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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

Nov. 27...FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:—
Morning...Isaiah 1, 1 St. Peter 1 to 22.
Evening...Isaiah 2; or 4, 2. St. John 10, 22.
30...SAINT ANDREW, Apostle and Martyr:—
Morning...Isaiah 54. St. John 1, 35 to 43.
Athenasian Creed to be used.
Evening...Isaiah 65 to 17. St. John 12, 20 to 42.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1881.

THE parish church of Merrow, near Guilford, has been undergoing enlargement, and was reopened on St. Luke's day by the Bishop of Winchester.

On the 26th ulto. Bishop Tufnell, vicar of Croydon, laid the foundation of an immense infirmary which is building in that town. It will cost £100,000, and will contain 400 beds.

A deputation waited on the Archbishop of York a few days ago, requesting his Grace to preside at a meeting to advocate the suppression of the opium traffic. The Most Reverend prelate acceded to the request.

His Grace the Archbishop of York recently reopened the parish church of Ebberston, which had been restored by Mr. E. Christian. The edifice is one of great antiquity, and is believed to contain portions of pre-Norman times.

On the 25th ultimo the Archbishop of Canterbury preached at the opening of the new church of St. Michael and All Angels, Croydon—a handsome building in the Early English style. It seats a thousand worshippers, and has cost more than £16,000.

The Bishop of London has issued a circular to officers of the mercantile marine who take an actual interest in the spiritual welfare of their crews, offering them the same episcopal recognition and Christian fellowship as is extended to similar Church-workers on shore.

Archdeacon Blunt, vicar of Scarborough, has been appointed honorary chaplain to Her Majesty.

Zululand is becoming more peaceful. The recent disturbances were attributable to the belief that Cetywayo might return.

The Tiber is unusually high, and the effect of the rain is visible even in the fountains in the piazza of St. Peter's, which throw up water yellow with earth.

The Sultan has given orders for the remains of Solomon's Temple to be restored, and the surrounding space to be cleared of all rubbish. On that place stands the Mosque of Omar, the revenue of which is said to amount to £150,000 a year. This sum has hitherto been forwarded to Constantinople: for the future it is to be appropriated to the restoration. The Crown Prince of Austria is believed to have had some influence in the matter.

On the 29th ultimo the Bishop of London consecrated Christ Church, Hendon, a new edifice which will accommodate 500 persons. After the consecration, a meeting took place in the Hendon Institute, at which the Bishop presided; and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who had laid the foundation stone in January, said that if the people would build the tower, she would provide a peal of bells.

A new school chapel and mission room, with teacher's residence, was opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the 17th ult., in connection with the parish church of Croydon. Prayers were said by Bishop Tufnell, vicar of Croydon. His Grace preached from the words: "What think ye of Christ?" The building cost about £2,900. It consists of a school-room, a chancel which is altogether shut off during the week; a capacious mission-room, which will be used for mothers' meetings, and Bible classes, and a residence for the master. Croydon is the centre of a network of railways, and has now a population of nearly 80,000.

The "Church Association" recently wrote to the Bishop of Manchester to inform him that four laymen, members of the "Association," had attended morning service at St. Alban's church, Cheetham, (the incumbent being Canon Knox-Little) where the recent decisions respecting ritual were set at defiance. The Bishop in reply says: "I cannot recognize the right of an external body, such as the Manchester branch of the Church Association, to interfere in matters of ecclesiastical order and discipline between a bishop and his clergy. In the present temper of public feeling, and seeing the extreme issues to which the prosecutors of ecclesiastical suits are disposed to push decisions in their favour: I do not consider it advisable to encourage or allow fresh prosecutions of clergymen charged with violating the ritual and law of the Church. I must endeavour to maintain in the diocese what I believe to be the doctrine and orders of the Church by other and, perhaps, not less efficacious means."

In the Province of Bengal more than ten thousand persons died from snake bites last year, and 359 were killed by tigers. In the whole of India the number killed from snakes or wild beasts amounted to about twenty-two thousand—an increase of about two thousand over those of 1876.

ADVENT SUNDAY.

THIS is the first Sunday in the new year and calls for deep and prayerful consideration. The year that has passed and gone has carried with it into the unseen world all that we have thought, and said, and done, as well as a record of the seasons the Church has brought before us in order that no one great principle of Christian Truth, and no one great event of the early history of the Church may be forgotten or ignored. And now we enter upon a season of preparation for the period in which we are to commemorate the coming of the Son of God from Heaven as the Son of Man on earth. Throughout this season of Advent the services of the Church are full of significant, and solemn import—all directly calculated to impress our minds with feelings of holy reverence, to direct our meditations to the subject and the accompanying circumstances of Christ's entrance into the world, in order to carry our minds onward to the glory and majesty of His second coming, and to instruct us in the duties connected with a practical application thereof. Such in the Church's estimation is the importance of these subjects that four Sundays are separately devoted to a special consideration of their respective branches. The Gospel of this morning's Communion Office describes our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, typical of the glory of Messiah's second appearance on earth, when the Christian Church shall stand triumphant in every region and in every clime, after a season of sore conflict with the man of sin, and amidst the rage and indignation of the powers of darkness. In the Epistle are detailed the several relative duties of the Christian life, all comprehended under the head of love as the fulfilling of the Law. It concludes with an admonition to cast off the works of darkness, and to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, because the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Because Light and Truth are hastening towards the brightness of their meridian splendor, therefore the Apostle directs to put aside those deeds which will not abide the pure and piercing light of heaven, and to put on that bright, celestial element with which the Almighty is said to clothe Himself as with a garment. As though St. Paul had said: These works of iniquity may have served your purpose when enshrouded in the darkness of spiritual night. But they are unsuitable now. They belong to the past season of darkness. The clear Light of Gospel Truth is dawning upon you: the clear and awful Light of eternity is close at hand.

Throughout the New Testament we find Christ and His Apostles continually referring to these subjects, in urging the disciples of Christianity to renewed diligence in their spiritual warfare against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness in this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places; and in their efforts to subdue the corruption of human nature, and to hasten forward in the race

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