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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

March 6th.—1 SUNDAY IN LENT.

Morning.—Gen. 19. 12 to 30. Mark 7 to v. 24.  
Evening.—Gen. 22 to v. 20, or 23. Rom. 15. 8.

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EPISCOPAL VISITATION is sought to be made a reality in the Diocese of York. The Bishop (in the *Diocesan Magazine*) announces his intention of making a complete circuit of his diocese every four years, going carefully and laboriously through it in detail, and seeking knowledge of the various souls within it.

HUXLEY, GLADSTONE AND ARGYLL have been having a round of newspaper controversy in the *Times* on the subject of the Mosaic cosmogony, towards which it appears that scientific theories have been gradually gravitating. The Mosaic order of creation corresponds almost exactly with the conclusions of science at present.

C.M.S. PREACHER IN A GREEK CHURCH.—At the funeral service of the aged Greek priest of Nazareth, the Bishop of Nazareth requested Rev. Chahil Jamial (Syrian C.M.S. pastor at Nazareth) to deliver an address in connection with the service, which he did. The Bishop was greatly pleased at the fraternal sympathy manifested.

"STILL A THOROUGH PROTESTANT," said Father Hassle and Bishop Kettell of Maine in 1870, in description of Cardinal Manning, "who has gone in so fanatically for the Pope and the men who do the Pope's business." It was because he always seemed to cause his actions to turn upon private judgment and private interest. The Pope was his Pope!

A NOTABLE SERVICE AT ATHENS.—We learn from the *Nottingham Daily Guardian* that the British Chaplain held a memorial service lately at which the Metropolitan of Athens assisted. There were

also present the King and Queen of Greece, Duke of Sparta, the Princes George and Nicholas, the Princess Maria, besides many diplomats and statesmen.

"INSTANT IN PRAYER."—Among great men, few could afford a better illustration of this text than the famous Southern general, Stonewall Jackson. The habit of prayerfulness became so constant with him that it was consciously present in the slightest acts of life, such as drinking a glass of water, posting a letter, meeting a College class at lectures, &c.

CHURCH AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS in the United States number altogether nearly 1,000. Of these, forty-seven are Church papers, with a gross circulation of 125,000. The Methodists have 147 newspapers, the Roman Catholics 127, Baptists 136, Presbyterians 53, and Congregationalists 21. The largest circulation seems to be the Roman Catholic—750,000.

STOP THE LEAKS!—We find in *St. Andrew's Cross* for February a most telling letter from Mr. Houghteling on the subject of the care which members of the Brotherhood should take of one another, when in process of changing from one place of residence to another. All the links of the net-work should be kept well together—no leaks allowed!

ARCHBISHOP BENSON ON ALGIERS.—This learned prelate, having returned from his visit south, expressed (at Folkestone Diocesan Education Society meeting) his impression that the ruined Christian Temples of Algiers testify to the consequences of that "lack of the religious education, which he was trying to impress upon them the paramount necessity of maintaining."

"THEY DRANK LESS IN THE FORTIES," it is said, at Oxford, because William E. Gladstone, as an undergraduate, had the courage to set a conspicuous example of abstemiousness in the "Thirties." Among his other marked qualities was that of robust manliness. He was prepared to back his right to his own conscience by "writing in good round hand on his enemies' faces."

A BOLD VENTURE.—It was on the 7th Feb., 1863, that George Josiah Palmer having discontinued the publication of the sixpenny *Union*, launched forth the first number of the brave little penny *Church Times*—a tiny eight-page sheet. It was an appeal from the classes to the masses, and told immensely. Success was assured at once; over 80,000 copies at present—ahead of all others!

PERSUASION A LA BICEPS, after the manner of Bishop Selwyn's famous Cornish adventure, is sometimes very effective with a certain class of young fellows. A muscular young parson in the suburbs of New York has been inducing men to come to his church under promise, as a result of being thrashed by him at fisticuffs. It seems a rather risky process of trying to save people!

"EIGHTY-TWO YEARS YOUNG" is said in *St. Andrew's Cross* to be a very graphic and appropriate description of Gladstone at the present time. He compares very favourably with many men who are only thirty years old. Few men, indeed, have succeeded in taking such good care of their natural

advantages as this "old man wonderful." He had a good start in life, and made good use of it.

REANEY ON DISESTABLISHMENT.—It is rather awkward for the so-called "Liberationists" in England, that Rev. G. S. Reaney, who has lately come over from Nonconformity to the National Church, takes up the cudgels against his former *confreres*. He knows too much about their principles, methods, and tactics, and has been exposing all these with trenchant vigour in the broad light of day.

"REPLENISHING" THE EARTH.—It has been recently calculated—as we learn from the proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society—that the work imposed at the Creation upon Adam and his descendants will be about done in the year 2072, 180 years hence, when, according to present rate of increase, there ought to be about 6,000 millions of people on earth—four times the present population.

NOT "AS MEEK AS MOSES."—We find in the *Rock* of 5th Feb. a very neat expose of the position of a Prof. Ryle, who had undertaken in a recent number of the *Churchman* (Magazine) to criticize the literary acumen of Moses in his supposed "compilation" of the various books of the Pentateuch. The *Rock's* closing cut is "what a pity the work was not entrusted to this clear critic of the 19th century."

SURGEON'S TABERNACLE is described by the *Rock* as a "truly imposing structure with its huge frontage of Corinthian pillars—filled with 6,000 people, it was one of the most wonderful and inspiring sights in London—with lamps outlining the oval galleries fully illuminated, the brilliant and animated spectacle recalled the *Opera* more than the dissenting meeting-house!" The absence of reverent ritual causes this illusion.

ARCHBISHOP PLUNKETT seems to be getting into the mire of disrepute deeper than ever, as he finds his fellow Archbishop (the Primate) of Armagh, and the eloquent Bishop of Derry, firmly set in disapproval of his defiant attitude towards the clergy and Episcopate of the sister Communion in England, to say nothing of a strong minority in the Irish Church itself. His position on the Spanish Reformation needs reconsideration.

CHURCH EXTENSION IN BIRMINGHAM.—On a recent Sunday a kind of crusade was preached throughout the churches of Birmingham on the subject of extending the Church's ministrations in that town. At present there is only one clergyman for 5,000 people; the Bishop aims at one for 2,000. He was encouraged by Bishop Howe, who reported "one for 4,500" changed to "one for 3,000" in East London a within few years past.

"FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."—A writer in the *Church Times* claims that the Church at Smyrna has been like its martyr-bishop Polycarp, true to the motto given to that "Angel" or Bishop in the Book of Revelation—the only one of the Seven Churches which seems to have profited by the heaven-sent admonitions therein recorded. The sentence (Rev. ii. 10) is found inscribed over the Altar of the English Church there.

"A VERITABLE GRAVEYARD" of Church newspapers, New York is pronounced to be by the *New York Tribune*, fully a quarter of a million having