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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

February 24.—St. Matthias.
 Morning—1 Sam. 2:27—36; Mark 1:21.
 Evening—Isai. 22:15; Rom. 8:1—18.

March 2.—4 Sunday in Lent.
 Morning—Gen. 42; Mark 5:21.
 Evening—Gen. 43 or 45; Rom. 11:25.

March 9.—5 Sunday in Lent.
 Morning—Exod. 3; Mark 9:2—30.
 Evening—Exod. 5 or 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:26 and 2.

Appropriate hymns for Third and Fourth Sundays in Lent, 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 the New Hymn Book, many of which are to be found in other hymnals.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 242, 255, 263, 515.
 Processional: 314, 318, 623, 654.
 Offertory: 114, 421, 503.
 Children: 509, 722, 723, 731.
 General: 117, 496, 560, 608.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 253, 258, 262, 407.
 Processional: 386, 478, 567, 630.
 Offertory: 118, 120, 500, 644.
 Children: 695, 699, 700, 753.
 General: 112, 122, 411, 782.

The Outlook

The Antarctic Expedition

The whole world has been thrilled with the news of the tragic end of Captain Scott and his four companions on their return from the exploration of the South Pole. While our hearts go out in deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives, we all rejoice at this fresh testimony to magnificent endurance amid awful privations and the proof afforded of noble character in circumstances of supreme testing. The words of the "Mail and Empire" express this in fitting language:—

"What a record of manhood—supermanhood would seem the better word—is that last letter of Captain Scott's, written with fingers made numb by starvation, cold and exhaustion, written as he was sinking to his death on that field of awful desolation! Of his intrepidity, his spirit of self-sacrifice, and his steadfastness under crushing reverses and the bitterest of disappointments the world already knew. But the true metal of his noble character never came through a test more searching and more approving than this last supreme one, wherein, putting aside his own agonies of mind and body, he expressed regret at the breaking down of his well-laid plans, lamented the fate of comrades and praised their manfulness, and commended the families of the expedition to the kindness of the British public. How scrupulous the brave man was to render testimony to the success of the rival who had anticipated his own achievement."

And now that both North and South Poles have been reached we would make our own the words of the Toronto "Globe" by saying that we hope no further Government assistance will be given to expeditions which cannot add appreciably to our knowledge of the conditions of those latitudes. The toll of life has been terribly heavy, and the value is surely not commensurate. The day may come when aeroplanes will be able to go over these regions. Till then let us be content with what has been achieved.

Reclaiming the Bad Boy

"The Government spends more money upon the care of hogs than it does upon the care of delinquent children." This was the startling statement made the other day by Commissioner Starr, of the Toronto Children's Court. He declared that neither the Legislature nor the municipality had come to realize the importance of caring for neglected and dependent children and saving them from a possible career of criminality. The Children's Court is doing a great deal in this respect, and over 90 per cent. of juvenile delinquents last year have "made good." Only one boy has shown a want of tractability, and he finally became amenable to reason under firm but kindly treatment, for the boy is now in a good position, and is even spreading a good influence among his companions by passing on some of the advice he received in the Court. Mr. Starr explained that his Court was more like a school than a Court, and every effort is made to enable children to realize the injury caused to themselves as well as to others by wrong-doing, while everything is done to help them to regain self-respect. It is a great satisfaction to people in general to know how wide is the jurisdiction of the

Children's Court, for it does not deal only with children's offences, but where a child's delinquency is traceable to parental neglect it can bring legal pressure to bear upon the parents. This is surely a work of the very first importance, and calls for sympathetic interest and co-operation.

A Great Step Forward

The first native Indian Bishop has just been consecrated in Calcutta, when Dr. Copleston, the Metropolitan of India, officiated, assisted by ten other Bishops of Indian Sees. The Governor of Bengal and Lady Carmichael were present, and the large congregation included Indians from every part, as well as Singalese from Ceylon and Burmese from Burmah. Canon Sell, the veteran missionary of Madras, preached the sermon, and the new Bishop, Dr. Azariah, commences his work with the prayers and good-will of the entire Anglican Communion. The Bishop of Madras, through whose persistent efforts this splendid step forward has been taken, declared that the event was the most important in the history of the Indian Church since Bishop Middleton landed in Calcutta a century ago, and that all looked forward to it as the beginning of a new era in the Indian Church. At least half of the congregation present at the service were Indian Christians. It has long been felt that after a hundred years of work much more responsibility might well be given to educated and able Indian Christians, and this step will be assuredly fruitful in developing a self-government of the native Christian communities. Those who have had the privilege of meeting Bishop Azariah will specially rejoice in this great event, for he is a man of exceptional capacity.

A Modern Martyr

Under this title the "Spectator" recently called attention to the splendid devotion of Dr. George Turner, who received a Knighthood in the last list of honours. According to the account in the "Times" of Sir George Turner's work for the lepers in South Africa, the honour was the result of the King's own suggestion. After years of hard work in South Africa, during which he discovered a serum and virus with which he stamped out rinderpest, and saved millions of pounds, as well as a great deal of suffering, Dr. Turner then felt led to face the problem of helping lepers at Pretoria, and for three years he laboured without extra pay of any sort, seeing the lepers early in the morning and again in the evening, besides giving to them his entire time for two days in the week. When he returned to England, having reached the age limit, he settled down to the study of leprosy, and about two years ago, one morning when he was shaving, he noticed a white mark on his hand. "It was the stamp of the disease he had set himself to fight." For years the contagion had lain dormant. Paralysis has already deprived him of the use of his left arm, but his spirit is undaunted, and he is determined to spend the rest of his life among lepers, either in the East or in South Africa. There is no disease which has laid so strong a hold on imagination as leprosy, and several noble workers in the mission field, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, have consecrated themselves to the service of those who are afflicted with this terrible scourge. We rejoice in every expression of this spirit of self-sacrifice, and we feel sure that whether in the discovery of a cure or in some other way, such martyrdom will be crowned with the highest possible rewards.

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