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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

February 8.—QUINQUAGESIMA.

Morning.—Gen. 9 to 20. Mat. 22 to v. 15.  
Evening.—Gen. 12, or 13. Acts 23, 12.

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THE EPIPHANY CEREMONY, which takes place annually in the Chapel Royal at Windsor Castle, is a very interesting relic of Scripture memorial. The act of the Magi is imitated on behalf of the Queen, by some of her officers presenting "gold, frankincense and myrrh" in a formal manner at the altar of the Royal Chapel.

AN ADDITIONAL OFFERTORY CEREMONY.—An Indian chief at N'Chacup, B.C., introduced a striking feature in an offertory collection for a new church among his tribes men. At the critical time, the handsome old chief stood out in the church holding a pair of miner's scales, and weighed each package of gold dust as the Indians came forward!

A SURPLUS POPULATION of 400,000 is what the Earl of Derby says England has, and cannot provide for, every year. He strongly advises "Juvenile emigration" as the best safety valve for what may become an accession of danger, if allowed to sink down into the already "submerged tenth" of the poorer classes. He deprecates public attention and energy being diverted from regular channels of action by the latest Salvation Army fad.

THE GRAVAMEN of Archdeacon Denison on the subject of "Lux Mundi" is published, and contains the grave indictment that the book contains statements (1) full of irreverence towards our Lord, (2) beguiling and corrupting to unstable souls, (3) contrary to the Prayer Book formularies, and (4) opposed to the specific doctrine of the Church's Sixth Article of Religion. This veteran champion of orthodoxy evidently means fight in the arena of convocation.

TENEMENT HOUSES come in for strong condemnation from the pen of Mr. Rys, who has published a book about New York with the title "How the other half lives." It is calculated that 80 per cent. of New York crime is committed by persons without decent homes. He says tenement houses are "hotbeds of disease and physical infection, nurseries of pauperism and crime, throwing off year by year a scum of 40,000 human wrecks to the asylums and workhouses."

AS OTHERS SEE US.—An article in the Independent (New York) of last month, on Rev. Chas. Gore, by Bishop John F. Hurst, D.D., LL.D., says: "Gore is a fair type of the younger and stronger features of the Church of England at this time—High Churchman he is, but then for aggressive work for the masses, for thorough scholarship, and for excellence in the pulpit, the high Church of England is to-day many a league in advance of the low Church."

DOCTOR CARRY AND EARL NELSON.—The last number of the English Church Bells contains a communication from Earl Nelson referring to Dr. Carry's recent series of letters on Union in the Mail, Empire, Montreal Star, etc. They form a remarkable contribution to the Canadian Reunion Movement—in which Dr. Carry was magna pars. Earl Nelson quotes from the last letter. There is, indeed, about it, as about his last letter to us, lately published, a sweet undertone of "Moriturus Saluto."

"WHERE THE LAITY LEAD THE CLERGY MUST FOLLOW" are the closing words of a characteristic letter in the Mail on the Wade-McMullen question. That sentiment is at the bottom of most of our trouble. Certain purse-proud laymen of latitudinarian views think the clergy are so mercenary that they must perforce follow the jingle of money bags. There may be some such cases, but "Episcopalian" (?) will discover that to most of our clergy truth and fidelity are beyond all considerations of filthy lucre.

CERLEON UPON USK, a venerable title of a British Archbishop in the first centuries, is likely to be revived by the separation of the Welsh Sees from the jurisdiction of Canterbury. The plea urged is the engorged state of the two English Archbishoprics—they contain enough material for formation of several Archbishoprics. Ideal episcopacy would probably provide one priest for each 1,000 souls, one Bishop for each 100 priests (or 100,000 people), and one Archbishop for each million.

ITINERANCY AND PERMUTATION.—While some restless spirits in Canada are trying to tinker at the Church's machinery by schemes of "imitations" of various kinds, Wesleyans are rejoicing on the discovery that the "Three Years' System" in Wesley's original Deed Poll does not necessarily imply any change at all of incumbency, but is satisfied by a confirmation and repetition of incumbency license in the same place (if advisable) every three years. This would relieve the strain, the friction, and the soreness now so rife.

"CORYBANTIC CHRISTIANITY" is the title affixed to Salvation Army religion by Prof. Huxley. The lowest strata of civilization always tend to

sink into the habits and antics of the heathenism which lies contiguous to them. The C.M.S. in West Africa are trying hard to prevent Bishop Crowther's diocese from sinking in this way. The Church is composed almost entirely of native material, and shows a decided tendency to polygamy and concubinage. The C.M.S. are struggling desperately to purge out the "old leaven."

THE ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE OF YORK is being congratulated and welcomed to his new dignity with great enthusiasm. The newspapers are recounting his many deeds of "derring-do" for the Church—his brilliant speeches and epigrams in reference to disestablishment of the Irish Church, the Church Association Prosecutions, etc. Dr. Magee generally has on hand a choice crusade or "hobby" which he works "for all it is worth." At present his choice is the "society for prevention of cruelty to children," and the special point urged is the regulation of "children's insurance" schemes.

ENDOWMENT EXTRAORDINARY.—The Times special correspondent on the "Booth Scheme" takes the line that the scheme is a desperate effort to give permanency to a system (the Salvation Army) of religion, which has no innate principle of vitality and is dying out. The "General" hopes, by this scheme, to arrange a comfortable "bolster" for his tottering edifice of sensationalism. His claim to have a "mission" from God for this work is discredited by the utter flimsiness of the supposed "facts and figures," which made "Darkest England" such a startling picture.

LAND NATIONALIZATION is a subject just now attracting world-wide attention. When a monk advocates "Christian Socialism" he exposes himself to a fling from the Talmud, which says, "Whosoever has no wife and has no land is no man!" He gets it on both counts. Then, the people who have been flocking to America in order to "rest under their own vine and their own fig-tree, and drink every one the waters of his own cistern"—begin to wonder where the fun of it would be under the new plan. There is a lot to say!

THE CHURCH ARMY was organized and has been worked as an antidote of the Salvation Army—using all the better sort of means and avoiding the wild extravagancies of the latter. It was a hazardous experiment, but Rev. W. Carlile (the originator) boasts of success in counteracting the poison. All the best points in the Booth scheme have been recognized and worked for years past by the Church Army. At a meeting lately, the Bishop of Marlborough stated that the Church, in a quiet way, had spent over \$200,000 on "waifs and strays" alone last year.

MEN OR MONEY, WHICH?—Bishop Maclagan of Lichfield discusses this question exhaustively in a recent appeal for church extension. He decides in favour of the latter—money. He says, "when I say that we need men, it is really that we need money. There is no lack of men. Even now the number of candidates for the Holy Orders is far greater than the number of stipends that can be found." He takes the average of experience in effective pastoral work, 1,000 souls for each "curate of souls," and finds an "aching void" in his diocese. Plenty of men are ready to offer themselves, but laymen withhold their dues.