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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS. sth SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Morning-Duct. VI. John V, XXIV.

Evening-Duet. IX or X [10. I Tim. VI.

Appropriate Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Easter, and the Sunday after Ascension Day, compiled by Dr. A'bert Ham, F.R.C.O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other hymnals.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Rogation Sunday.

Holy Communion: 310, 314, 549, 553. Processional: 4, 217, 219, 274. Offertory: 142, 534, 583, 634. Children's Hymns: 291, 338, 340, 341. General Hymns: 143, 505, 549, 637.

events have been moving with extraordinary rapidity. The fertility of the soil, the enormous mining possibilities, and the salubrity of the climate, combined with the general opening up of the country by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and a great rush of immigrants have produced a most serious situation. Bishop Dart, who succeeded Bishop Sillitoe, has struggled on for nearly ten years in his unequal task, with the utmost devotion. The endowment of his Bishopric produces the miserable pittance of £230 per annum. Added to this the general growth of population has made subdivision of his vast diocese absolutely imperative. Accordingly, the southeastern section has quite recently been cut off to form the new See of Kootenay. As yet, however, it is unendowed, and, until the necessary funds are forthcoming, the two dioceses will remain under the guidance of one chief pastor. The English committee have two objects in view in making this appeal: (1) The permanent augmentation of the income attached to the bishopric of New Westminster to a reasonable figure, e.g., £550 or £600 per annum. (2) The complete endowment of the Bishopric of Kootenay. Efforts are now being by the inhabitants themselves of the 'Far West,' but these efforts must needs be seconded by us who dwell in the Old Country. The committee have decided, therefore, to appeal for $f_{10,000}$. It is a large sum, but they believe it will be forthcoming when the actual facts are fully known. We venture to suggest three considerations in conclusion: (1) There is a vast difference between the position of the Church in Western and Eastern Canada. The latter can, on the whole, take care of itself. The former is a young and struggling body, which will require outside help for years to come. (2) We rightly point to the Canadian Pacific Railway and other commercial enterprises in British Columbia, as being among the most remarkable exploits of the nineteenth century. May we not go a step further, and assert that those who are reaping the fruits of this wonderful development are under great spiritual obligations to this beautiful and fascinating country? (3) This opportunity will in all probability never come again. The Church must be ready to take up her true position as a leader at the outset. If she fails in so doing she will be too late, and her influence and consequent usefulness will receive a serious blow. We have the honour to remain yours faithfully,-R. Rupertsland, Primate of All Canada; Joh: Norvic; Gilbert Parker, M.P.; J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia; Harry Moody, R. Rhodes Bristow and Henry G. Cundy, D.D., Commissaries.

Misappropriation.

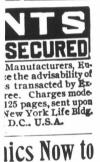
A few months ago we admired the care shown in the case of the West Malling goblet which had been found in the Parish Church. It was not allowed to be parted with until after a formal inquisition, at which the County Archeological Society was represented and every care taken. But such precautions it seems are not always enforced in England. "An antique piece of ivory having been discovered in the rectory garden at Alcester, the Rector, the Rev. A. H. Williams, kept it in his possession for some time. Recently, however, it was sent to the British Museum, and in a reply to an application as to what it would be sold for. Mr. Williams, not wishing to part with the relic, mentioned what he considered a prohibitive price, viz., £100. Much surprise was, therefore, occasioned ed when, a little later, a banker's draft was received for that amount, and the rector will now devote the money to the carrying out of improvements in the church. It seems that the article discovered was a bishop's crozier of the thirteenth century, and but very few of these are to be found." On reading the above quotation we were surprised to find such slip-shod conduct could be indulged in without remonstrance. At first sight the Bishop of the Diocese seems to be the person, whom in his corporate capacity, is entitled to this crozier. Certainly he ought to be consulted and his sanction given. We are also surprised that the British Museum should make such a sharp and irregular bargain with people ignorant of the value of the find. It is not too late to do what is right.

your daily trials are, there is your religious work. If religion consisted in praying and singing and feeling good, then I grant you, the time devoted to the every day duties and drudgeries of life would be so much time lost. But as religion consists, in fact, not simply in acts or emotions, but in character--in being loving and pure and patient and honest and truthful, I can conceive of nothing more favourable to the best religious culture than a life filled to overflowing with the very commonest of duties and cares.-From sermons by Dr. Jacob S. Shipman.

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Peopling this Continent.

