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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days,

April 5. – Fifth Sunday in Lent. Morning—Exod. 3; Luke 7, 24. Evening—Exod. 5; or 6, to 14; 2 Cor. 9. April 12. – Sixth Sunday in Lent. Morning—Exod. 9; Mat. 26. Evening—Exod. 10; or 11; Luke 19, 28; or 20, 9 to 21

April 19.—Easter Day. Morning—Exod. 12, to 29; Rev. 1, 10 to 19. Evening—Exod. 12, 29; or 14; John 20, 11 to 19 or Rev. 5. April 26.—First Sunday after Easter. Morning—Num. 16, to 36 18, 17; 1 Cor. 15, 10 29. Evening—Num. 16, 36; or 17, to 12; John 20, 24 to 30.

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Appropriate hymns for Fifth Sunday in Lent and Palm Sunday, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 97, 107, 310, 312. Processional: 96, 200, 261, 281, 306. Offertory: 213, 214, 267, 542. Children's Hymns: 254, 258, 336, 342. General Hymns: 106, 226, 252, 417.

PALM SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 193, 197, 321, 322. Processional: 36, 98, 99, 547. Offertory: 88, 248, 252, 255.

Calvary. And the Church to-day bids us remember that God has mercifully looked upon His People, and that as a result of His goodness and love we are governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul. This is done through Jesus Christ. What then is the present significance of the Lord's unanswered question? First, there is a very necessary connection between the sinlessness of Jesus and the truthfulness (i.e., the absolute character) of His message. His Word is Truth. He is, therefore, a Prophet in whose word we may put the strictest confidence. Then there is also a very necessary connection between the sinlessness of Jesus and the efficacy, the sufficiency of His sacrifice on Calvary. The slightest imperfection would have made that death ineffective. Being convinced of Jesus' perfection we believe in Him as Prophet, we have perfect confidence in Him as our High Priest, and we enroll ourselves in His army knowing that He is an omnipotent King. It is necessary for us to bear in mind the twofold connection noted above. For we need the Truth every step of our way in life. The opposite of Truth is falsehood. And "falsehood in action is sin." For sin involves a false attitude towards God, it involves a false attitude towards neighbours; and it means a continual working up to false climaxes, inasmuch as the sinner never reaps the harvest he expects. How necessary our deliverance from falsehood, from sin. That deliverance is to be procured only in Christ Jesus who hath obtained eternal redemption for us." The Blood of Christ-the Prophet-Priest-purges the consciences of men from dead works. It purifies the thoughts of the heart. It puts love into the words of the mouth. And it leads us to serve the living God. The theology that would rid us of the doctrine of the Atonement, and of all the imagery of expression arising out of that fact, is really getting away from Jesus Christ. God is manifested in Love. The depth of Love is measured by Calvary's Cross. Therefore it is beyond estimation. The Passion of Jesus culminating in the shedding of the Precious Blood convicts us of sin, convinces us of our forgiveness, and leads us to give ourselves to God. Therefore, "Behold, the Lamb of God !"

Amusements in Lent.

Those who truly discern what the aim of the Lenten season should be will not easily be led astray by the lightness and folly of the world about them. Whether we regard Lent in the light of the example of our Lord or through the medium of the rules deduced by the Church from that sacred example and laid down directly or by implication for our guidance we cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that those who cultivate amusements in Lent are doing despite to both the spirit and letter of that solemn and improving season. Those who have the care of children should especially bear this in mind. It is idle for such people to say, "We observe the spirit rather than the letter," and by precept and example to lead their children to look lightly upon the scriptural injunctions regarding Lenten observances. The Christian people without the Church, who seek to cultivate a Lenten spirit and to avail themselves of Lenten observances, are a reproach to those within its pale who disregard its rule.

long run must be relied on. Lord Roberts is continually expressing his alarm. Recently in an address he had no hesitation in saying that it seemed an absolute certainty that some day, if we remained as we were now, the country would be invaded. If we remained undefended before we could put anything in the field the 'enemy would be masters of the situation. Truly, with all this plain speaking the apathy of the young, men, and the apparent impossibility of filling up the volunteers is appalling.

Belgium and the Congo.

Slowly, but surely, Belgium is being forced to see that a great and radical change must take place in her methods and measures in the Congo. One of the most judicious and capable administrators of the affairs of a subject people, Lord Cromer, has recently in the House of Lords made this remarkable and impressive expression of opinion: "I assert without hesitation that never in my experience have I seen or heard of misrule comparable to the abuses that have grown up in the Congo State." Apparently matters have become so bad that the "inevitable" will soon be in order.

Classic Quotations.

We are convinced that the taste for classic quotations has, like that for the old "Falernian," become "a thing of the past. Time was-a century or so ago-when an orator was not of the first class, and a writer was not ranked with the best unless he could garnish his speech, or prose, with the flowers of classic lore. Nowadays we write, or speak, to the people. In this new world to the mass of mankind a classical quotation in a daily or weekly newspaper has not even the attractiveness of "a tinkling cymbal." To the great majority of people it seems out of place. What most people want is the clear and constant use of their own mother tongue. The classics appeal only to the scholar. The man on the street wants good, plain everyday English. We must request our correspondents to avoid using Latin or Greek quotations in their letters to the Churchman. We may say for their information that we have repeatedly had objections to the practice from men of authority and wide learning who are warmly attached to the Churchman. Their reason being, that what is worth writing for our columns should be easily understood by all our readers.

Chasing Butterflies.

It is deplorable what want of care or forethought our civic rulers show for the health of those whose taxes they collect and spend. In Toronto, where the Canadian Churchman is published, for over twenty years the vital need of a main intercepting sewer has been acknowledged and passed by till another year. Regularly new plans are obtained, new engineers consulted, the hopes of the people are raised, and then the plans follow their predecessors to the pigeon hole. Meantime the city has grown immensely and the cesspool on the lake front becomes yearly more foul with filth. Some sultry summer outraged nature will take toll, and then there will be mad haste and waste of money. At present there are hordes of unemployed, but the City Council is too busy to do anything for the main drainage which would employ many of these men.

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

There are two unanswered questions of Jesus Christ which have an important bearing upon our spiritual being. One was addressed to the Father by Jesus when on the Cross,, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" The other was addressed to the Jews, "Which of you convicteth Me of sin?" The silence of the Jews is an eloquent testimony to the sinlessness of Jesus. In this question our Lord establishes His sinlessness, and the significance of this result is seen in the statement made immediately after, "Before Abraham was, I am." When we consider the question and the declaration following it we find that we have here the Lord's claim to Divinity. This is Passion Sunday. We are looking on to

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The Defence of Britain.

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Of recent years the naval power of our Mother Country has been so much applauded that reliance has been unduly placed upon our bulwarks on the deep. In a recent debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith, replying to the fears expressed by Mr. Balfour, enlarged upon our naval strength, even if the whole of the German programme of building were carried out. But there are other navies in the world besides the German, and the defences on land are those which in the

Why Observe Sunday?

The March number of the Lord's Day Advocate reminds us that for 30 years or more the laudable practice of observing the second week after Easter for prayer for the preservation and blessing of the Lord's Day has been growing in favour, and "Lord's Day Week" (as it is called) comes this year, April 26th to May 3rd. This arrangement being in thorough harmony with our Christian year is deserving of our hearty support.

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