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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

- June 5...WHITSUN DAY:
 Morning...Deut. 10, 1 & 17. 1 Kings 8, v 1-18.
 Proper Psalms: 18, 68. Athanasian Creed. Pr.
 Preface in Com. Serv. until 11th inclusive.
 Evening...Isaiah 11; or Galatians 5, v 16; or
 Ezekiel 36, v 25. Acts 18, 21, to 19, 21.
 Proper Psalms: 107, 145.
- 6...MONDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK:
 Morning...Genesis 11, to 19. 1 Corinth. 12, to 14.
 Evening...Numb. 11, 16 to 21. 1 Cor. 12, 27, & 13.
- 7...TUESDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK:
 Morning...Joel 2, v 21. 1 Thess. 5, v 12 to 21.
 Evening...Micah 4, to v 8. 1 John 4, to v 14.
- 11...SAINT BARBARA, Apostle and Martyr:
 Morning...Deuteronomy 33, to v 12. Acts 4, v 31
 Evening...Nahum 1. Acts 14, v 8.
- 12...TRINITY SUNDAY:
 Morning...Isaiah 6, to v 11. Revelation 1, to 9.
 Athanasian Creed. Pr. Pref. in Com. Service.
 Evening...Genesis 18; or Ephesians 4, to v 17;
 Gen. 1 & 2 to 1. or St. Matthew 3.
- 19...FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:
 Morning...Joshua 3, v 7 to 4, 15. Acts 3.
 Evening...Joshua 5, v 13 to 6, 21; or 24. 1 St.
- 20...THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION:
 Morning...Joshua 1, to v 13. 1 Peter 4, v 7.
 Proper Psalms: 29, 21, 191.
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- 21...SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY:
 Morning...Malachi 3, to v 7. St. Matthew 3.
 Athanasian Creed to be used.
 Evening...Malachi 4. St. Matthew 14, to v 13.
- 26...SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:
 Morning...Judges 4. Acts 7, v 35 to 8, 5.
 Evening...Judges 5; or 6, v 11. 1 John 2 to v 15.
- 29...SAINT PETER, Apostle and Martyr:
 Morning...Ezekiel 3, 4 to 15. St. John 21, 15 to 23.
 Evening...Zechariah 3. Acts 4, v 8 to 23.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1881.

MR. J. D. Scott, recently the Wesleyan preacher at Nassington and Elton, is studying for Holy Orders at the Chancellor's college, Lincoln.

The Rector of Highampton, Devon, the Rev. M. Brown, has returned twelve per cent. on all the tithes of the parish. The Rev. John Allott has returned twenty per cent. to his tenants of South Kirkby and Elmsall.

A marble bust of the late Sir Rowland Hill has been unveiled at Westminster Abbey. It is placed in the chapel of St. Paul, and bears the inscription:—"Underneath is interred Sir Rowland Hill. Born December 3, 1795, died August 27, 1879. Originator of the Penny Postal System."

The Bishop of Derry brought the dedication festival of St. John's, Red Lion square, to a close by preaching there on the 13th ultimo. Although surrounded by Board schools, the schools of this parish actually need enlarging. The number of children on the books in November last was 628; and it is proposed to secure additional accommodation for 210 scholars.

The Panama canal works are being proceeded with. A broad road connects the two oceans, and from the surveys made the construction of the canal is expected to be a comparatively easy matter.

At the reopening of Eakring church, Notts, the Bishop of Lincoln said that after inducting the Rev. Pelham Dale to a living in his diocese, he had communicated with the Bishop of London, who approved of what he had done. Archdeacon Kaye had resigned his post on account of a mistaken impression.

The chancel of Oving church, near Chichester, a fine structure of the thirteenth century, has been restored by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who possess the rectorial tithes. It was reopened on Easter-day. The windows have been presented by various donors as memorials of persons buried in the churchyard, or who have been connected with the parish.