From the notices in the daily press one would think that the immigration to this continent was chiefly directed to our own North-West. But that is a fond delusion, although the needs of the North-West are greater than ever and the claims on the Church more pressing on account of the mass of English emigration and the migration from Eastern Canada being poured into it. Immigration to the States receded until 1897 and 1898, and since that an unexampled tide has flowed into it. Within four years the increase has been 100 per cent., the figures being: for the year ending June 30, 1899, 311,000; 1902, 6₁8,000. And this year the number is greater than ever. Of the number which arrived during the first quarter of this year, nearly 48,000, or about one-third. are Italians, and the next largest contingent consists of Poles. The problem is not how to exclude them, but how to get these hundreds of thousands of newcomers away from the coast cities to the farms of the Middle West, where the need of labour is very keen, where wages are good, and social conditions hopeful. Mr. Williams, Commissioner of Immigration, calls for proper regulations to keep out this element, of which he says that a considerable portion is positively undesirable, unintelligent, of low vitality, of poor physique, able to perform only the cheapest kind of manual labor, and unfitted mentally and morally for good citizenship. That they are of no benefit to the country and tend to drag down its standards. Turning to our own country it is gratifying to find a difference in the quality as well as the quantity of the immigrants. In 1892 the immigration from Britain was to the States, 150,039; to Canada, 23,254. In 1901. to the States, 104,195; to Canada, 15,757, and the proportion of rural Englishmen who choose our country in preference has since largely increased. A continuance of this desirable population can only be expected by providing them with the church privileges which they enjoyed in the Old Land. The returns for the first four months of this year showing an immigration of 16,457 British. 13,770 from U. S., and 10,445 from Europe.



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A Plea for the Far West.

A few weeks ago the person who cables his personal opinion as representing that of the whole United Kingdom expressed his extreme disapproval of an appeal to Church people. We have received and now publish it, so that our readers can judge for themselves : SIR,-Will you allow us space in which to plead the urgent needs of the Church in the far western portion of our great Empire? It is now some forty-three years since the Rev. George Hills undertook the responsibility of becoming the first Bishop of the new Crown Colony of British Columbia, which then included Vancouver Island, with an enormous portion of the mainland lying to the westward of the Rocky Mountains. During the three and thirty years in which he laboured in his distant outpost,# Bishop Hills accomplished a truly wonderful task, including the division of his huge diocese, parts of which were separated from each other by no less than 1,000 miles, into the three Sees of Columbia, New Westminster, and Caledonia. It is to the second of these that we desire to call the attention of your readers. The diocese of New Westminster, over which Bishop Sillitoe presided with loving care from 1879 to 1894, covers an area of 186,000 square miles, being upwards of three times the size of England and Wales. During the past twenty years

Daily Nearer God.

We worship God that we may get strength from him to do our work in life religiously. But that work is not here in the church; it is at home, amidst the nameless worries of those noisy children, in the shop, the office, the field, wherever your daily occupation is, wherever

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The New Bishop of Thetford.

The King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Venerable J. P. A. Bowers, Archdeacon of Gloucester and Vicar of Sandhurst, to be Bishop Suffragan of Thetford, in the diocese of Norwich, Archdeacon of Lynn and Rector of North Creake, Fakenham, in the diocese of Norwich, in succession to the Right Rev. A. T. Lloyd, D.D., Bishop designate of Newcastleon-Tyne. Archdeacon Bowers, who was born at Portsmouth in 1854, graduated at Cambridge in 1876, and proceeded to the M.A. degree in 1880. He was ordained in 1877 to the curacy of Coggeshall, Essex, from whence he returned to Cambridge as curate of St. Giles. After being there a short time he was offered one of the curacies at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. In 1882 he was appointed to a minor canonry in Gloucester Cathedral and three years later was appointed Librarian of the Cathedral, a position which he filled for ten years. Since then he has filled with great acceptance the positions of Examining Chaplain to the aged Bishop of Gloucester, Diocesan Missioner, Canon, and, during the past year, Archdeacon of Gloucester, the position which he now vacates for the still more exalted position of Bishop. Archdeacon Bowers held the post of Diocesan Missioner in the diocese of Gloucester from 1885 to 1902, and his work in connection with that excellent organization has frequently been referred to, by those acquainted with it, in terms of the greatest admiration. He devoted himself warmly and cheerily to the express furtherance of mission work in the diocese, and spent a number of busy but happy years in the performance of a task, the results of which testified at once to his ability and striking power of organization. It may be of interest to mention in connection with the holding by him of this post that some six or seven years