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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

March 19...FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT...
Morning...Genesis 42. St. Mark 14, v 27 to 31.
Evening...Genesis 43. 1 Corinthians 11, v 2
[or 45. [to v 17.

25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY...
Morning...Genesis 3 to v 16. St. Luke 1, v 49.
Benedictus occurs in the Second Lesson.
Evening...Isaiah 52, v 7 to 13. 1 Cor. 15 to v 35.

26 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT...
Morning...Exodus 3. St. Luke 9 to v 21.
Evening...Exodus 5. 1 Corinthians 15, v 35.
[or 6 to v 14.

† Ash Wednesday Collect to be used every day in Lent.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1882.

THE Dean of St. Paul's has accepted the Presidency of the Armenian Education Aid Society.

Comparing the New Revision with the best standards of modern prose writing, it is found that the former contains not less than 7,000 instances of decidedly bad English.

The children's services at Berkeley chapel, Mayfair, recommenced for the present season on Sunday afternoon, the 12th ult. Among the congregation were the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales; the Duke of Edinburgh and his children, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, with their children.

The diocese of London is now coextensive with the county of Middlesex, and contains a population of nearly three millions, besides a vast population that has been transferred to the diocese of Rochester and to that of St. Albans. There are now within the city of London only 52,526 souls, for whom there are still sixty churches. Ten city churches have been removed, and twelve others have been erected in poor and populous districts. Grants amounting to £36,850 have been made towards the erection of thirteen other churches in similar districts.

The two Convocations of Canterbury and York have been sitting at the same time. In the York Convocation a proposal to thank the revisers of the New Testament met with little favour, and the subject had to be postponed. The lower House passed a resolution by thirty-eight to eighteen calling upon the bishops to procure the release of Mr. Green. Considerable attention has also been given in the Canterbury Convocation to the same subject; and the bishops stated that they were of opinion that the promoters of the suit against Mr. Green, in resorting to the older and severer process of the writ "de contumace capiendo," have taken a step which was in excess of the requirements of the case, and which has proved injurious to the peace and

welfare of the Church. "And the House, having regard to the serious legal and constitutional difficulties in the case, regrets to feel itself precluded from approaching the Crown with a petition for Mr. Green's release." The lower house had, by an overwhelming majority requested the house of Bishops to petition the Crown for this purpose. The subject of thanks to the revisers of the New Testament translation also came up, but was opposed and abandoned, the President remarking that the mass of people of England were not in favour of abandoning the translation of King James and taking up the New Version.

The Bishops of the two Provinces held their annual meeting at Lambeth on Wednesday, the 8th ult.

Canon Knox-Little delivers an address every Tuesday, except March 28th, in the nave of Manchester cathedral. The Dean delivers an address on Fridays.

It is proposed to raise a special fund in aid of clergymen whose incomes have been affected by the depreciation of the value of their glebes from agricultural depression. The Bishop of Worcester has issued a circular on the subject.

A service of the Church and Stage Guild was held at St. Thomas's, Regent street on Thursday, the 19th ult. The preacher was the Dean of Carlisle, who, as vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton, had joined the society about three years ago. The present number of members is about five hundred, one hundred being clergymen, a hundred and fifty connected with the stage, and the remainder belonging to the general public.

The diocese of Lichfield contains more than a million and a half of people, about one thousand clergy, and an area of 1,700,000 acres, stretching from Sheffield to the borders of Wales. The Earl of Powis has conferred the rectory of Shrawardine-with-Montford, near Shrewsbury, upon the Bishop of Tasmania, with a special view to his taking part in the laborious episcopal work in the diocese of Lichfield. The bishop has presided over his colonial diocese for eighteen years, and has for some time contemplated resignation. He expects to return to England in September.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has sent to the incumbents of his diocese a circular calling attention to the necessity of building, enlarging, and restoring churches, so as to meet the growing wants of the age; also to the need of additional curates when the population has outgrown the power of the existing clergy; and the desirability of aids to maintain a religious standard of education in the national schools.

The death is announced of the Rev. William Cecil, at the age of ninety, and of the Rev. Joshua W. Brooks, rector of Great Pouton and Prebendary of Lincoln, at the still greater age of ninety-two. Both these clergymen were among the very few survivors of what may be called the second generation of the old "Evangelical party," the immediate successors of Thomas Scott, John Venn,

and John Newton. For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Brooks was vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham; where, unlike so many of his "party," he laboured zealously in the cause of the Church, and was the leading power in all religious works in the town.

The restoration of Upholland church, near Wigan, has been commenced. The works are to cost £3,500.

The Rev. Canon Gimlette, D.D., died at the vicarage, Dunmore East about the middle of last month. He is described as a good servant to the Church. He worked with great energy and success in parochial and diocesan matters; and his private life was marked by genuine piety and goodness of heart.

Middle and Western Europe have been enjoying a winter of unusual mildness, while Greece has been experiencing one of extraordinary rigor. In the village of Cephissia at the foot of the Pentelicon, only a few miles from Athens, the snow has been lying for some days six feet deep. In Athens the streets have been blocked with snow.

The annual meeting of the Church of Ireland Temperance Society was held in Dublin on the 17th ult. The Archbishop of Dublin presided, and explained that the meeting was held unusually early, in order to rouse public feeling on the subject; with the purpose not of exacting pledges, but of bringing pressure to bear on members of Parliament to support the Sunday Closing Act.

The Mansion House Jewish Committee Fund amounted on the 20th ult. to £50,365. A ladies' committee, with Viscountess Strangford as president, raises a special fund for distressed Russian Jews. It will be something remarkable for these people to leave Russia and take refuge in Turkey, from outrage and violence. But it is nevertheless a fact that Jews have always been well received in Turkey, and it is recommended that those who desire it should emigrate to Asiatic Turkey.

There appears to be no diminution of murder and outrage of the Jewish race in Russia, attended also with such an amount of wanton cruelty that one would imagine none but the basest and most abandoned fiends would think of perpetrating. The Russian government looks on with perfect calmness and unconcern as if nothing unusual had happened. The brutality of the savages however, surpasses anything known or heard of in these latter ages. It is surely time for the civilized world to interfere.

The Rev. Canon Martin, vicar of St. Breward, died on the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. He was ordained deacon and priest by Bishop Phillpotts and was appointed the first Principal of the Training College at Exeter, which he held with the rectory of St. Pancras in the same city till 1851. In that year the rectory of St. Breward, or as it is better known in Cornwall, Simonward (once domestic brewer to King Arthur), fell vacant, situated in the wildest part of wild Cornwall,—the well known Cornish Tors, Roughtor and Brown Willy, the highest peaks of Cornwall, looking