Kings 13, v. 14. St. John 21, to v. 15.  
 Evening... Ezek. 37, to v. 13. St. John 21, verse 15.  
 April 21... FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER:—  
 Morning... Numbers 16, to v. 36. 1 Cor. 15, to v. 23.  
 Evening... Num. 16, v. 36, or 17, to v. 12. St. John 20.  
 25... St. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr:—  
 Morning... Isaiah 62, v. 6. St. Luke 18, 31 to 19, 11.  
 Evening... Ezekiel 1, to v. 15. Philippians 2.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1881.

THE Rev. S. F. Green, Rector of Miles Platting, Manchester, has been apprehended, on questions of ceremonial observances, by a sheriff's officer, and lodged in Lancaster Castle.

The Rev. William Pierce reports to his Bishop (Guiana) that he has lately received 1,398 heathen into the fold of Christ by Holy Baptism. *Lauds Deo.*

The committee appointed at the Durham Diocesan conference to consider the subject, say that organized lay help should be in every parish in the diocese. Bishop Lightfoot announces that he will issue a commission as recommended. At his request, the committee has framed a programme of the kinds of lay-help thought desirable.

Five ladies, probationers of the Church Deaconess Home, Maidstone, were admitted to the office of Deaconess in the Church, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the chapel of Lambeth Palace, on the 16th ultimo. The admission was accompanied by the Archbishop's blessing and the laying on of hands. One of the deaconesses has accepted work under the Rev. E. S. Woods, Dover, and another under the Rev. Claude Bosanquet, Folkestone. Two remain attached to the Home. The fifth is to be engaged at Walsall.

The Ven. Dr. Hannah, of Brighton, England, an eminent convert from Presbyterianism, and Archdeacon of Lewes, gives a wonderfully clear report of work done in his sphere (which is about half of the county of Sussex), in the year 1880. He takes only three branches—church building, restoration, and endowments—and finds that the total sum raised for those three objects amounts to £96,071. This gives some idea of the voluntary effort of the Church which would be shown were like statistics forthcoming from the other archdeaconries, which are about eighty in number.

The full sum has been received for the Bishop Wilberforce confirmation memorial window in St. Mary's, Southampton.

An anonymous donor has offered £1,000, or one third of the amount required to abolish the pew rents and to reseat Christ Church, Westminster.

No Good Friday performances of the "Messiah" will be sanctioned in any of the Town Halls or public institutions within the jurisdiction of the Middlesex bench of magistrates; and an official intimation has been given that a disregard of the injunction will jeopardise the renewal of the licences for music which are held for such buildings.

It has been resolved to make a vigorous effort to raise the £17,000 that yet remains to be collected for the Newcastle Bishopric Fund. In a circular issued on the subject, the Bishop of Durham refers to the example of the people of Liverpool and its neighbourhood, who in a comparatively short time raised £100,000 for a similar purpose; which result was achieved mainly by the direct personal canvass of a few zealous laymen, whose heart was in their work.

Canon Farrar has made an appeal on behalf of the disused and sadly neglected churchyard of St. Margaret's, Westminster. He says the parish is too poor to raise the £3,000 required to make the churchyard sightly and ornamental. It is through this piece of ground that the Abbey is approached. A visitor from the United States recently told the Canon that he did not know a single city in Europe or the United States, which would leave in such a condition the precincts of its most venerated cathedral.

At a meeting of the Deans of the three north-east cathedrals of York, Durham, and Ripon, and others interested in the movement, it has been decided that the three cathedral choirs, together with such of the larger and more efficient surpliced choirs of the three dioceses as may accept a special invitation to join, shall hold a grand festival service in York Minster, on Thursday, July 7th. It is proposed to have the shortened service, with, as anthem, a new church oratorio called "St. John the Evangelist," composed for the occasion, by Dr. Armes, organist of Durham.

On the 20th ultimo, a sermon on behalf of the Colonial and Continental Society was preached at St. Peter's, Cornhill, by the Rev. Pahtahquahong Chase, hereditary chief of the Ojibway tribe, president of the Grand Council of Indians, and the Society's missionary at Muncey-town, Canada. He wore two medals, one given his grandfather by King George III, the other presented to himself on behalf of Queen Victoria by the Prince of Wales, during his visit to Canada in 1860, when the Rev. gentleman was selected to present an address to his Royal Highness. In early life Mr. Chase was employed in the Indian department of the Canadian government, displaying great prudence, and skill in the performance of his duties. Having been ordained he has been a missionary for about eighteen years.

The British Museum has lately acquired a collection of terracotta inscribed cylinders of Esaraddon, Sardanapalus, Neriglassar, and tablets of Cambyses and other late Babylonian monarchs.

Sarjeant's-inn Hall and chapel have been purchased by the Church of England Sunday School Institute, who will in future make it the centre of their operations.

It is stated that the Bishop of Liverpool is not likely to sanction the prosecution of the Rev. J. Bell Cox, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Liverpool, as his lordship was one of the Northern prelates who were summoned to meet the Canterbury Convocation when it was agreed that there should be no fresh prosecutions pending the result of the Royal Commission to inquire into the constitution of ecclesiastical courts.

A monument has been erected to Bishop Hamilton in his cathedral of Salisbury. It stands on the south side of the choir near the altar, and corresponds with that of Bishop Poore, the founder, on the north side. After service on the 18th ult., the present Bishop with the Dean and Chapter assembled in the vestry, when Earl Nelson, who was accompanied by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the late bishop's eldest son and other friends, read an address which stated that the memorial of the restoration of the choir would be incomplete without some special record of the late bishop. Funds have therefore been raised for the purpose. The marble figure was modeled and designed by the Hon. and Rev. Berhard Pleydell Bouverie, and executed under his direction. The canopy is from a design of the late Sir Gilbert Scott. On the day in question, a procession was formed from the vestry to the tomb, Hymn Anc. and Mod. 221 was sung, some appropriate collects were said by the Dean, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

## EASTER SUNDAY.

"THIS is the Day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice, and be glad in it." It is emphatically the great day of the Christian Religion, which the Church celebrates with all the demonstrations of joy that can be brought to commemorate so glorious an event as that which it celebrates—the triumph of her Lord over death, His conquest over the grave, His resurrection in order to secure the justification of His faithful people.

On the recurrence of this, the greatest festival of the Church, it may be well to notice that, in all ages of the world and among all people, it has been the practice to commemorate the anniversary of great events, for the purpose of preserving a recollection of them, and also to take care that the lessons they teach and the benefits they produce may not be lost to the world. And so far from this custom being inconsistent with reason or religion, we find it expressly appointed by Almighty God, under a former dispensation, in the Feast of the Passover, the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Tabernacles, &c., &c. Christ Himself sanctioned these observances by keeping the Festivals required by the