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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

May 10th.—SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.

Morning.—Deut. 30. John 1. 29.  
Evening.—Deut. 34, or Josh. 1. 2. Thess. 2.

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CANTERBURY CENTRALIZATION.—The process of consolidating the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Church in England is being somewhat checked by a feeling which gives rise to a cry of "No papalism" against the present primate. There is danger in too much centralization.

WHITECHAPEL LANGUAGE may be something better than "Billingsgate," in one respect at least; but not much is to be hoped for in a locality where 80 per cent. of the population are foreigners of various kinds, and English of any dialect is rarely heard in the streets of that part of England.

BISHOP MACLAGAN manages to exhibit many of the highest qualities of leadership in his diocese, not going so far or so fast as to be separated from his followers at critical junctures. He keeps well in touch both with people and priests; especially on the subject of *Brotherhoods* they seem to be working in perfect accord.

HOME RULE IN CORNWALL.—The Celtic remainder in the far south-west of England seems to have been suffering (like Wales and Ireland formerly) from too much *Saxon*. It is a very great evil to use more imported material than the circumstances call for. Native talent should be moulded into the mass of local work.

BISHOP PEROWNE of Worcester is disposed to strain a point in order to be friendly with dissenting ministers in his diocese. His utterances are hardly as judicious and wholesome as those of Bishop MacLagan under similar circumstances. He intends to *reciprocate* their congratulations on his appointment by inviting them to his See House.

CHRISTIAN HARBOUR LIGHTS is the fanciful but very nautical and very striking title devised by Admiral Grant for the association of seamen of which he is president. The special duty of these "lights" is to spread the Gospel among their fellow seamen. The society seems to be an offshoot of the Seamen's Christian Friend Society in Ratcliffe Highway.

IRRESPONSIBLE DRUNKARDS.—The question of the relations of inebriety and crime was carefully considered at a recent meeting of the London Medical Society. Dr. Norman Kerr held that a large class of persons are incapable of exercising their right to drink moderately, and are therefore irresponsible and should be under Government protection and control.

THE MANIPUR DISASTER attracts public attention once more to the very perilous position which English garrisons in colonies occupy in several large foreign countries. The awe inspired by the gloriously invincible daring of British soldiers may be over-estimated, and these occasional outbreaks ending in massacre are the consequence of inadequate precaution.

THE ROMISH PRIESTHOOD IN IRELAND has a very difficult part to play in checking and counteracting the personal influence of Parnell, after having encouraged and bolstered up his policy so long. They would achieve an immense gain in moral force, if people did not suspect that ecclesiastical policy stands at the back of the present virtuous attitude.

THE WELSH CHURCH WAR is being prosecuted with characteristic vigour on the questions of tithes and disestablishment. A portent of the time is the appearance of Earl Ripon—a *pervert* to Rome—against the Church. He had the temerity, ignorance and bad taste, to speak of the Church of Wales as a "decaying Church." Not much!

AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE DEVIL, appears to be a legal form in coroner's verdicts, but so seldom used that newspapers speak of a verdict in a murder case in Huntingdonshire as being remarkable. The really remarkable thing is that newspaper people should be "surprised to hear" that the Devil has anything to do with the promotion of the crime of murder!

STANDING ON THEIR DIGNITY.—It seems that the Episcopal Bench of Australia oppose, or refuse to confirm, the election of Canon Barlow—Bishop Stanton's *right hand man* in N. Queensland—on the ground that he is not a university man. It appears, however, that Canon Barlow is a man of very exceptional talent and success—quite outweighing the want of college training.

SELF-REGISTERING MACHINES is the telling term invented for humanity by Newman Hall, *apropos* of the recent English census. At a lecture in the "Ancient Merchant" Course at Memorial Hall he moralized appropriately on the Divine census being read off and transcribed continually in the Heavenly Record from the automatic register of human *consciences*—seen of God only.

IS NATURE CRUEL? is a question which sceptics delight to answer in the affirmative, but which Rev. Theodore Wood, a famous scientist, and son

of the great naturalist, Rev. J. G. Wood, answered decidedly in the negative at a meeting of the Victoria Institute. It was demonstrated that the lower animals do not really *feel* the death-pains which compassionate (?) sceptics commiserate.

THE COLONY OF VICTORIA is being utilized as a warning to English people in regard to the school question. Bishop Moorhouse of Manchester brings his colonial experience to bear (as did Bishop Selwyn of Lichfield) on home questions. The Victorian experiment of teaching morality without religion, virtue without dogma, has proved a dismal failure, and this fact may check the English educational *downgrade*.

AUSTRALIA MUST SUPPLY HER OWN MINISTRY.—So says Bishop Stanton, who is being transferred from North Queensland diocese to Newcastle. He says, "I am heartily tired of dependence on England; my commissary has worked hard to get men, but the *romance of purely heathen* places wins the best men." Canada has much the same experience. The most heathen fields have the greatest attraction for the adventurous and energetic clergyman.

BAVARIA REPUDIATES THE JESUITS.—The clever and resolute reactionary proceedings of the Roman Catholic authorities in Germany make a point of having the expelled Jesuits recalled. The strongest opposition to this comes from Bavaria, where the *Papal Vicar General*, Dr. Wessenburg, says, "The principles of the Jesuits are of such a character that of a necessity they corrupt the Christian doctrines and morals, and endanger the relations of State and Church!"

LORD DUFFERIN has been giving one of those singularly happy pronouncements so characteristic of him, as we have had good opportunity of knowing him in Canada. Speaking as the new Lord Rector of St. Andrew's University, he gave advice to young men especially on the subject of *Public Speaking*, which probably no living man could give so well. The most effective "extempore" speeches owe their force and finish to *preparation*.

SISTERHOOD VOWS have formed a subject upon which Convocation lately pronounced in England. The resolution carried was in favour of life-long engagements as being permissible to ladies over 30 years of age, "after an adequate term of probation." This, however, was still further qualified by a clause as *proviso*: "provided that such engagements be subject to release on cause shown by the competent authority." A resolution in favour of *Brotherhoods*, also, was carried unanimously.

LAWYERS READING.—The extraordinary incapacity of legal lights for the exercise of *viva voce* reading is well illustrated by a humorous picture—drawn by Peter Lombard in the *Church Times* "Varia" column—of a scene at the confirmation of Dr. Perowne in St. Mary le Bow Cheapside. A green table surrounded by "Big-wigs" engaged in reciting the various solemn forms of words, and not a word hardly audible to the audience (?) in the body of the church!

"HOCH, HOCH!" the German shout of approval, resounded through the banqueting hall lately when "William the Restless" made an appeal to