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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

April 3rd.—SUNDAY IN LENT.

Morning.—Exod. 3. Luke 6. 2.

Evening.—Exod. 5. or 6 to v. 14. 2 Cor. 7. 2.

## ANALYSIS OF WEALTH AND POVERTY IN LONDON.

This has been very carefully gone over by Charles Booth (not the "General"), and he finds that out of over four millions or so, two millions enjoy solid comfort, another million are poor, over half-a-million are independent, half-a-million are very poor, and only 37,000 are loafers, etc.

"A PREACHER'S CALL," says Toronto's Spurgeon, "is generally very loud and clear when he is called from a weak church to a strong one; from a salary of \$1,000 to one of \$4,000; and, forsooth, they nearly all tell us they are guided by the Holy Spirit." They are rather "guiding the Spirit," the Doctor says—he ought to know!

"VIVE LE VRAI PACTRE" was the cry which greeted the Gallican apostle from the workmen of Lyons on occasion of a recent lecture delivered by him there. In fact, his progress throughout France has been one long "ovation," and has inspired the strongest hopes of successful resistance being made at last to Ultramontane intrigues.

"KEEP THE FLAG FLYING" is, as we learn from *St. Andrew's Cross*, one of the characteristic watchwords of the Brotherhood, and is applicable to the case of a vacant rectorship, wherein the Brothers of *St. Andrew* take up the work, and—with the assistance of a priest occasionally—manage to maintain the services, until the new rector appears.

EVEN THE BIBLE SOCIETY—with its almost universal religious patronage, is suffering from failure of funds. The C.M.S., the S.P.G. and the Universities' Central African Mission are all complaining of decrease in their recent returns, as compared with last year. Opinion is divided as to whether most of this depletion is due to La Grippe, or Le General—Booth.

WELSH SERVICE EXTRAORDINARY.—On *St. David's Eve* the great Cathedral of *St. Paul's*, London,

was filled with 10,000 people at the Welsh Evensong. There was a Welsh choir of 200 voices and the music was as hearty and sweet as it was congregational. The preacher was Archdeacon Howell, and the offerings were for *St. David's Church building fund* in Paddington.

"DON'T MAKE TOO MUCH FUSS OVER THEM," is one of the maxims in force in *St. James' Church*, Chicago, where the attendance of young men has become phenomenal, owing to the ready tact with which the *St. Andrew's* picket of *videttes* receive, welcome and make easy and comfortable any newcomer who may happen to appear among them. Too much "fuss" repels people.

A GOOD CATHEDRAL "SCHEME" is that for the *New York Cathedral*. The idea is to amass contributions to such an extent as to furnish capital for an income of \$200,000 per annum; the capital—when the building is completed by the expenditure of this \$200,000 per annum—to become a permanent endowment for all time, with income for Cathedral-staff and services. A wise scheme!

"THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE WORLD" is claimed, by a writer in *March Blackwood's*, to be the "Church of the Nativity" at Bethlehem, Judea, supposed to have been founded by the Empress Helena in 327—at least the nave and aisles of the present building. It is characterized by four ranges of monolithic columns, which suggested a connection with Herod's temple. The roof is of *English oak*, presented by Edward IV.

PERE HYACINTHE AND CHURCH UNION.—The "evangelical Protestants" of France—apparently encouraged by a recent statement by Prof. Raoul Allier, of the University of Paris—have recently addressed to the *Pere* a proposition for union with his "Gallican" effort. He considered their proposition premature, but cordially invited them to a conference with him. He has denounced the "electoral programme" of the Cardinals.

CHURCH POPULATION IN GREAT BRITAIN amounts to fifteen millions out of twenty-six millions, the Roman Catholics having only two millions and various Protestant and other dissenters about nine millions more among them. Of the last class ("dissenters") the Wesleyan Methodists stand highest in number; Independents next, and Baptists next; but none of them can compare with the great national and historical Church of the realm.

TYSON'S "BOB OR TWO."—A collector for the *Brisbane Cathedral* met the sort of rebuff that collectors so often get—"go to the rich people, we can't afford it." One of these, however, got nicely caught, when he promised to give "as much as Jimmy Tyson"—a rich man who had not yet distinguished himself by being liberal. Jimmy, when he heard the tale, saw the humour of the situation and gave a cheque for £5,000—calling it a "bob or two."

THE NEW ROMAN CREED, formulated by Trent in 1564 and the Councils of 1854 and 1870, has so changed, for the worse, the heretical condition and schismatical attitude of the Roman Communion—already bad enough in the sixteenth century—that the idea of anything like re-union or inter-communion with Rome is indefinitely postponed. Even their Episcopate is of doubtful validity. It

would be much easier to rehabilitate many a Protestant sect.

DAKOTA CATHEDRAL CAR receives special notice in an illustrated article of the *S.P.G. Mission Field* for March. The engravings of the Bishop, together with outside and inside views of the "Cathedral on wheels," serve to give a look of reality to this romance of Episcopal ventures—called by a member of one of its congregations, "the biggest show yet." The car is sixty feet long, has chancel, altar, lectern, font, organ, vestry and seats for eighty worshippers.

"RELIGIOUS" (?) CRAZES.—"When the folly and enthusiasm of a certain number of people on any given subject, sublime or ridiculous, be sufficient, a leader will naturally appear and proclaim his appointment to be of the Holy Spirit . . . Intelligence and piety are no better qualification for such a position than ignorance and courage—one with plenty of brass is most likely to get the place and the most gold." So says a religious "prophet" of great experience.

ROME FOLLOWING THE ANGLICAN LEAD.—The success of the Church of England in attracting people has occasioned a good deal of imitation of her by the Roman Church: they think Anglican surpliced choirs, vernacular Evensong, &c., worth copying. The *Rock* notes, as a fresh instance, the recent "Lent dispensation from fasting" issued by the Pope's Cardinal-Vicar six weeks after Church of England Bishops had taken the same step on account of the weakness caused by La Grippe.

CANADIAN ANTIQUITIES.—We learn from an article by James Dean in the *American Antiquarian*, that the remarkable cairns in British Columbia—remarkably similar to those of Devonshire and Scotland—have been investigated and ascertained to be burying places or tombs of vast antiquity, characterized by the large "stone circles" seen elsewhere. So old are they that fifty feet of change in ocean level has been noted as having taken place since they were constructed.

"A PROTRACTED SERVICE" indeed was reported from British Columbia, on the occasion of the conversion of Sheuskah of the Kitkatla tribe. It lasted for seven and a half hours, and was inaugurated by the Chief's confession of conversion, succeeded by his imperative call to prayer. The prayer was a long time silent, then some one began to pray audibly, then another recited a verse of a hymn, then some Scripture. By the close, the whole tribe had followed their Chief's example.

"LIED BY THE SPIRIT" is the claim of "Prince Michael," the latest addition to the category of American religious sensations. Dr. Wild, of Toronto, who seems to be a competent authority on this class of sensations, points out that the claim is the common one—"a valuable and precious doctrine of Divine guidance . . . at the same time a very dangerous one." It does not occur to most people that this guidance is promised to the Church collectively—not the mere individual.

"NECESSARY WHERE IT MAY BE HAD" is the refrain of a very remarkable sermon by which Archdeacon Sinclair distinguished himself in *St.*