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WHITSUNDAY.

Morning—Deut. xvi., to 18; Rom. viii., to 18.

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xviii., 24—xix., 21.

Appropriate Hymns for Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday, 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.

WHITSUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 155, 156, 215, 313. Processional: 152, 211, 224, 508. Offertory: 153, 210, 212, 223. Children's Hymns: 208, 213, 330, 332. General Hymns: 154, 155, 207, 209.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 317, 321, 323, 553. Processional: 161, 165, 166, 167, 179. Offertory: 162, 164, 170, 172. Children's Hymns: 169, 330, 335, 336. General Hymns: 160, 163, 509, 514.

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Missions and Commerce.

There was a time when missions were regarded with suspicion by colonists and colonial governors; but better and truer views are now becoming prevalent. intimate connection of missions with exploration and commercial progress is brought vividly before us by the new journal of the English Livingstone College, which, it will be remembered, is an organization for instruction of foreign missionaries in the elements of medicine and surgery, of which the principal is Dr. Harford-Battersby, who was a prominent delegate at the recent Ecumenical Conference. This journal has for its title, "Climate." It undertakes to furnish expert information on how to travel with health and success in all countries to which missionaries penetrate, and these are, as we have heard so often in the last week, ecumenical in their reach. The journal is connected with a Travellers' Health Bureau, in London, to gather information and supply it freely to its subscribers. The three numbers, which are before us as we write, are interesting in themselves and full of hints to travellers that must prove simply invaluable. The journal is to be heartily commended to the attention of all whom it even remotely concerns. It is published by the Revell Company, of New York and Toronto.

Anti-Consumption Association.

We are but little conscious of the changes which are gradually taking place in every department of life, thought, action. Who would have believed, half a century ago, that consumption should be declared to be not necessarily hereditary, although the tendency might be so, that it should be found to be catching, and that it should, under certain circumstances, be curable? Yet all this is now most certain. As a consequence, there are now serious, organized efforts made to deal with this terrible plague, in the interests not only of its victims, but of society at large. The existence of consumption is a danger to society—that is one point; and therefore steps should be taken to prevent its spread. It is also a disease which, at a certain period of its progress, may be checked; and therefore every possible provision should be made for checking its progress. One sanatorium for these purposes has been set up at Gravenhurst; but it is only for those who can pay. It is desirable that a larger scheme should be originated, having the general public in view, and this idea is now being taken up by an association which already numbers many supporters, and expects large public support from the province and the municipalities. We will return to this subject again.

Ecumenical Conference on Missions.

We hear from many quarters that the Ecumenical Conference at New York, whose sessions have just closed, will certainly be memorable in the annals of religious life in America, and will make a deep impression upon the Christian world. In bringing these thousands together, it has cultivated that spirit of mutual understanding mutual respect which is the foundation of real duty. Day by day it has given its eloquent testimony to the world that Christians are in essential agreement in aim and in aspirations. It has not blinded men to the points of difference, but it has made many of these seem small, in view of the nobility of our common task. And those essential matters of conscientious disagreement have become subjects less of controversy than of deep searching of heart.

Results of Ecumenical Conference.

Professor Knox's little five-minute speech at the Ecumenical Conference is said to have been one of the most striking and valuable contributions made to the practical side of the discussion, as Mr. Speer's was to its spiritual side. Dr. Knox went straight to the root of the matter. He wasted no words. He knew so well what he wanted to say that five minutes left him time to spare. Like a spiritual surgeon, he laid his finger at the root of the disease, when he used for the first time in this conference the memorable word "schism," of every division that is unnecessary. The wasteful, inefficient, needless duplication of work of which he spoke, and which is indeed a matter of notoriety, discourages generosity at home, making the judicious grieve and the very heathen scoff. Here is a great and acknowledged evil. How to find a remedy?

Bishopric of Southwark.

It is more and more recognized in the Mother Land that the extension of the Church can be satisfactorily carried on only by an increase of the episcopate. notably the case in London, where there are now many bishops; and for South London it certainly is not a premature desire that something should be done. We rejoice, therefore, to learn that the Bishop of Rochester is asking for £130,000 to form the new diocese of Southwark, and though it is rather a bad time for raising money, the wish seems general in the Church that it may be forthcoming, since the subdivision of these urban and suburban dioceses tends greatly to the quickening of spiritual life. The Rochester has now 2,000,000 inhabitants. The condition of South London is melancholy. The population has increased tenfold in the century. Overcrowding is acute. Sixty parishes have over 10,000, six over 20,000 souls. The poverty is grinding, the drunkenness fearful. "The condition," says The Guardian, "bears a far stronger likeness to paganism than to Christianity." Of the needed £130,000, £27,000 are already in hand, but the munificence of the English Church would need to be inexhaustible to meet all the demands that press upon it in these days of famine and of war. The diocese has a splendid Church, St. Saviour's, ready for use as a Cathedral, so that there need be no expenditure in this respect.

Reception of the Archbishops' Decision.

We have been told, over and over again, that the clergy refuse obedience because the so-called Church Courts are secular and not ecclesiastical. It might, therefore, be hoped that the decisions of the two Archbishops would be regarded with respect and followed by obedience. To a large extent this is so; but there are still some irreconcilables; and