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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

Sept. 10. FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—
Morning...2 Kings 9. 2 Corinthians 1, 23, to 2, 14.
Evening...2 Kings 10, to 32; or 13. St. Mark, 10, to 32.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1882.

THE Bishop of Nassau is now in England, seeking clergymen for his diocese.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Russian Jews has reached £102,529.

The fine old tower of St. Lawrence, Reading, has been restored at a cost of £2,000.

The Bishop of Durham has licensed Mr. G. B. Morgan, one of the leading medical practitioners in Sunderland, to the office of lay reader.

The Duke of Albany has contributed £25 towards the restoration of Queenborough Church, to commemorate the landing of his Duchess in England.

The Rev. T. Rowsell, brother of our esteemed citizen, of the firm of Rowsell & Hutchison, preached in Westminster Abbey on the Sunday afternoons of July.

The sum of £20,000 has been promised for the purpose of establishing a mission in Cambridge, in connection with which the Church's ritual, as required or permitted by the Prayer Book, will be observed.

It is stated by the *Times* correspondent at Durban that Dean (or Chaplain) Williams, of Grahamstown, has made overtures to Bishop Merriman, who demands a full confession of his error, and will then grant absolution.

On the 4th inst. the foundation stone of St. George's, Cullercoats, was laid by the Duke of Northumberland, in the presence of the Bishop of Newcastle and a large number of spectators. The edifice will cost \$17,000, and will be paid for by the Duke.

The Prince of Wales has sent a circular to the clergy urging them to bring the subject of the Royal College of Music before their people. He says he is aware of the large demands made on

clergymen, so that often they cannot give pecuniary aid even in the best cause.

The Methodists are soon to hold an ecumenical conference in London. On account of the differences between the various kinds of Methodists it has been decided to exclude all doctrinal subjects from consideration. Else it is feared the pan-conference would become a pan-demonium.

A Presbyterian preacher married a Roman Catholic wife, and thereupon the presbytery took the matter up for discipline, and the case is still undecided. Meanwhile the Roman Catholic papers testify that the woman has subjected herself to excommunication on their part. She would seem to be between the upper and the nether millstone.

From the *Convention Journal* we gather the following statistics:—Clergy, including Bishop, 73; parishes and missions, 123; ordinations, 10; candidates for Holy Orders and postulants, 23; churches consecrated, 4; baptisms, 610; confirmations, 321; communicants, 5,836; marriages, 122; burials, 291; Sunday-school scholars, 3,988; total contributions, \$58,020.01.

A new sect, called The Chosen, has been started in Michigan. They believe in community of goods, but each individual is allowed to retain \$3,000 for his own use, any sum beyond that being divided among the brethren. It is found that they do not gain any converts among those whose property has reached the limit, and no dividend has yet been made.

At the next General Assembly of the "Free Church" in Scotland, there are expected to be 200,000 signatures to a protest against the introduction of instrumental music. A conference of the leading members of the party promoting the agitation was held the other day, when one of the "divines" stumbled upon the discovery that there is no New Testament authority for singing even the Psalms of David in public worship.

At the recent meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterians at Belfast, the moderator expressed regret that the young, the wealthy, and the educated classes, were forsaking Presbyterianism for the Church. There is an undoubted tendency among the more educated Presbyterians in Ireland to adopt many of the Church's prayers and practices, and it is said that many Presbyterian families send their children regularly to the Church Sunday-schools in preference to their own.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has recommended the use of the following prayer for the soldiers and sailors engaged in the war in the East: "O Almighty God, whose power no creature is able to resist, keep, we beseech Thee, our soldiers and sailors who have now gone forth to war, that they, being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The two Maori chiefs from New Zealand, Hirini Taiwhanga and Wiremu Parore, on the 28th ult., paid a visit to Lichfield, where they were received by Mrs. Selwyn, widow of the late Bishop. Hirini had been educated in the late Bishop Selwyn's College in Auckland, and his companion was a member of his Lordship's congregation. Bishop Abraham conducted them through the cathedral, and on reaching the Selwyn monument they were much affected. They were pleased to notice that the effigy was laid on a New Zealand mat.

It is a singular fact that the most prominent clergymen in the diocese of Long Island were originally clergymen in other ecclesiastical bodies. Bishop Littlejohn, Dr. Schenck, of St. Anns, Mr. Morgan, of St. Luke's, and Mr. Darlington, of Christ, were Presbyterians. Dr. Hall, of Holy Trinity, Mr. Partridge of Christ (E.D.), Bishop Faulkner, Mr. Beers, of Grace, and Mr. Harris, of Calvary, were Congregationalists. Mr. Washburn, of St. Mary's, and Mr. Morgan, of St. Ann's, were Reformed Episcopalians; and Mr. Roche, of St. Mark's, and Mr. Tibbals, of St. Peter's, were Methodists.

On the last Sunday in July the Earl and Countess of Caernarvon were present at a special service held at Highclere Church for the members of the local branch of the Salvation Army. The detachment, headed by two or three musicians, marched from East Woodhay, singing hymns, until they reached the church, which was erected some years ago by Lord Caernarvon, whose mansion is close by. The church was densely crowded, and many persons were unable to gain admission. The rector, the Rev. E. P. Waters, conducted the service, and the lessons were read by Lord Caernarvon.

Dr. Scrivener has in the press a new edition of his invaluable "Introduction to the New Testament," which will contain an account of all fresh additions to the materials for textual criticism down to the present date, including the recent researches of the Dean of Chichester. New information concerning the Egyptian versions will be contributed by the Bishop of Durham, and the chief alterations introduced into the revised Greek text by the revisers of the English New Testament will also be examined in their relation to the critical principles of Drs. Hart and Westcott.

It was the Privy Council that established Dr. Colenso in South Africa as Bishop, after he had been deprived and excommunicated by competent ecclesiastical authority. But mark the result! In a letter to the Earl of Kimberley, dated June 17, Sir Henry Bulwer expressed his conviction that it is to Dr. Colenso's "interference, and to what has been done and said at and from Bishopstowe, the movement which has of late agitated the Zulu country is mainly due." In a letter to Dr. Colenso himself, he writes: "I fear the effect of your Lordship's intervention has been to gravely complicate the situation in that country, and to tend to bring about a condition of things which adds greatly to difficulties of the task that lies before me, and is the cause of much anxiety."