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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

December 7.—2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Morning.—Isa. 5. 1 John 1. Evening.—Isa. 11 to v. 11; or 24. John 16 to v. 16.

THE Guardian of August reports that at the funeral of an aged lady at Woolwich, Kent, her seven sons, all clergymen of the Church of England, were present.

THE Archbishop of York continues to make progress towards recovery, and is now able to take outdoor exercise in the vicinity of Bishopsthorpe. He is, however, still forbidden by his medical advisers to undertake any public engagement.

At the meeting of the trustees of Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, recently, Henry W. Sage added \$200,000 to his previous gift of \$60,000 for the establishment of a department of philosophy. This makes Mr. Sage's gifts to the university now aggregate over \$1,000,000.

THE Guardian is informed on authority that Bishop Barry's connection with the Diocese of Rochester having depended entirely on a personal arrangement with the present Bishop, will necessarily terminate, on his resignation of the see, shortly after the beginning of next year.

On Saturday, the Earl of Mount Edgecombe, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, presented Archdeacon Cornish with a purse of £400, and an address from the clergy and laity of the diocese, referring to his "invaluable services," and expressing thankfulness that he had refused the Bishopric of Dover. On Sunday the third anniversary of the consecration of Truro Cathedral was duly commemorated.

THE death is announced, in his 82nd year, of the Rev. George Henry Whitaker, M.A., Rector of Garforth, near Leeds, for the last fifty-six years, and one of the oldest clergymen in the Diocese of Ripon. The deceased was a kinsman of the well-known antiquarian and historian, Dr. T. D. Whitaker, and was presented to Garforth Rectory in the year of his ordination (1884).

The Antiquity and Continuity of the Church of England.—A sharp controversy on this subject has been proceeding for some weeks in the Montreal Star between the Reverend Dr. Williams, President of the Methodist General Conference, and the Reverend Dr. Langtry, Prolocutor of the Provincial Synod of Canada. It is needless to say that the discussion is not turning out to the glory and honour of the Methodist champion. He began the attack, and we have never read such a crushing and humiliating overthrow as he has met with.

Examples Teach.—At the Derry Synod the Bishop made special mention of a Toronto Churchman, Mr. Joseph Katerson, who had sent to his native parish for an organ £180, and towards its further needful endowment £100. The Bishop also stated that an American evangelical layman was so pleased with what he saw in the cathedral and neighbourhood, that he placed in the Bishop's hands £40 for church purposes. Another gentleman, formerly of Derry, paid the Dean £100, and promised £50 more, besides £50 a year for life, in token of his delight with the services of the cathedral. Let us hope that S. Alban's may receive such favours in abundance.

Sound Sense.—There is some very sound sense in this, which the Pacific Clipper has to say about the make-up and character of a newspaper. We recommend it to our readers: "It is worth remembering that no newspaper is printed especially for one person. People who become greatly displeased with something they find in a newspaper, should remember that the very thing that displeases them is exactly the thing that will most please somebody that has just as much interest in the paper as they have, It takes all kinds of people to make a world, we are told, and the patrons of a newspaper are made up of the elements of the world.

Socialism.—The Bishop of / Wakefield, Dr. Walsham How, said the more he thought upon the subject of socialism the more he dreaded talking about it, for fear of saying foolish, ill-considered or ignorant things. For it was a tremendous subject, and one on which one ought to speak with diffidence and caution. It appeared to him that one great fault was that the end was seized upon and exalted, and that the means necessary for accomplishing the end was very imperfectly considered. If we were to have anything like the conditions which socialists pictured, there must be an amazing growth of all manner of high moral qualities, and a strange increase in self-restraint, patience, prudence, love. Surely the Church had a great work to do in inculcating these, and in teaching them with more persistence.

To Contributors.—We are greatly obliged to our many friends who have sent us articles for publication. We must, however, ask some of them to bear in mind two facts: first, our space is limited; secondly, our readers' time is limited. We cannot publish articles that would fill five or six columns, and if we did, not one person in a hundred into whose hands the paper may come, would read them. We want bright, short articles of half or three-quarters of a column in length. Papers read at clerical or ruri-decanal meetings

are almost without exception, too long and too weighty for the reading public. If our friends would kindly condense papers read on such occasions into the space of half or three-quarters of a column, they would greatly oblige us, and do a good work for the Church.

ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN ON GLADSTONE. The Archbishop of Dublin, in his diocesan synod, made a vigorous reply to the speech of Mr. Gladstone at West Calder, in his reference to the Church of Ireland. "He speaks," said His Grace, "of the Disestablishment of our Church in these terms: He said that the Established Church of Ireland, the Church of all the peers and all the esquires, and none of the people, was thrown to the dogs. Well, that the Establishment has been thrown to the dogs, I do not deny, and a very rapacious pack it was that devoured it. My opinion is that, having tasted so dainty a morsel, they are not satisfied with the feast, but are going on somewhat upon the expectation that there are some other establishments, perhaps, that may be thrown to the dogs. But what I do take exception to is where he describes our Church, and I think I have shown that our Church cannot be fairly stigmatized as a Church merely of landlords and squires, but that it is in very truth also the Church of a very considerable portion of the people of this land. I say, with regard to the West Calder speech, that if he has not been guilty of a breach of good manners, he has been unconsciously guilty of something worse than that: he has inadvertently been guilty of a violation of truth."

THE PROPOSED ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.—A generous Australian, who has already done much to promote the exploration of the Southern Continent, has offered to contribute £5,000 towards the proposed Antarctic Expedition, provided it is got up and equipped on an adequate scale. He has a strong hope that the various Australian Governments will come forward and share in the enterprise, and he does not think it would be expecting too much that the home Government should also vote a sum for the very desirable object. The gentleman in question, who does not wish his name to appear at present, has very sound ideas as to what ought to be the equipment of an Antarctic expedition, if it is to have any chance of doing good work. He is confident that little can be accomplished with so small a sum as £10,000, and he quite disapproves of the proposal to combine commercial inquiries with scientific investigation. He is confident that in this, as in so many other cases, the interests of commerce will best be served by giving at first exclusive attention to the collection of data which will be useful to science. It is to be hoped that these views will prevail, and that a few more of our Australian millionaires will be convinced that such an expedition as is proposed will be to the honour and the profit of their country, and follow their fellow-colonist's example.

AMERICAN CHURCH CONGRESS.—A Congress intended for the whole Church in the United States has just been held in Philadelphia. It seems to have been greatly lacking in spirit and intellectual fire, and to have turned out a practical failure. This, it is implied in our American exchanges, is due to the fact that the Congress has fallen under the control of the Broad Church faction, whose