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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

July 9...FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—
Morning...1 Samuel 13, to 21. Acts 15 to 30.
Evening...1 Samuel 16, or 17. St. Matt. 4, to 23.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1882.

THE meeting of the Northern Convocation has been adjourned to the 9th of July.

Some expectation is indulged in that the new Revision of the Old Testament will appear in the year 1883.

The death is announced of Miss De Lancey, sister of Bishop De Lancey, late of Western New York, and the last of her generation. Age 80.

The Ecclesiastical Courts Commissioners have concluded the examination of witnesses, and will be occupied for some time in considering the evidence brought before them.

On the 29th ult. the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol consecrated the church of St. Saviour's, Woolcott Park, Bristol, which has been built in the early French style, and cost £5,000.

Twenty years ago the duty on alcoholic beverages in England was in the proportion of fifty-one per cent.: it is now forty-seven per cent., with an increase in population of two millions.

The great bell at St. Paul's has reached its destination in safety, has been successfully swung, and solemnly dedicated to its sacred uses. "Great Paul" measures nine feet six inches in diameter at the base, weighs about seventeen tons, and requires a dozen men to ring it.

The annual meeting of the Royal Naval Scripture Readers' Society was held at the United Service Institution, Whitehall, on the 25th ult. Admiral Fanshawe in the chair. It appears that 141 of Her Majesty's ships carry no chaplain, and the mercantile marine, which employs 358,158 sailors, is for the most part in the same condition.

The Dean of Peterborough (Dr. J. J. S. Perowne), one of the Old Testament Company of revisers, was asked whether he thought the new revision in its present form would ever be accepted as the authorized version of the Church. He replied that he did not think it would be accepted without many touches of the file: the revisers had written for the study and not for the Church.

The first part of a new church which is to cost several thousand pounds was opened at Southbourne-on-Sea, Bournemouth, on Whitsun-Tuesday.

At a meeting held in Truro on Whitsun-Tuesday, it was stated that the subscriptions towards the new Cornish cathedral amount to more than £50,000.

The Bishop of Honolulu preached at St. Sidwell's church, Exeter, on the 28th ult., and gave an interesting account of his mission. A collection was made for his cathedral building fund.

The income of the Church Missionary Society, for the past year was £212,910; that of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, £134,978; Colonial and Continental Church Society £41,599; Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews £37,055; Church of England Zenana Mission £15,614.

The Church Missionary Society reports a better year in Japan than its mission there has hitherto enjoyed. The past year there were ninety-nine baptisms, of which forty-four were of children, indicating an increasing number of Christian families under its influence. The fifty-five adult converts include a Shinto priest and some men of position and influence.

At a Blue Ribbon Army concert at the central hall, Newcastle, on the 3rd ult., Mr. Lambart touched upon the recent appointment of the first Bishop of Newcastle. He was glad that we were to have a "teetotal Bishop," one who appeared to be worthy of the distinguished name he bore, and who had the temperance cause and the good of the working classes generally at heart. They had much to be thankful for in having the promise of a Bishop who was a good and earnest worker.

The Board of managers of the Church Society in the United States for Promoting Christianity among the Jews met in New York on the 18th ult. Provision was made for the appointment of four additional missionaries, and the establishment of two new missionary schools in the South and West. The Society's appeal for offerings on Good Friday, supported by almost all the Bishops, received substantial response from every diocese. The demands of the work however are greater than the present state of the funds can meet.

On Sunday evening, the 4th ult., the annual temperance sermon was preached at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of a congregation which completely filled the nave. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. S. Flood Jones, and the anthem was "As pants the hart" (Mendelssohn's). The Dean of Bangor preached on the words, "Thine eyes have seen the king;" Isaiah vi. 5. After an exposition of the passage, the very reverend gentleman showed how the vice of intemperance interposed between man and the vision of the king, and made an earnest appeal to his hearers to help to emancipate the thousands who were slaves to the evil habit of drunkenness.

The Vice-Principalship of Newnham College, Cambridge, with the charge of the northern hall has been accepted by Miss Helen Gladstone, daughter of the Prime Minister.

A movement is on foot in the House of Commons to place a monument to Lord Frederic Cavendish in St. Margaret's church. It is proposed that the contributions should be limited to one guinea.

The panic in Egypt has increased. Hundreds have been massacred and some interference on the part of the European governments is considered absolutely necessary. It is expected that England will seize both ends of the Suez canal.

We may often commit the greatest mistakes in uniformly connecting the same meaning with the use of a particular word or phrase with which we may happen to be in sympathy. In Prussia, the term "Evangelical," means one who does not believe in the Divinity of our Lord, or in the inspiration of the Bible, but one who has gone off, Protestant-wise, in the direction of rationalism and neology.

Dr. Tristram has given an opinion that the Bishop of Hereford may lawfully consecrate a burial ground, situated in the parish of Barrow, with a view of excluding it from the operation of the Burial Law Amendment Act. The land in question has been conveyed to three trustees, of which the vicar of the parish must be one, as a burial ground, and by the terms of the conveyance burial in the ground is required to be in accordance with the rites of the Church. The ground may be consecrated as a non-parochial burial place with the consent of the clergyman of the parish.

The Bishop of Melbourne, Dr. Moorhouse, was lately asked to draw up a special form of prayer for rain in his diocese; but this he refused to do, because he considers the colony has taken up a pig headed attitude, on "the water question." He advocates a grand national system of irrigation, and as there is no inclination to carry this out, the bishop holds that it would be an idle mockery to go and to appeal to God to alter the course of the seasons when men refuse to adopt means placed within their reach. As to prayers for material wants in general, the right reverend prelate observes that all the lower wants of men are supplied by an all-comprehensive rule, just as the ravens are fed and the lilies are clothed more splendidly than Solomon.

At a meeting of the Society for Church building, the Archbishop of Canterbury remarked: "He perfectly agreed with Earl Nelson that if churches were to be really useful they must be accessible. Into the intricacies of the difficult question respecting pew rents he would not enter, but churches certainly ought to be accessible to the poor, and there should be a readiness on the part of officials to admit them to seats in the churches. He knew that a certain race of persons who were very useful, in their generation, and who had become historical through works of fiction—he meant especially beadle—considered in former times that a church was polluted by the presence of what they regarded as a low set of fellows; but there were only a few