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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

September 25.—15 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Morning.—2 Kings 18. Gal. 4 to v. 21. Evening.—2 Kings 19; or 23 to v. 31. Luke 2 to v. 21.

"SMOKING OFF" THE NATIONAL DEBT.—Fully half of the English customs duties is yielded by tobacco—ten millions sterling this last year! Between tobacco and wine, the national debt is being steadily reduced. This is some comfort and encouragement for smokers, etc.

"DEVIL A THING BUT ORATORY (said Jemmy Potter of Dublin, vide Mail, 9th Sept.), is the cause of Oirland's misery." There is a good deal of truth in this repartee revived by "Old B.," recently writing on the subject of "Preaching in the English Church." We need more preaching, and less "oratory."

AMERICAN EPISCOPAL CENTENARY—17th September, 1892.—That date, as Living Church reminds us, marks 100 years from the consecration of the first bishop for the United States of "New England." It is well that such anniversaries should be not only remembered, but marked by some appropriate demonstration of thankfulness.

COLUMBUS OR CABOT?—It was Oct. 12, 1492, that the former crossing the Atlantic from Spain discovered the Bahama Islands on that ocean's south-western verge; but it was not till 1497 that the mainland from Labrador to Florida was discovered by Sebastian Cabot, one of England's sailors, a Venetian by birth, but sailing from Bristol under orders of Henry VII.

CHURCH PROGRESS IN NEW YORK has become so striking as to call forth expressions of wonder and fervent admiration from dissenters. The (Baptist) Standard says: "The Episcopal Church of this city is making wondrous strides. Bishop Potter believes in outposts which shall become 'recruiting centres' for neighbouring churches."

ALMOST WITHOUT EATING OR SLEEPING, Cardinal Manning could live in his old age—as a result of constitutional habit firmly trained. What was asceticism to others was simple habit of life with him. He had no temptation to surfeit, and would have been ill, had he eaten or drunk as others (e.g., Cardinal Wiseman) might do naturally.

"THE ENVY OF THE ROMANISTS are our surpliced choirs (testifies a resident of Malta); they have done more to popularize and attract worshippers to the Church of England, as well as to teach reverence and order in the house of God, than anything else in the High Church movement. Romanists have them, when they can."

PAPABILI—the raw material for future Popes—are being cultivated just now with conciliatory tendencies towards the people and the Government of Italy. One of these—Cardinal Battaglini—has lately died as Archbishop of Bologna, and received funeral honours of the most splendid dimensions. He had risen from the people—son of a tailor.

"A MIGRANT TO ROME" is the new and gentle term applied by the Rock to the late Cardinal Manning, following the latter's biographer (Hutton) who does not like the term conversion or perversion. Manning himself affirmed that he himself had never been either a Tractarian or a Ritualist—as most people suppose perverses always are before they go.

"TRIPLE OR DOUBLE ALLIANCES (writes Mr. Gladstone to the Corriere de Napoli) I cannot like—because the ultimate design and scope of these alliances is not a peaceful one. The strength of a nation consists ultimately in the economy of its forces. I fear the future of Europe is a very dark one." So he treats the enormous military expenditure of Italy. This is a "pointer!"

AGAINST FEMALE SPEAKERS.—The vicar of S. Michael, Folkestone, still directs his crusade against "platform women." Their apologists, he says, argue that we have outgrown (?) S. Paul and his epistles, that his opinions were a mistake, his teaching not "suitable" to the present day, old-fashioned, erroneous, out of date, etc. Well, let us know where we are!

EPISCOPAL AUTOCRATS.—It would appear from such letters as those of Berdmore, Compton and Dr. Belcher in the Church Times, as if the recent decision of the Privy Council on the subject of Episcopal arbitrariness as "visitors" of parish churches, were going to lead to a reconsideration of the limits of Episcopal power in dealing with incumbents in matters of ritual and order.

CHURCH AND TEMPERANCE LECTURES.—Canada is fortunate in having secured the services of one so competent, experienced and judicious as Mr. George Ward, to take up a line of usefulness which has been worked to the immense advantage of the Church in England. We fancy Mr.

Ward is in no danger of "splitting" on that common rock—zeal without knowledge.

GARIBALDI'S WIFE was an exceptionally brave and heroic woman. The desire for a wife came to him during his desolation after 1830 in South America—"a woman to be a refuge in sorrow, a consolation in misfortune, a star in the storm"—and he "picked Anita out" with his eyes from the crowd of women whom he watched (from his ship) at work on the shores of Santa Cattarina.

AMERIGO, with the accent on the i, was the Christian name of the Italian Vespucci, whose "taking" narrative of the four voyages to the New World in which he had taken part, became so popular as to popularize himself, and write his name across the whole continent about which he wrote as cosmographer. It is not often that the author of a monograph gets such a large free "ad."—but he is dead.

A "FIN DE SIECLE" POPE the present one seems to be, as suggested by the Guardian correspondent in Italy, judging from the reported interview with female freethinker under the nom de guerre of "Madame Severine." This fair impressionist "drew" the Italian Papa for more than an hour, and elicited some statements (ex cathedra?) which the defenders of the Papacy have been in haste to deny—but vainly.

ROMANISM AND SOCIALISM.—The curious bouleversement by which the Romanists of France have been turned over to Democracy, "looks (the Rock says) like a contradiction and a paradox. "The sole explanation of the phenomenon is the versatility (semper eadem!) of the Holy See. A Jesuit, for instance, will be a man of society or a martyr, whichever for the nonce promises to be the more popular."

"WE COME FROM ROME (says a Roman priest writing to an English Church paper)—that is enough for us. We are the papal Church, united to the only centre of jurisdiction, commissioned by the only authority to come to, and remain in, and preach in, England." This is a nice little "claim," he argues, relieving them from the necessity of proving continuity with the Apostolic Church of England. But "it doesn't hold water!"

LABOUR TROUBLES IN AMERICA.—Animadverting upon the forcible way in which the United States have been dealing with their revolted labourers, the Church Times says "It was impossible for any Government deserving the name to refrain from using force to put an end to such a state of things; but it is instructive to see it employed in this convincing manner in a country where democratic institutions have so long held sway."

AARON'S CALF.—"I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf," as if the calf made itself!—is cleverly handled by Prebendary Eyton in a recent sermon, as a parallel to such expressions as "The drink did it," "The taverns are responsible," "The saloons are the cause," &c. "If the drunkard is to be called 'a victim,' so also is the thief, so also is the forger. . . . To shift the responsibility from the man who drinks to the publican seems to me to be a cowardly and cruel thing."