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## LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

April 16...FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER:—  
Morning...Numbers 16 to v 36. 1 Cor. 15 to v 29.  
Evening...Num. 16, v 36, or 17 to 12. St. John 20  
(verse 24 to 30.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1882.

THE foundation stone of the Raikes' Memorial church in Gloucester is to be laid in Easter week.

The Premier has sent a second donation of ten pounds to the Lowder Memorial Fund, after reading "The Life of Charles Lowder."

The great clock of St. Paul's cathedral has been stopped to make preparations for raising the great bell which is to be fixed in the south-west tower.

From the Rev Canon Humes' researches it appears that there are in the diocese of Liverpool 574,795 churchpeople, 194,814 Protestant Dissenters, 288,015 Roman Catholic Dissenters, and 6,689 of unknown religion.

On St. Chad's day, the foundation stone of St. Chad's church, West Coseley was laid by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. The parish of Coseley is in that part of Staffordshire, called "the black country," and its population of about twelve thousand consists almost entirely of colliers and ironworkers.

The death is announced of a man of considerable note in Capetown, Dr. Arnold. He was a German by birth, and was formerly employed by the Church Missionary Society. In process of time he became a good Churchman, and was very successful among the Muhammedans of that colony.

The oldest clergyman in Wales, the Rev. Canon Wynn Williams, has gone to his rest after a short illness. He was ordained in 1821 to the curacy of Caernarvon which he held for eight years. He was afterwards rector of Llangeinwen-cum-Llangaffo, Anglesey. He was Canon of Bangor, and proctor for the Bangor Chapter, and was well known as a Welsh antiquary and writer.

A special and general meeting has been held of the Free and Open Church Association in order to approve the scheme for its incorporation which has now been accomplished. Ample powers have been taken to enable the Association to hold in trust money and other property for the furtherance of its objects and also for the building, maintenance, repair, and endowment of free churches.

Twenty million copies of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" have been sold between 1861, the year of their first publication, and 1880.

The new bell, "Great Paul," for St. Paul's cathedral, London, weighs 16½ tons, and the clapper 6½ cwt. The tone is remarkably pure and grand.

The late Mr. John Jones, of Piccadilly, bequeathed the sum of three thousand pounds to the National Society for Promoting the Education of the poor in the Principles of the Church.

At the poll recently taken in respect of the Bishop's offer to purchase the advowson of St. Saviour's, Southwark, the result was:—For the Scheme, 363; against it, 348; making a majority of fifteen in favour of the proposal.

The parish church of Horley, Redhill, was reopened last month by the Bishop of Rochester after restoration. A crowded congregation was present and the collection amounted to about £120.

The Salop archdeaconry has raised for the Southwell bishopric £4,806,12s8d. The ancient archiepiscopal palace, recently purchased by the Bishop of Nottingham, is undergoing a thorough restoration, preparatory to being given to the new see as the residence of the future bishop.

A London bookseller who deals in clerical literature, says, that people generally like to read the theological literature outside their own religious body; so that a High Churchman orders a complete set of Spurgeon's sermons, or Jay's, and a Nonconformist inquires for Canon Liddon.

The English Church Union has taken a decided stand against the claims and pretensions of the Order of Corporate Reunion. The council found that a member of the union, Mr. Mossman, apparently without due Episcopal authority, went through privately in his own house a form of conferring priest's orders on a Mr. J. Elphinston-Robertson, a duly ordained deacon of the English Church. Mr. Mossman having declined to inform the Council from whence he derived his episcopal authority, the Council believed that his conduct in so doing was inconsistent with his catholic professions and perilous to the well-being of the Union, and therefore erased his name from their list of Associate members.

The New York Churchman states that the diocesan board of missions in Massachusetts has followed the example set some time ago by the diocese of Pittsburg in providing an itinerant missionary to look after the scattered sheep of the diocese who have no fold of their own, and no pastor of their own to care for them. "There must be many such sheep in the rural portion of every diocese, and it would be well if missionary boards would regard their needs, and not confine themselves to those places which 'it pays' to work. One such itinerant in every diocese and several in some of the larger dioceses, would find plenty to do, and do a good Church work besides." Yes, certainly; and it is very likely that here, in Canada,

such an arrangement would be found to "pay" just as well as some other plans that are adopted. There is no diocese in the Dominion we are persuaded, that would not find it an exceedingly profitable system to adopt. We trust the system will soon be tried among us.

The sum of one hundred pounds has been contributed by Alderman Sir Robert Carden, M.P., for Barnstaple, for the restoration of the parish church of that borough.

The Rev. George Body, rector of Kirby Misperton, Yorkshire, owing to his continued illness, has relinquished his intention of joining Canon Little in the proposed Australian Mission during the coming summer.

The "Church (?) Association" has published its annual report, from which it appears that the total sum received on behalf of the guarantee Fund for harrying the clergy has reached £47,467,0s,8d; while the total paid for so doing has been £50,288,8s,8d.

The average income of the clergy in the Scottish Episcopal Church in 1881, from all sources, was about £209. The total membership is 67,483, an average of 394 to each congregation. In 1837 there were only seventy-two charges; now there are two hundred and two. These facts show that notwithstanding the strong Presbyterian bias in the country, and the hereditary and traditional feeling against episcopacy which has existed there since the days of the Covenanters, the Church is making steady progress; and the time will no doubt come when it will be the prevailing religion of the country.

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

WE present our readers with the following extract from a private letter recently received from England:—"There was a meeting on behalf of the Western University, London, Canada, when Canon Hurst, Bishop Commissary, and an Ojibeway missionary, Kaskegowenene, addressed us. They distinctly gave us to understand that only Evangelical teaching is allowed there, and that they oppose the Toronto College. Of course they want money, £5,000 at least. . . One statement Canon Hurst made, I should like to know if true—that the number of clergy and Christians increased in Huron diocese and was quite at a stand-still in the other dioceses of Canada, where the teaching was High Church."

"We confess that on reading this we were quite startled, and had to peruse it a second time to be certain that we had made no mistake. We are not, we regret to say, in possession of materials to give a complete reply to this most extraordinary statement; but from the materials we have on the spur of the moment, we are able to give two or three facts, which we trust our friends in England will circulate extensively. We have looked over the Synod reports we happen to have at hand, with the endeavor to ascertain the increase or decrease of clergymen actually engaged in Church work in several of the Canadian dioceses. The diocese of Huron, Canon Hurst's model dio-