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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

Jan. 15. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:—	
Morning...Isaiah 55.	St. Matthew 9, to v 18.
Evening...Isaiah 57, or 61.	Acts 9, to v 23.
22. THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:—	
Morning...Isaiah 62.	St. Matthew 13, to v 24.
Evening...Isaiah 65 or 66.	Acts 13, v 26.
25. CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL:—	
Morning...Isaiah 49, to v 13.	Galatians 1, v 11.
Evening...Jeremiah 1, to v 11.	Acts 26, to v 21.
29. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:—	
Morning...Job 27.	St. Matthew 16, to v 24.
Evening...Job 28 or 29.	Acts 17, v 16.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1882.

THE chancel at Pattiswick, near Braintree, has just been restored, at an expense of £650. The nave is to be restored next year.

Nineteen diocesan conferences out of twenty-four have, by large majorities, decided to send representatives to a large Central Council. Only one (Bath and Wells) has suggested another plan.

A society has been established in Exeter under the patronage of the Bishop, to promote good manners. The members promise to avoid all bad words, evil speaking, to bear no grudges, to obey all lawful authority, to study to do good to all men, and to show kindness to animals.

After a lapse of seven years, a most successful mission has been held in connection with the parish church of St. Mary, Newington. About 180 church workers have devoted themselves to it under the direction of the rector. The Bishop of Rochester brought the eight days' mission to an end by a most impressive sermon.

The choir stalls presented by Sir Watkin Wynn, in memory of his nephew, Mr. Wynn, of the Scots Greys, who was drowned under very melancholy circumstances at Windsor last year, have been fixed in their places in Trinity church. Mr. Kendall, of Warwick, whose work in the House of Lords is well known, designed and executed the choir stalls.

St. John's church, Egremont, has been rearranged. It is a proprietary chapel, and when built, architectural taste was of a very inferior type. The "three-decker arrangement has been removed, and stalls provided for the clergy and choir. A district has been assigned by the rector of Walsley, the Rev. W. E. B. Gunn being the first vicar. The church is "free" and "open," although the endowment is only £19 a year.

The Bishop of Bedford has made an appeal for volunteers, to aid Church work of various sorts—Sunday-school, night-school, men's clubs, wholesome entertainments, &c.—in East London. He says there must be many young barristers, solicitors, and other professional men, who would be glad to give up one or two nights in the week, or part of their Sunday, to work which is always full of interest, and which is as helpful to the donor as to the recipient.

The Old Testament company of revisers finished their seventy-second session on the 25th of November, at the Jerusalem Chamber. There were present:—the Deans of Canterbury and Peterborough, Mr. Bensly, Dr. Chance, Mr. Driver, Dr. Ginsburg, Dr. Gotch, Archdeacon Harrison, Dr. Kay, Professor Leathes, Professor Lumby, Professor Wright, and Mr. Aldis Wright (Secretary). The second revision of the prophetic books was continued as far as to the end of Jeremiah ix.

In the course of the visit of the two Old Catholic Bishops to England, they were welcomed at Cambridge, Ely, Addington Park, Riseholme, and Farnham Castle. The visit was brought to a termination in a happy manner by a meeting of the Anglo-Continental Society, in London, at which Bishops Reinkens and Herrog were cordially received by the Bishops of London and Edinburgh, and addresses were made by the Rt. Hon. A. J. B. Beresford-Hope, M.P., Sir Walter Farquhar, Bart., Archdeacon Emery, and others, to which the two Bishops replied in their usual expression of friendliness towards English people, and of respect and admiration of the Church in England.

On the 24th of November, the Rev. Henry Montague-Villiers, who has succeeded the Honorable and Rev. Robert Liddell, and the Rev. W. J. E. Bennett, in the vicarage of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, was inducted by the Archdeacon of Middlesex, in the presence of a large congregation. Among the clergy present were Canons Gregory and Carter, the Rev. G. H. Wilkinson, and the Rev. Baden Powell. Dr. Hessey, in his sermon on Isaiah vi. 8, spoke in high terms of the new pastor's labours in his former parish of Adisham, Kent, and also of his zeal as a mission priest, whereby he had been the means of awakening those who had relapsed into indifference or unbelief in many slumbering parishes.

The Ecclesiastical Courts Commissioners held their eighteenth and nineteenth meetings on the 24th and 25th of November, at 9, Bridge street, Westminster. There were present: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Earls of Deyon and Chichester, the Bishops of Winchester, Oxford, and Truro, Lords Blachford, and Coleridge, Sir R. Phillimore, Sir W. James, the Deans of Durham and Peterborough, Canons Westcott and Stubbs, Dr. Deane, q.c., the Rev. Chancellor Espin, the Rev. A. C. Ainslie, Mr. A. Charles, q.c., Mr. F. H. Jeune, Mr. S. Whitbread, and Mr. A. B. Kempe (Secy.). On the former day, Dr. Littledale was under examination for an hour and a half.

The parish church of Rathby, Leicestershire, was recently reopened by the Bishop of Peterborough, after partial restoration, at a cost of £3,000. The Bishop, in a speech he made at a luncheon on the occasion, expressed a strong opinion that, although the Church of England might shrink here and there, her growth on the whole was a rapid one.

Out of seven millions of Jews throughout the world, there are about 80,000 of them in England. It is related of the late Earl of Beaconsfield that when he was asked whether he was a Jew or a Christian, he replied: "Sir, I am a developed Jew." And so Christianity has been spoken of as "developed Judaism." Dean Milman expressed the character and history of the Jews in three words:—"Literature, persecution, industry."

In April last Dr. Rigg, the Principal of the Wesleyan Training College at Westminster, protested in the *Guardian* that he "had striven for many years to cultivate a generous and charitable feeling toward the Church of England and its members." It is however regarded as a somewhat singular method of exhibiting this "generous and charitable feeling" that Dr. Rigg should have objected to the clergy of the Church-being permitted under the new code to teach children in night schools! Mr. Mundella has pointed out that there is no one else qualified to do so in country villages. He says:—"What we propose to do here is to extend the usefulness of the night schools; so that children of eleven years of age, who have left school to follow the plough, may be brought to the school and continue their education, and be taught something of specific subjects—botany, geography, &c. You know that generally the only man in the village that can teach such subjects is the clergyman, and the only man at leisure will be the clergyman."

In an editorial on the Bishop of Rochester's recent Charge, the *Guardian* remarks:—"It is really vain to hope to 'make a durable impression on the huge, sweltering masses of godlessness, poverty, and squalor, which have accumulated in our densely peopled districts by any other processes than those of combined and associated work. Individual efforts will no more tell than would isolated skirmishers upon the ranks of a serried host. Organization has its dangers, no doubt; but without it, the people are lost to us. And how great are the arrears in the diocese of Rochester, when we find but 291 parochial charges, worked by 572 clergy, for a population rapidly pushing towards 2,000,000. . . . The statistics of church attendance strike us as contrasting favourably with most of those which have been lately given from some of our great centres of population. . . . It is noteworthy that Dr. Thorold should have confirmed more than a thousand persons under fourteen years of age. He fixes his limit at twelve, and his reasons for doing this seem to be sound. . . . We note with satisfaction that out of 104 deacons admitted by the Bishop no less than ninety were graduates. It looks well to find the more highly educated candidates for orders nowise reluctant to face the work of heavy metropolitan parishes."