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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

March 15th.—5 SUNDAY IN LENT.

Morning.—Exod. 3.

Evening.—Exod. 5, or 6, to v. 14 1 Cor. 7: 25

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CATHOLICIZATION OF THE SECTS.—While the tendency of sectarian thought has been towards latitudinarianism, sceptical and infidel conclusions, there is a current very perceptible in the opposite direction. Dr. Briggs, of the "Union Theological Seminary," lately attacked Bibliolatry, and pronounced in favour not only of the Church, Reason and Tradition, but of the theory of "progressive sanctification after death"—that is the Catholic view of the intermediate state.

"THE ROSICRUCIAN MASK" is a pretty name which a certain Wigston attaches to poor William Shakespeare, in a book dedicated to Ignatius Donnelly, and devoted to a corroboration of Donnelly's "cypher" craze. It is curious that any Englishman should be found to take up such a fad seriously. He winds up with the certain conclusion that "Rosicrucians are at the bottom of the mystery." The London Times comments on this: "We dare say they are, and are quite content to leave them there."

MORE SPACE.—Having now secured—after many years' experience of vicissitude—two most necessary elements of success, viz (1) a large circulation, and (2) a reliable Editorial staff, we have only one more desideratum—which will come in time—more room for the large amount of matter with which we are supplied. We are constantly pained to have to curtail our news columns, and reject valuable contributions. More space, however, means more money, and we cannot make one dollar per annum go any further!

IRREGULARITY.—A leading article in the Church Quarterly Review deals exhaustingly with the argument from "historical instances" of irregularity,

making it clear that although some Anglican Bishops and Doctors, in an epoch of confusion and tribulation, may have expressed private opinions in that direction, yet none of them ever pretended that the Church (speaking and acting by the Ordinal) has authoritatively justified such opinions. This is the uniform testimony of Conformists, Nonconformists, and Separatists.

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS.—It is a standing disgrace to the authorities of the Church—Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, as well as to Church people,—that the duty of taking some Church newspaper is not more generally taught and recognized. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc., take their religious papers as regularly as they go to worship every week. It is difficult to find a dissenting family without this supply of current literature, whereas with Church families it is the exception; they are allowed to go on blindly groping without the light of cotemporary thought and news.

"SCIENTIFIC THEOLOGY" is the dignified title given to the childish policy of explaining many things supernatural, and finding excuses for disbelieving what we don't choose to believe. It is, in fact, the spirit of "Heresy" animating conceited and rebellious minds, such as Shelley, MacQueary, Bradlaugh, Ingersoll—all varying types of the same school of sceptics. Their science? consists in a collection of "probably," "we may suppose," "many scientists believe that," "would naturally"—and winds up its irrational dreamings with "therefore we know!"

"SLUMMING IT AND LIVING IT.—The practice of "slumming" became, for a while, a kind of fashionable amusement for Londoners: a hasty peep into the real life of the poorer classes, with the ostensible object of charity. Very different is the experiment of those actual settlements of Oxford and Cambridge men in such places as Shoreditch and its vicinity, where bands of laymen—what individual clergymen have always been doing—live right among the people they seek to help, learning their ways and woes.

HEREDITY, EVOLUTION, AND EDUCATION.—Science, unconsciously interpreting the Commandment, shows a tendency in nature to carry on evil and disease to the 3rd and 4th generations, seldom to the 5th, and that then there is a reversal to the original status or type of good and health. The converse is true also—that which is good continues so until corrupted. Evolution works by two lines or factors—heredity, which tends to permanence; and environment, which produces variations. It is the duty or province of education to "draw out" the good points and repress or eradicate the bad.

"BISHOP" OR "PRESBYTER."—Those primitive Christians who gave up calling their first Order of the Ministry "Apostles" and took to giving them the distinctive title of "Bishops"—formerly given to Presbyters—did not know what a puzzle they were providing for the readers of the Toronto Mail through the sword-crossing letters of such controversial giants as the genial Dr. Burns, of Hamilton, and the gentle Dr. Langtry, of Toronto. Better to have kept to the old nomenclature, and call our Bishops "Apostles" still—rather than this "thusness."

BOWDLERIZED VERSIONS.—The industry which Thomas Bowdler has exercised in producing emasculated or deodorized editions of Shakespeare, Gibbon, etc., has probably not been appreciated as he could wish. He has, however, found many imitations—especially in the field of biography—whereby real characters are presented to the public in fictitious garb—all their vices and defects left out. The gain after all is a doubtful one. The Bible has so far escaped—very narrowly: though it has been "lynched" and "rossed."

PRINCIPAL GRANT AND SINGLE TAX.—The able lecture at Trinity College of this eloquent and learned professor has laid him open to a vigorous rejoinder not only from Father Huntington, but from the Toronto Single Tax Association. They question "whether" his address has added to the respect for Christianity, or has it aided to intensify the feeling of hostility and contempt with which unfortunately so many of the toiling classes regard the Christian Ministry, "because" he is a religious teacher and his address was delivered under the auspices of a religious institution, and yet, says Single Tax, is immoral.

FROM RUSSIA TO INDIA.—The extreme pressure of Russian discrimination against the Jews is having the effect of driving them in a constant stream to the Holy Land, where they are restoring by force of numbers the Hebrew language as the vernacular of that country, and settling down to agriculture as their chosen occupation. As there are five millions of Jews in Russia, Palestine may very soon be well filled with the ancient people in the homes of their expatriated forefathers. They are unanimous in the feeling that "the last times" have come.

A JEWISH EARLY SERVICE.—The Jewish Chronicle gives an interesting account of a peculiar custom among the Jews of Surinam. Israelites there get up to Serichoth on the morning of the eve of Kippur at 8.30 a.m., "while it is yet dark . . ." At five it finishes, and everyone walks from the synagogue to the burial ground. It was a very impressive sight. In the early morn could be seen on all sides a father, son, or brother, each with his book reciting the prayer for the dead, at the shrine of some loved one. The grounds are kept in good order, so are the synagogues and enclosures. The poor are liberally supported, and everything redounds to Israel's honour.

FOR BACCHUS A SOVEREIGN, HALF A CROWN FOR CHRIST.—Such seems to be the verdict of English conscience as indicated by the "Drink Bill" for 1890—1891 million pounds spent in spirits, wines, beer, etc. Expenditure for all religious and benevolent purposes was about one-eighth of that sum. If furnished for five years, that bill would pay the whole national debt. It represents about one twelfth of the gross incomes of the 40 million people in the United Kingdom. They spend four or five times as much on their drinks as they put in the savings banks. And what is the good of it all?

ANTI-SOCIALISM.—Leonard Courtney, M.P., has been lecturing in London on "The Difficulties of Socialism," and advocates a growth in existing temperance, prudence, and sympathy, as the cure-all. He winds up his oration as follows, accord-