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CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

- 3—**Whitsunday.** *Morning*—Deut. xvi., to 18; Rom. viii., to 18. *Evening*—Isai. xi., or Ezek. xxxvi., 25; Gal. v., 16, or Acts xviii., 24—xix., 21.
- 0—**Trinity Sunday.** *Morning*—Isai. vi., to 11; Rev. I., to 9. *Evening*—Gen. xviii., or I. and ii., to 4; Eph. iv., to 17, or Matt. iii.
- 11—**St. Barnabas, A. & M.** *Morning*—Deut. xxiii., to 12; Acts iv., 31. *Evening*—Nahum i.; Acts xiv., 8.
- 17—**1st Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—J. s. iii., 7—iv., 15; Acts ii., to 22. *Evening*—Jos. v., 13—vi., 21, or xxiv.; 1 Peter ii., 11—iii., 8.
- 24—**Nativity of St. John Bapt.** *Morning*—Mal. iii., to 7; Matt. iii. *Evening*—Malachi iv.; Matt. xiv., to 13.
- and Sunday after Trinity. *Morning*—Judges iv.; *Evening*—Judges v. or vi., 11.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

"And one cried unto another, and said Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts."

All hail, Adoréd Trinity;
All hail, Eternal Unity;
O God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, ever One.

Behold to Thee, this festal day,
We meekly pour our thankful lay;
O let our work accepted be,
That sweetest work of praising Thee.

Three Persons praise we evermore,
One only God our hearts adore;
In Thy sure mercy ever kind
May we our true protection find.

O Trinity! O Unity!
Be present as we worship Thee;
And with the songs that angels sing
Unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.
—Hymn.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ALMOST at the opening of June we have the season of Whitsunday, when we commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

How weak and frail and utterly powerless seemed the early Christian Church; but the disciples were told to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, and then they were to be witnesses unto Christ in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. We know how they did wait in Jerusalem for the fulfilment of the promise and how God, who never breaks His word, bestowed upon them on the day of Pentecost an abundant outpouring of His Holy Spirit, and they were made strong, valiant and irresistible in their work and witnessing for the risen and ascended Lord. On the very day of Pentecost were added unto the Church about 3,000 souls.

What we need, what the Church needs in these closing days of the 19th century is a fresh and mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We need power, power to witness for the Lord Jesus and so bring souls into the Kingdom.

See the selfish Christians and selfish Churches, the lukewarm Christians and Churches, the worldly Christians and Churches, and then let us pray as never before that at this Whitsuntide God will again baptise His Church with power and the Holy Ghost and make us, even us, faithful witnesses for Christ even unto the ends of the earth.

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The great Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions has been held at New York after years of preparation. Under the blessing of God it has been a great success, thousands and tens of thousands of people have attended and have been encouraged, stimulated and upbuilt. Hundreds of addresses on the various phases of missionary life and work have been given, exhibits from many lands were a constant source of interest and instruction to the multitudes visiting them, and a mighty volume of prayer and praise has gone up to the throne of Grace to bring down blessing upon the home Churches, and to hasten the carrying of the glad tidings of the Gospel to all people.

Some of the striking features of the Conference were: (1) The large percentage of men attending all the sessions. (2) The enthusiasm and continued attendance of such vast numbers. (3) The interest taken by those who perhaps are not ordinarily touched by missionary gatherings, as statesmen, business men, heads of colleges, etc.

The reception and welcome given on the opening day were intensely interesting. Bishop Potter, of the Episcopal Church in New York, asked the Divine blessing on the proceedings. The greetings of President McKinley, on behalf of the United States, and of Governor Roosevelt, of New York, on behalf of the State and city, were most hearty and enthusiastic, and the re-

ply of ex-President Harrison, on behalf of the delegates, showed how the leaders of the land were influenced and influencing others. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and hundreds who desired to be present were unable to get admission.

The Church of England was well represented there by such men as Mr. Eugene Stock, editorial secretary of the C.M.S., who gave a wonderful review of the history of missions during the century just ended.

The Rev. Canon Edmonds, of Exeter, whose scholarly diction, wide research and apt illustration made him one of the most appreciated of the delegates from the Old Land.

Bishop Ridley, of Caledonia, thrilled the hearts of his hearers as he told of the wonderful works that God had wrought among the Indians of Northern British Columbia.

And so one might go on and tell of men, both in our Church and others; men like Dr. Paton, of the New Hebrides, with his flowing white hair, and wonderful record of the work done for Christ in those distant islands; J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, who has been enabled to do so much for the millions of China; Dr. Chamberlain, of India, Dr. Ashmore, and many others.

May the spirit that breathed over the Conference, the enthusiasm that seemed almost to shake the great building as they sang such hymns as "Jesus Shall Reign," or "All Hail the Power," the enthusiasm and devotion that were so marked that President Harrison said on the closing day that he had been at many large gatherings during political campaigns, when political feeling was at white heat, but he never till now saw the time when for ten days such vast numbers could be gathered day after day, and twice a day, as were here for the cause of missions. May this spirit be carried to the homes of the delegates, and awake, by God's grace, the slumbering Churches, so that soon the Gospel of God's love and goodness may be proclaimed to all people.