

- 2nd. *The First Lessons*—
 Morning—Numbers xvi. 35. The punishment of intruders into the Priesthood.
 Afternoon—Numbers xvi. 47. The atoning power of the Priesthood.
 Evening—Numbers xvii. 8. The fruitfulness of the Priesthood.
- 3rd. *The Second Lessons*—
 Morning—1 Cor. xv. 8. S. Paul ordained as a Preacher of the Resurrection.
 Afternoon—S. John xx. 21. S. Thomas convinced of the Resurrection—that he also might bear witness (see Acts i. 22).
- C. The Duties of Christian People.
 First.—Study the nature of the Ministry and Sacraments in the Bible and in Church history (1 S. Peter i. 10, 11, 12).
 Second.—Accept Means of Grace at the hands even of evil Ministers as sent by God (2 Cor. iv. 7).
 Third.—Pray that your own spiritual guides may not be cast away (2 Thess. iii. 1, 2).

Second Sunday after Easter. (MAY 5.)

The Nature of Sacraments.

Text—Exodus iv. 30, 31. Passage—Genesis xxviii. 10 to the end.

- A. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?
 How many parts are there in a Sacrament?
 What is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism?
 Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?
 What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?
- I. A Sacrament is—
 1. 'A sign ordained by CHRIST HIMSELF'—'of grace given unto us' (Judges vi. 36-40).
 2. 'A means whereby we receive the same grace' (Deut. xxxiv. 9).
 3. 'A pledge to assure us' that we have received that grace (Numbers xvii. 8).
- II. The Incarnation is the great Sacrament (or 'Mystery' 1 Timothy iii. 16), for there can be no union between God and man except through HIM WHO IS BORN.
- III. The Sacramental chain is as follows:—
 God is in CHRIST—CHRIST is in HIS SACRAMENTS—HIS SACRAMENTS are in us. ∴ God is in us.
- B. 1st. *The Collect*.—We partake of the Sacrifice of CHRIST through HIS SACRAMENTS. We follow the Example of CHRIST with HIS SACRAMENTS.
The Epistle—states the grace of Baptism—'We being dead to sins, live unto righteousness.'
The Gospel—tells of the Death of the GOOD SHEPHERD, which is shown forth in Holy Communion.
- 2nd. *The First Lessons*.—
 Morning—Numbers xx. 8. 'The Rod of the Lord'
 Evening—Numbers xxi. 9. 'The Serpent of Brass' } Sacramental types.
 Evening—Numbers xxi. 14-16. 'The Wars of the Lord'
- C. Your interest in the Sacraments.
 First.—Believe in the reality of Sacramental Grace—which you can neither see nor understand.—
 (Hebrews xi. 1; Rom. xi. 33, &c.)
 Second.—Ask for explanations of Sacramental Truth from any one wiser than yourself (Acts viii. 31).
 Third.—Hand on your Sacramental Knowledge to others still ignorant (S. Luke i. 3, 4).

