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MOON.	SUN.
1 First Quarter, ... 8 45 a.m. ...	Rises 5 23, sets 6 26.
7 Full Moon, ... 11 22 p.m. ...	" 5 30, " 6 25.
15 Last Quarter, ... 2 44 a.m. ...	" 5 39, " 6 11.
23 New Moon, ... 6 37 a.m. ...	" 5 48, " 5 56.
30 First Quarter, ... 4 31 p.m. ...	" 5 50, " 5 42.

LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

Sept. 18...FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:—
Ember Collect to be used daily this week.
Morning...2 Kings 9. 2 Corinthians 10.
Evening...2 Kings 10, to v 32; or 13. St. Mark 14,
[verse 27 to 53.]
21...St. MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, and Martyr:—
Morning...1 Kings 19, v 15. 2 Cor. 12, v 14, and 13.
Athenasian Creed to be used. Ember Day.
Evening...1 Chron. 29, to v 30. St. Mark 15, 42 & 16.
25...FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:—
Morning...2 Kings 18. Galatians 4, to v 21.
Evening...2 Kings 19; or 23 to 31. St. Luke 2, to 21.
28...St. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS:—
Morning...Genesis 32. Acts 12, v 5 to 18.
Evening...Daniel 10, v 4. Revelation 14, v 14.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1881.

BISHOP Piers Claughton held a military confirmation on the 11th ultimo at the church in Guernsey.

The post of Astronomer Royal has been accepted by Mr. William Henry Christie, M.A., F.R.S. His ability and fitness for the position are everywhere recognized.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has just completed his seventy-third year. He is the sixty-ninth bishop of that see, which was founded A.D. 905. Dr. Pusey has completed his eighty-first year.

The death is announced of "Master Brooke," who took an active part in the first meetings of the Irish Church body, in favour of a large revision of the Irish Church Prayer Book, in which he was by no means successful. He reached the age of eighty-five years.

The new Archdeacon of Bristol is the Rev. J. P. Norris, B.D., Canon Residentiary of Bristol Cathedral. He is vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe, and the author of "Rudiments of Theology," "New Testament with Introduction and Notes," and other Theological works.

Some important discoveries of papyri and mummies have lately been made by Herr Brugsch, brother of Brugsch Pasha, in the Lybian Mountains, near the temple of Deir-el-Bahari, about four miles east of Thebes, where they had probably been concealed at the time of the invasion of Egypt by Cambyse, B.C. 525. The papyri have not yet been unrolled.

The total number of scholars in the Sunday-schools in England and Wales, according to the most accurate returns that can be obtained, is about two and a quarter millions; and the teachers about two hundred thousand.

In a pastoral letter to the incumbents of all the churches in his diocese, asking for support in aid of the Diocesan Church Building Society and the Diocesan Board of Education, the Bishop of Manchester says he does not believe that the number of laity who subscribe to those societies at present exceeds six hundred. These important societies appear to be chiefly supported by the clergy.

The missionary Bishop of the Church in North China, Dr. Charles Perry Scott, has engaged several young men to go out with him to his distant diocese and engage in the work of the ministry. All are going without stipend, looking only for the necessaries of life. He will also be accompanied by a clergyman of some standing, who will take charge of some young men whom he will superintend in their preparation for working as missionaries in his extensive and interesting diocese.

The Wandsworth Common Act, 1881, secured to Lord Spencer in discharge of his manorial rights, a perpetual annuity of £250, payable out of the local rates. This annuity Lord Spencer sold to Sir Henry Peck, who has now made it over to Queen Anne's Bounty office in augmentation of the incumbency of Rousdon, Devon, to which the Rev. John Curgenvin, M.A., for many years curate of Lyme Regis, has lately been presented.

At a Bible class in a diocese of the province of Ontario, the question was asked "How often should a communicant attend the Holy Communion?" It so happened that of those who returned answers on this occasion, only one had been brought up in the Church, and only in this one's paper was the answer given:—"At least once in every three months."

The most slovenly and the most indifferent churchman is required to communicate three times a year; but the Church evidently intends her members to communicate every Lord's Day, and also on such of her Festivals and Fasts as she has provided a special Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.

The carelessness with which some of the Revisers of our translation of the New Testament attended to their work may be judged from the fact that Bishop Ellicott reckons the number of alterations in the Gospels and Acts to be about three in every five verses, which would make the corrections in those five books to be only 2,250. But in real fact they amount to 14,601! In the 407 verses of the Revelation there are 2,467 alterations made. The changes in the entire New Testament amount to 86,191! The miscalculation of Bishop Ellicott may be curious, but it is not wonderful, for his lordship was always noted for his random statements; and we are sure that his place on the committee might have been filled by many men far more learned, and much less liable to making blunders.

The Bishop of Ripon has licensed, to officiate in his diocese as lay-readers, Mr. Pudor Trevor, organising secretary of the Ripon Diocesan Branch of the Church Temperance Society, and Mr. Geo. Ward, secretary of the Leeds Church Defence Society.

Since the election of the chaplain, a poll of the parishioners of St. Saviour's, Southwark, has been taken with regard to a penny rate, made at a meeting of the vestry on the previous Saturday. Out of a total of 2,812, only 242 papers were deposited in the ballot box of which 181 were in favour of the rate, fifty-five against and six were declared informal. It was announced that in three weeks a meeting would be held to consider the Bishop of Rochester's proposal to place the appointment to the chaplaincy in other hands.

The Bishop of London lately admitted twenty laymen, in the chapel at Fulham Palace, to the office of lay reader. They were presented to the Bishop by the vicars of the parishes in which they were to officiate. The Bishop received those presented to him nearly in the formula of the ordinal of the diaconate. The candidates then knelt before him, when he delivered into their hands the New Testament, saying, "Take thou authority to read and expound the Holy Scriptures, where thou shalt be appointed to serve." The service then proceeded with a portion of that used in the ordination of deacons, and the benediction having been pronounced, the bishop delivered an address to the readers on the duties of their office. Among those receiving the Bishop's licence was a member of the council of the Church of England Workingmen's Society.

More than a thousand people were burned to death, and twelve thousand persons rendered homeless from the bush fires in Michigan last week. The property destroyed amounts to several millions of dollars. Over the whole of the province of Ontario, fires of a similar character have taken place, and a vast amount of property has been destroyed. It is said that the whole results from carelessness. When will the people of Canada learn that wood is of some value?

Of the late Sir William Heathcote, the Earl of Caernarvon says:—"Of all who have taken part in the public life of our day, I will deliberately affirm that no one was more truly the perfect type and pattern of an English country gentleman than Sir William Heathcote." The author of Lord George Bentinck's Life says:—"While one listened to him, it was impossible not to feel that so long as such men remained, a country party need not be without a natural leader."

Sir William was the pupil, the close friend, and at the time of the Church movement of the second quarter of this century, was the only patron of the sainted Keble. He was always deeply interested in all that concerned Churchmen; and it is almost impossible to overestimate the value set by Mr. Keble on his counsels and sympathy. On the other hand he was fully capable of appreciating the goodness and elevation of such a man as Mr. Keble, and entering into his ideas of