We are glad to learn that in the diocese of Niagara there is life and reality in the office of Canon, which it would be well for other dioceses to give to that name. The canons there, with the rural-deans, form a council to advise with the bishop. They have also a connection with the cathedral church in the way of preaching occasionally; and the bishop is endeavouring to enlarge and define their functions still more.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy having drawn up and forwarded to the Premier a declaration on the Land Bill, stating that they recognize an honest and statesmanlike purpose, but that no less than eighteen alterations are necessary to effect a permanent and satisfactory settlement of the land question. The Premier has replied that he cannot hold out the expectation of acceding to any changes which would give the bill a new character.

As one testimonial to the late Earl of Beaconsfield it is proposed to complete and beautify the church in which he was buried. An east window will be erected to his memory by his friends Lord Rowton, Sir Nathaniel M. de Rothschild, and Sir Philip Rose. The remaining five windows in the nave will be filled with stained glass. The organ is to be enlarged, the interior decorated, a handsome spire erected and a peal of bells completed. The ancient almshouses will be restored, and a cenotaph erected over the remains of the late earl and his wife.

An influential meeting has been held in the parish National schools, Lewisham, for the purpose of promoting the building of a new church, which shall be free, open, and unappropriated. Earl Nelson mentioned that while St. Stephen's is seated for 784 persons, there were no fewer than 884 communicants on Easter-day. The need of further church accommodation was rendered greater by the rapid progress of building in the district. The Rochester Diocesan Society has made a grant to the much-needed missions. With so many facts of this kind, who will have the hardihood to assert that the Church is making no progress?

A lady has been appointed churchwarden for the parish of Bedford, of which Canon Trevor is Rector.

The Archbishop of York will read a paper on Secularism, at the Newcastle meeting of the Church Congress.

The Rev. J. Hazard Hartzell, the recent pastor of the Church of the Messiah, Buffalo, has renounced Universalism, and come into the Church. He was confirmed on Sunday last at St. Paul's church, Syracuse, and has become a candidate for Holy Orders.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the working and constitution of the Ecclesiastical Courts consists of the two archbishops, three bishops, six clergy, six lawyers, and eight laymen. It is remarked that "in a multitude of counsellors there should be wisdom."

The arrangement made with the Boers of the Transvaal have not produced wholly satisfactory results. Some of them still clamour for complete independence and the retention of the whole of their territory; and an ominous reluctance has been shown to restore the guns which were obtained by the capitulation of Potchefstroom. The natives, on their side, manifest so strong an opposition to the resumption of Dutch rule that there is great probability of their appealing to arms; so that the commission about to sit at Newcastle will have some difficult work to do.

The death is announced of Archdeacon Cleugh, at the ripe age of eighty-seven. He officiated as Government chaplain in the Governor's palace, in Malta in 1821, and afterwards till, through the bounty of Queen Adelaide, who spent the winter of 1839 in Malta, and at her own expense built the church of St. Paul, afterwards called a cathedral. In 1867 Mr. Cleugh was appointed Archdeacon by Dr. Trower, the second Bishop of Gibraltar. He was an invaluable friend and counsellor to the four prelates under whom he served. He was held in the highest esteem by the entire Maltese population. All classes admired his uprightness of life, his kindness of nature, and the fidelity with which he discharged the duties and upheld the dignity of his office. Only a few days before he died he helped in the service of St. Paul's church.

As a proof of the sincerity of the Chinese Government in wishing to stop the traffic in opium, it is stated that they had offered to surrender the import tax, amounting to about a million and a half sterling per annum, if England would consent to stop the importation of the drug from India. It is affirmed that five hundred thousand people die prematurely every year in China from the use of opium. All the better class of society there are of our mind, that they would make any sacrifice to stop the spread of the terrible poison among the people; and the aged Emperor, we are told, wept like a child because he saw his people suffering from the terrible danger which the English were forcing upon them. The opium trade greatly interferes with missionary work, injuriously affects the character of England abroad, and brings a stigma upon our religion.