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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

May, 24.—TRINITY SUNDAY.

Morning.—Isaiah, 6 to 11 Rev. 1 to v. 9.
Evening.—Gen. 18; or 1 and 2 to v. 4. Eph. 4. to 17; or Matt. 3.

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THE BIBLE IN TENNYSON.—We are familiar with illustrations of Shakespeare's knowledge of the Scripture. Now, some one has collected about 500 references to the Bible in Tennyson's poetry. A book recently published on the subject proves how thoroughly the great English poet has saturated his works with Scriptural ideas.

COQUETTING WITH THE GREEK CHURCH is now the policy of Roman ecclesiastics in the East of Europe. At Constantinople, Monsignor Bonette, the Apostolic delegate, has been instructed to further a union between the Latin and Greek communions. So has Galimberti, the Papal Nuncio at Vienna—for political motives.

CALIFORNIA DEACONESSES lately established in a special training school at San Francisco, are likely to prove a very important element in Church work along the Pacific Coast. Their influence is likely to extend, in a missionary way, far westward, even to China and Japan, their San Francisco home serving merely as a radiating point.

THE CLERGY (IMMORALITY) DISCIPLINE BILL has occasioned much debate in convocation and elsewhere in England, especially on account of a clause making deprivation of clerical status to follow *ipso facto* upon conviction of certain crimes by the secular courts. The late Archbishop Magee delivered a powerful (but not altogether convincing) plea in favour of the idea.

SIBERIA'S VICTIMS.—It seems almost incredible that since 1823, more than a million of human beings have been driven like cattle over the Ural Mountains, and scattered on the desolate plains of Siberia; and still the stream of human woe flows

on unceasingly. That criminals should be punished is right, but that *so many* people should deserve *such* punishment is past belief.

LAY SPEAKERS IN CATHEDRALS represent a reform strongly advocated by Dean Lefroy of Norwich. He wants to see the "old piles" utilized by the voices of such men as David Livingstone, Moffatt, Mackay, Gordon, Havelock, and Lords Shaftesbury, Selborne, Cairns, as well as eminent commoners like Balfour, Blackwood, Stock, and Aspinall. The world moves!

MASHONALAND, South Africa—the new diocese recently endowed by an Irish lady—is to be placed for the present in the charge of the Bishop of Bloemfontein, G. W. H. Knight-Bruce. The inhabitants are said to be unclothed heathen both physically and mentally. They are ignorant of the very alphabet of Christianity, as well as civilization.

THE JAPAN CHURCH SYNOD proved a most interesting gathering of the Anglican and American clergy under the presidency of Bishop Bickersteth—a son of the Bishop of Exeter of that name. The Bishop of Japan has, in a very high degree, the gift of *judicious utterance*, and has made his influence generally felt to excellent purpose at home and abroad.

IRELAND AND ITALY.—The two countries have perhaps some important points in common; but a new bond has been formed by the special interest which the Archbishop of Dublin and many other Irish ecclesiastics have taken in the work of Italian reformation, now largely under the care of Count Campello. Some fostering care is needed by the feeble efforts of isolated foreign reformers.

NASHOTAH'S JUBILEE occurs this year. We congratulate our friends across the line on 50 years completed in such noble work. The committee charged with the proper arrangements for the celebration of the year, are also charged to consider the advisability of a "Summer School of Theology," and "Female School for the study of Scripture"—both to be inaugurated this year.

THE DUKE OF AOSTA is a title destined to go down to posterity in connection with the crime of incest. The late Duke married (by papal dispensation well paid for!) *his own niece*. Now, his son and successor wants to marry the same lady—his own mother by law! King Humbert has put his veto on this proceeding, or we might presently hear of another papal dispensation.

EVEN LIVERPOOL.—It is chronicled as a notable fact that whereas, 20 or 25 years ago, there were surpliced choirs in only seven of the Liverpool and suburban churches, now there are no less than 53. The fact is, of course, that a surpliced choir is one of those moderate and modest improvements which have ceased to be any longer a party badge, being adopted by reverent clergymen of all schools.

THE COLONIAL BISHOPRICS' FUND is to have a jubilee meeting on the 29th. Mr. Gladstone is to be one of the speakers, by special request of Archbishop Benson. He was one of its first advocates in 1841, and has been ever since one of its three treasurers. The Fund has been instrumental in

doing a vast amount of good, and represents a happy thought very creditable to the Home Episcopate.

THE ENGLISH C. E. T. S. has lost—by resignation on account of age and infirmity—from his position of activity and usefulness, that great champion—one might say inventor—of the Dual Basis, Canon Ellison. For 29 years he has stuck to his post and his principle, and may well claim the work of the great Church Temperance Society as "a triumph of the principle of unity and fellowship."

THE DEATH OF PRESSENSE removes from the drama of religious life in France one of the most prominent and interesting personalities of modern days. Far beyond the bounds of the half million or so of French Protestants his name was known and honoured, though he belonged to one of the smallest and most obscure of the French "Free Churches." His public influence was clearly on the side of good.

A HERETIC REBUKED BY A JEW.—A notable incident is said to have occurred at a meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club in New York, when Howard McQueary—who has been trying to "pose" as a martyr to free thought and a *hero*—was sharply set down by a Jewish Rabbi, as having repudiated the solemn pledge of his ordination—trying to remain in the Church Catholic while denying her doctrines!

ROMANISM IN THE PRESS.—The *Rock* refers to certain inspired statements of a Romish character which recently appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, and the efforts made *in vain* to get a reply inserted impugning and disproving those statements. This was evidently an instance of that Jesuitical pressure brought to bear in some quarters in order to muzzle the press, and prevent Romanism getting its just exposure in public.

RESTORE THE COMMA!—Quite a breeze was raised at the meeting of the General Synod of the Irish Church lately, because of a proposition to correct a misprint in the Irish Church catechism, whereby the comma had been omitted after the word "grace" and before "given unto us" in the answer to "what is a Sacrament?" Some of the objectors to the comma thought they smelt the rat of Ritualism! They would have none of it.

BOSTON RELIGION shows a decided tendency towards a moderate Episcopalianism. This is probably the reason of the curious unanimity of the voting for Phillips Brooks, who is regarded as a kind of *common factor* among the coalescing elements. It is calculated that 60 out of his 92 clerical supporters don't like his theology, but Presbyterians, Unitarians and even Roman Catholics intensely admire the man.

"BODILY EXERCISE PROFITETH—A LITTLE."—Besides mere muscular exercise and movement for the sake of strength, our bodily nature calls imperatively for pure air. This can only be properly obtained and appropriated in the course of exercise. In 24 hours we each breathe out 2,000 gallons of poisoned air. To be healthy we must get away from it. We each require 3,000 cubic feet of fresh air every day and night. We must go for it! or die—die by inches or otherwise.