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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

June 4. TRINITY SUNDAY.—
Athenasian Creed. Proper Preface in Communion service.
Morning... Isaiah 6 to 11. Rev. 1 to 9.
Evening... Gen. 28, or 1 & 2 to 4. Eph. 4 to 17, or (St. Matt. 3.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1882.

UPWARDS of £900 of the requisite £1,000 for a suffragan Bishop for the diocese of St. Alban's has been guaranteed.

A new polar expedition is to start this month from Amsterdam in order to search for Mr. Leigh Smith and his missing vessel, The Willem Barents, which has already twice successfully been upon Polar explorations, is the ship selected for the purpose.

An appeal is made for bells for the Slave Market church, Zanzibar. Bishop Steere is now in England (sent home against his will by his medical advisers in Zanzibar), and encouraging the friends of mission work to contribute generously to the completion of a church on which so much patience and energy have been bestowed.

In the diocese of Massachusetts, during eight years, there have been built thirty new churches and twelve chapels; twelve rectories have been bought or built; the clergy have increased by twenty-seven, eight being from the ministries of denominations. The Sunday-school lists have increased by forty-five per cent., and the communicants have gained fifty-five per cent.

The "Salvation Army" has got into some trouble about its processions. Some members of the Army have been sentenced by the Hampshire magistrates to imprisonment with hard labour. The magistrates said there had been reasonable grounds for believing that there would be a breach of the peace if the procession was allowed, and that therefore the police were justified in trying to prevent it, and that the defendants had persisted in having the procession in Whitchurch, and had resisted and assulted the police, and so the magistrates convicted them and sentenced them to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. An application was afterwards made on their behalf in the Court of Queen's Bench. Lord Coleridge said if it were true that these persons were in prison with hard labour which was an ignominious punishment for what might have been done under the influence of religious enthusiasm, it was desirable the case should be heard as soon as possible.

The Lord Chief Justice accordingly made the rule returnable in four days peremptorily.

It is said that discoveries have recently been made which confirm statements made some time ago as to the present existence of inhabited cities among a hostile and jealous people in Guatemala in a similar condition to that in which Cortez found them.

The death is announced of one of the most learned of Kentish antiquaries, Mr. John Brent, of Canterbury. He was a frequent contributor to *Notes and Queries*, the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and the *Antiquarian Magazine*. He was one of the oldest members of the Society of Antiquaries and of the British Archaeological Association. His work upon "Canterbury in the Olden Time" bears testimony to his indefatigable industry and his ability as an antiquarian topographer.

The "Reformed Episcopal" schism is getting into fresh trouble. The pretended "Bishop" Gregg is declared by the pretended "Bishop" Sugden to be a seceder, and an attempt is made to deprive Mr. Gregg of his position as incumbent, Trinity meeting-house, Southend. An action has been brought by two of the trustees of the building on the ground that Mr. Gregg has set up a new and distinct sect. The alterations specially pointed out were the omission of the words "canonically received, and the addition of the words "not as of Divine right" in relation to the episcopacy. The action was not successful.

The advantage arising from communications by the electric telegraph on the meteorological observations is illustrated by a message received in England from New York early in the week beginning May 1st. It was to the effect that a large depression, which was likely to develop dangerous energy, was crossing the Atlantic and was likely to arrive in England about Wednesday or Thursday. The weather became disturbed after the middle of the week and there were copious rains; but the threatened gale did not arrive till Saturday. A great amount of damage was done in various parts of England. Trees were blown down, conservatories unroofed and in some places lives were lost. In Devon and Cornwall the hurricane is described as of unparalleled violence.

The Bishop of Rochester recently met the churchwardens of the rural-deaneries of Greenwich and Woolwich. In the case of St. James's, Hatcham, and East Wickenham, presentments were made indicating the existence of contrary opinions relative to the internal arrangements at those churches; but the Bishop declined to receive oral statements. Afterwards in delivering his charge, he explained the duties and powers of churchwardens, and pointed out that voluntary church rates might still be made, though they could not be enforced, for the purpose of raising funds for the necessary repairs. He also stated that bells could not be rung without the consent of the incumbent. He said that in cases of sequestration or vacancies occasioned by death or other cause it was the duty of churchwardens to provide a stipendary curate.

A party of upwards of 1,000 pilgrims recently arrived at Marseilles from Paris, on their way to Jerusalem, provided with tents and other conveniences to enable them to camp on the plains of Syria. They take statues for the church of the Holy Sepulchre, and two crosses to be used as standards.

At the election of churchwardens for the parish of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, an objection was made to one of the former churchwardens that he had pulled out his watch during a service in the church and thus had shown impatience. The objection appears to have been sustained for another churchwarden was elected.

The pectoral cross appears to have been worn in England at a much earlier period than some have supposed. The Archbishop of Canterbury from A.D. 995 to 1006 was Elfric. His will is easily accessible and has been translated with his homilies. In this will he bequeaths to "Archbishop Wulfstan a cross to hang round his neck, and a ring and a Psalter," and to Bishop Elphege a cross.

On the festival of S. S. Philip and James, the Archbishop of Canterbury consecrated in the chapel of Lambeth palace the Rev. John Miller Strachan, M.D., and the Rev. Herbert Bree, D.D., to the bishoprics of Rangoon and Barbadoes, vacant by the respective resignations of Bishop Titcomb (owing to the effects of a fall), and of Bishop Mitchinson, who is to help the Bishop of Peterborough. The Bishops of London, Winchester, Ely, Antigua, and Bishop Mitchinson assisted the Primate. Canon Bailey, Vicar of West Tarring, formerly warden of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, preached on St. John xvii. 8.

Ireland appears to be getting worse rather than better. More coercive measures are being adopted and Parnell has not the slightest control over the extreme forces now at work there. The practice of "boycotting" is still practised in addition to murder and agrarian outrage. The Rev. John Coffie, a Tipperary incumbent has been completely boycotted for reading prayers to a party of emergency men in the private house of one of his neighbours. Though he was formerly so popular in his district that Romanists as well as non-Romanists used annually to attend to plow his land, he is now deserted even by his own labourers, and has had to do his own farm work himself.

On the 27th ult. the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol consecrated the new church of St. John the Evangelist, Stanfield. The church is in the early English style and the Bishop stated that he had never consecrated a country parish church on which he looked with greater satisfaction, and he hoped that it would be taken as a model for parishes of the same size. It is to seat 240, and has cost less than £2,400. The chief contributor has been the Earl of Ducie, but the parishioners have contributed according to their means. The fittings of the church are of English oak, and the floor of the chancel is laid with mosaic work. The Bishop preached from the words "Touch me not," and spoke strongly of the too great familiarity with holy things common at the present time.