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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

May 17.—Fourth Sunday after Easter. Morning—Deut. 4, 10-23; John 5, 24. Evening—Deut. 4, 23 to 41 or 5; 1 Tim. 6. May 24.—Fifth Sunday after Easter. Morning—Deut. 6; John 8, 31. Evening—Deut. 9 or 10; Titus 3. May 31.—Sunday after Ascension. Morning—Deut. 30; John 12, 2. Evening—Deut. 34 or Josh. 1; Heb. 7. June 7.—Whitsunday. Morning—Deut. 16 to 18 Rom. 3, 10-18. Evening—Isai. 11 or Ezek. 36, 25; Gal. 5, 16 or Acts 18, 24-19, 21.

Appropriate hymns for Fourth and Fifth Sundays after Easter, compiled by Dr. Albert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other hymnals.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion: 309, 319, 321, 322. Processional: 224, 242, 390, 392. Offertory: 138, 239, 292, 295. Children's Hymns: 233, 329, 333, 336. General Hymns: 220, 240, 260, 261.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Holy Communion: 319, 314, 549, 553. Processional: 4, 36, 217, 219. Offertory: 142, 534, 583, 634. Children's Hymns: 291, 338, 340, 341. General Hymns: 143, 505, 549, 637.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The experiences of life afford us countless illustrations of the peaceful happiness resulting from obedience to the Will of God. Obedience, the result of renunciation and Faith, is but another name for devotion. And devotion means the bringing of our wills into conformity with the Will of God. Now in all our obedience to God we must remember that we are moral, and, therefore, free, agents. The service of God is "perfect freedom." "The truth shall make you free" saith our Lord. Free because we are Sons in the Household of Faith. If then obedience be not a matter of compulsion what are the motives that lead us to conform our wills to God's Will? The Collect for to-

day reminds us of two chief motives. We obey God because we love the things which He commands, and because we desire to enjoy that which He hath promised. Therefore must we pray that, uninfluenced by the world's shifting scenes and changes of principle, our hearts may always be intent upon the love and service of God. Remember how Moses and Joshua, Samuel and all the prophets, pleaded with the Children of Israel to love the ways of God. The message of the Church at all times is, "See that ye love the Commandments of God!" "O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil" (Psalm 97:10). To hate that which is evil, is to love that which is good. Then gather from Scripture how faithful the leaders of Israel were in reminding the people of God's promised blessing. "Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord, your God, hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess" (Deut. 5:33). The same is the message of Holy Church to-day. Does it not follow that in part we manifest our obedience to God by loyal adherence to the Catholic Church. What devotion is there, what joy can there be, on the part of those who "will run here and there for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied" (Ps. 59:15)? The noblest examples of devotion and joy are found among those men and women who render as perfect an obedience to the Church as frail human nature will allow. And why should we obey the Church? Because she has remained steadfast in the faith and practice of the Apostles, to whom Jesus said, "Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." We obey God, we obey His Holy Church, because we love what He commands, we desire to obtain what He promises. And Holy Church is not unmindful of these things.

Parish Church, Kingston, Jamaica.

Our readers will remember the earthquake which wrought such havoc in Jamaica last year, destroying or damaging many of the Church buildings, and causing much loss of life and property. The church to which we refer is the Parish Church of the capital of the island, a church of historic note, and one in which the chief ecclesiastical functions have been held for many years. A determined effort is being made by the Archbishop of Jamaica, the clergy and laity of the parish and their friends and sympathisers to raise funds for the rebuilding of the church. The first estimated cost is £4,000. Of this amount the Archbishop has undertaken to provide £3,000 on condition that £1,000 is raised by the congregation and their friends by the end of the present year, 1908. Already £250 has been paid towards the desired £1,000. And now having made this most creditable start it is but natural that our brethren of Jamaica should turn their faces to their co-workers in the great Church cause in our Dominion of Canada and ask not for sympathy—that we have abundantly given—but for substantial aid. The prominent officials of the Church are the Venerable Archdeacon G. W. Downer, rector of the parish; the Rev. R. J. Ripley, curate and secretary, and A. H. Jones, Esq., treasurer of the Building Fund. Contributions will gladly be received and acknowledged by these gentlemen, whose address is Kingston, Jamaica, West India Islands. It matters not what the size of the individual subscriptions may be, all will be welcomed, the small, as well as the large. Only give quickly!

Canadian Law.

Canada is at present not unlike some opulent, but indiscreet host, who, having offered unstinted hospitality to all who chose to avail themselves of

it, is in the outcome brought face to face with the fact that discretion after all should not be lightly disregarded. The all-too-innocent Doukhobor in the North-West and the all-too-insistent undesirables in other quarters are offering too much copy to the newspapers and are calling for too much attention from the governing and protecting arms of the community. Though Canada is a free country her people are in the main law-abiding. Foreigners who come to live amongst us cannot too early in their residence in their new home become well grounded in the fact that the freedom of our institutions has for its foundation the observance and maintenance of Canadian law. Patiently, yet steadfastly, they must be grounded in the alphabet of our freedom, and they will in time become its intelligent and staunch upholders.

May Twenty-fourth.

This day coming on a Sunday this year ought to be turned to good account by the Church of England. The Church which prays for the Sovereign and Royal family at every service can fitly point to the unsullied record of good Queen Victoria as a striking answer to the Church's persevering prayers. Oftentimes Christians are asked if they can point to a clear answer to prayer. Surely Queen Victoria's life is one.

Fair Play.

It is very gratifying to find the Prince of Wales in a public speech referring to the coming meeting of the Bishops in England as a new means of intercourse and interchange of thought between the members of the Anglican Church throughout the Empire in the coming Pan-Anglican Congress, the members whereof will be given a hearty welcome throughout the country. We trust this is the turning of the tide, for truth to tell the ordinary newspapers and still more the cable despatches have been disappointing. Not only is prominence given to every saying or doing of other religious bodies, and our own domestic disputes are so coloured that an outsider would think that the old Church was the worn out, disliked institution which could not be got rid of too soon to please the nation. But the Church, like the Englishman in Canada, still lives and has a sturdy growth.

Country and City.

One never to be forgotten advantage of the country over the city is health. One has but to look during a gathering of city and country delegates, whether clerical or laymen or women at our annual Synod meetings, at the ruddy faces and sturdy forms of the men and women from the country to realize this fact. In longing for what are called the refinements and conveniences of city life people who live in the country are apt to overlook some of the inestimable benefits of their own life. Health—what can atone for the loss of it? Of what advantage are the so-called refinements and conveniences of the crowded city in comparison with the loss of it. Granted that, there are attractions in the city that are lacking in the country. There are on the other hand solid and substantial advantages in the country and by no means the least of them is health.

Teaching by Observation.

We see that the old-fashion of teaching by observation is being revived in a new form. The head master of a L.C.C. School in Kentish Town Road, London, has taken fifty boys on an eight days' educational excursion to the Isle of Wight. The programme was sixty pages long, illustrated with maps and drawings and crammed full of information. In the old days the dominie would take the pupils walks by the sea shore or the