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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

April 24...FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER:—
Morning...Numbers 16, to v. 36. 1 Cor. 15, to v. 29.
Evening...Num. 16, v. 36, or 17, to v. 12. St. John 20,
25...St. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr:— [verse 24 to 30].
Morning...Isaiah 62, v. 6. St. Luke 18, 31 to 19, 11.
Evening...Ezekiel 1, to v. 15. Philippians 2.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1881.

ACCORDING to a statement of the Bishop of London, extreme ritualistic practices prevail in only 27 of the 560 benefices in his diocese.

The new building in the Theological College at Ely, founded by the present Bishop in 1876, are nearly ready for the reception of students. The college will be dedicated May 31st.

Earl St. Germans, who has recently died, was a firm friend of Mr. Mackonochie, St. Alban's, Holborn. When Mr. Mackonochie was suspended by the Privy Council, the Earl at once made him his chaplain. He was a great lover of Gregorian music.

A correspondent of the *Guardian* referring to the administration of the Holy Eucharist on Good Friday, mentions that this was customary half a century ago in the Bishop's chapel in Edinburgh. From the "Memoir of Bishop Sandford," it appears that on Good Friday, 1826, there were 120 communicants.

It is said that the farewell words of Dr. Cummins to his creation called the "Reformed Episcopal Church" were "Go forward and do a grand work." This has been done, though perhaps not exactly in the way intended. That the body has gone forward towards "Liberal Christianity" is shown by Dr. Fallows inviting a Unitarian Professor of Harvard to preach in one of the Reformed conventicles in Chicago. It has done and is now doing a grand work in freeing the true Church of unbelieving adherents, and in demonstrating the futility of useless schism. There now three or four bodies all claiming to be the real thing, and denouncing each other heartily. They are doing a grand work in forming a highway of return to those who have been reared without the catholic fold; e. g., Mr. Y. P. Morgan, who, after being a successful minister among them for three years, was lately received into the Church by Holy Baptism, and is now a tin as a lay-reader at St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn, and will shortly be admitted to Holy Orders. Rev. Washburn, D.D., after some years' trial has just returned to his true mother, and is now Curate of Christ Church, Brooklyn; while the Rev. B. Masgrave has seceded from the sect, on the ground that he is orthodox. Verily the way of the transgressor is hard;

The Earl of Beaconsfield died at half-past four on Tuesday morning rather unexpectedly. He was perfectly conscious to the last.

On the 23rd ult. the Bishop of Manchester consecrated the new church of St. Clement, Higher Openshaw near that city. It has cost £5,350, and will seat 648 persons.

In compliance with a circular from the Bishop, a special service of humiliation and prayer for the city of Lincoln has been held at the cathedral, the preacher on the occasion being the Sub-Dean, Canon Clements.

The Vicar of Westminster having written to the Bishop of Salisbury on the subject of Pewrents, his lordship replied:—"I most cordially approve of your desire, and still more of your proposal, to substitute for pewrents in Christ church a certain fixed augmentation of the benefice. I only wish it were possible to extend the proposal to every parish in the diocese afflicted by the evil consequences of pewrents.

In the course of an address given by the Bishop of Winchester, at a recent confirmation at Bournemouth, he warned his youthful hearers against the immense mass of what he called "the miserable vile literature, which is issued from the press." Though they had the blessing of printing, which did not exist four or five centuries ago, there were, he said, also the disadvantages of this literature.

Bishop Ellicott has lately expressed himself with great severity against a class of the younger English clergy, who, instead of studying the Word of God, are devoting themselves to a study of forms, and postures, and orders of service, and old and new liturgies:—"Instead of striving to become meek, Christian scholars their ambition, if they read at all, is to be what they call 'liturgiologists'—liturgiologists however, who could not write down from memory, in properly accented Greek, that blessed prayer which is the model of all liturgical access to Almighty God."

Apropos of the correspondence in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN on "Efficient preaching" we have a couple of anecdotes which may tend to show that preachers sometimes calculate on a larger literary knowledge than their congregations may happen to have. In Canon Carmichael's sermon recently preached in Grace church, Toronto, he happened to refer to St. Augustine. After the service two persons were heard conversing on the sermon. One asked, "Do you know who Augustine was: I never heard of him." The reply of the other was: "I don't know exactly who he was. All I know about him is that he was a Protestant who turned Roman Catholic!"

The other incident is this:—A Clergyman in the Diocese of Toronto not long ago sent a letter to a daily paper, in which he referred to the Mishna. A member of one of his former congregations, hearing the letter read, remarked,—"That is so like Mr. — he was always preaching about the Mishna, and the other *Pagan* writers."

Archdeacon Earle, as vicar of Alvington, has deducted twenty per cent. from the tithe due to him. The vicarage is worth in tithe £330, another £100 comes from other sources. The archdeacon has two curates.

In the Miles Platting ritual case, an application is to be made to the Lord Chancellor for an order to remove and sell the furniture seized at the rectory, for the payment of £249. 12s. 9d. costs incurred in the Court of Arches.

Dean Close has issued a proposal to endow a Professorship in the London College of Divinity as a memorial to the late Dean McNeile. The Dean of Carlisle is supported by the Deans of Ripon, Gloucester, and Peterborough, Canon Carns, and the Earls of Shaftesbury, Chichester, and Harrowby.

It is remarked that it is not often that a Bampton Lecturer, after his first discourse receives the compliment of a published protest against his teaching, from the side of free thought. A pamphlet headed "Unbelief and sin" supposing that the Lecturer considers unbelief to be sin, and always implies the antecedent presence of moral evil in the unbeliever, protests against the application of such censure to the semi-unbelief now so prevalent among us. But the passage in the lecture referred to, while stating that there are moral causes of unbelief, does not say that these are its only causes.

Still they Come.—One great peculiarity of Church work in the present day is the continuous stream of ministerial converts who are seeking admission into the Zion of God. A contemporary lately gave a list of thirty-one recruits received last year. Since then others have been received; among whom we may mention, Mr. Jonas E. Higgins, five years a Congregational minister, and a graduate of Oberlin Theological Seminary, Ohio; Mr. Walter Jordan, minister of the Moravian body, Pennsylvania; and Mr. H. S. Huntington, a Presbyterian minister, lately in charge of a congregation at Lake George, N. Y.; has become a candidate for Holy Orders. He bears a high reputation as a scholar, and has commanded the general respect of those to whom he has ministered through a long course of years.

The Rev. W. H. Penney, organizing secretary to the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, says:—"Myself and others have for some time past been at a dead lock in certain matters relating to this mission, through the loss of an important letter sent from London in November last to Bishop Steere in Zanzibar. We were bound hand and foot, but have only just discovered our bonds to be of red tape. It appears the letter was insufficiently prepaid to the extent of five pence; the officials kept it back, and wrote to central Africa, telling the Bishop that a letter for him waited a remittance of five pence. In the mean time months of annoyance and trouble are caused us before we learn the cause of the delay. Surely the letter had better have been returned to the sender, which would only have involved the loss of one mail."

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