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LESSONS for SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS.

- Dec. 11...THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT:—
Morning...Isaiah 25. 1 St. John 3, 16 to 4, 7
Evening...Isaiah 26; or 28, 5 to 19. St. John 18, 28.
- 18...FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT:—
Morning...Isaiah 30, to 27. Revelation 2 18, to 3 7.
Evening...Isaiah 32; Revelation 3 7.
[or 33 2 to 23.]
- 21...St. THOMAS, Apostle and Martyr:—
Morning...Job 42 to 7. St. John 20, 19 to 24.
Evening...Isaiah 35. St. John 14 to 8.
- 25...CHRISTMAS DAY:—
Morning...Isaiah 9, to 8. St. Luke 2, to 15.
Proper Psalms: 19, 45, 85. Athanasian Creed.
Pro. Preface in Com. Service till Jan. 1.
Evening...Isaiah 7, 10 to 17. Titus 3, 4 to 9.
Proper Psalms: 89, 110, 132.
- 26...St. STEPHEN, the First Martyr:—
Morning...Genesis 4, to 11. Acts 6.
Evening...Chronicles 24, 15 to 23. Acts 8, to 3.
- 27...St. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist:—
Morning...Exodus 33 9. St. John 13, 23 to 36.
Evening...Isaiah 6. Revelation 1.
- 28...INNOCENTS' DAY:—
Morning...Jeremiah 31, to 18. Revelation 16.
Evening...Baruch 4, 21 to 31. Revelation 18.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1881.

THE Vicar of All Saints', Clifton, Bristol, states that the offertories at his church have averaged £4,000 for the last ten years.

The patent for the appointment of Rev. W. J. Knox-Little to the canonry vacated by Dean Bradley, at Worcester, has been Gazetted.

The Dean and Chapter of Exeter have determined to light the cathedral with gas for evening service. They have been restrained hitherto from doing so by fear of fire.

The Archbishop of Dublin recently held his annual Visitation. His Grace stated that two years ago there were eighteen churches in which a weekly Communion was celebrated in his diocese. now there are twenty-two. In 1869, there were twenty-eight without fonts; in 1879 there were only ten, and now there are only three. The number confirmed in the city of Dublin was 1,066, being one hundred more than in 1879.

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Geo. H. S. Johnson, M.A., dean of Wells.

The Ecclesiastical Courts' Commission held their 16th and 17th meetings on the 3rd and 4th ultimo, the Archbishop of Canterbury in the chair.

The Queen has approved of the appointment of the Rev. John Oakley, vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxon, to the Deanery of Carlisle, in the room of the Very Rev. F. Close, D.D., resigned.

It is proposed to form an association in England for the removal of the grievances of the unbene-ficed clergy, and for promoting such general reforms as are necessary for the existence of the Church in England as the Church of the people. The questions of pressing moment are thought to be these: 1. The position and prospects of curates. 2. The readjustment of ecclesiastical revenues. 3. The reform of Convocation. 4. The state of the laws regulating patronage. 5. The need of union. A preliminary meeting was held in St. Margaret's vestry hall, Charing Cross, on the 10th ultimo.

Religious census returns seem to be the order of the day. It is stated that the number of persons attending service at the various places of worship on Sunday morning and evening, October 30th, was 116,018, a considerable increase on 1851. The Church had a total of 47,142; Congregationalists 12,644; the Salvation Army 11,085; Baptists 9,561; and the Wesleyan Methodists 8,908. The population is about 206,000. The attendance at one service is said to be as follows:—

	Sittings.	Attendance at one Service.
Church ...	26,598	24,247
Congregationalists ...	13,779	6,854
Baptists ...	5,571	5,100
Wesleyans ...	9,659	4,996
Methodists ...	3,864	2,792
Primitive Methodists ...	2,106	1,619

So that Liverpool and Newcastle are not to be taken as fair specimens of Church-going in the large towns.

On the 2nd ult. a service of much interest and solemnity was held in the chapel of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, on the occasion of the departure of seven workers for their respective fields in India. The Rev. T. W. Windley was about to return to his work among the Karen and Burmese at Tounghoo; the Rev. W. Relton was going to Madras as tutor in the Theological College at Vepery; Mr. Brotherton Vickers and Mr. Logsdail, of St. Augustine's college, were destined for Tinnivelly and Chota Nagpore respectively; and two ladies connected with the Ladies' Association, were bound for Ahmednagar in Bombay, and a third lady for Calcutta. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the secretary of the Society, and there were fifty-three communicants. The address was given by the Rev. J. Strachan, M.D., the Society's diocesan secretary in Madras, who, out of his own experience of more than twenty years, warned his younger fellow-labourers that not the least of the trials of a missionary in tropical climates were to be found in the conditions of the climate, which tempts Europeans to lassitude and to inactivity.

The Mayor of Wolverhampton has received an offer of £5,000 towards building a public art gallery.

At St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th ultimo, a special service was held for members of the "Association of Lay-helpers" for the diocese of London. The Rev. F. J. Ponsonby, M.A., delivered an address from St. Luke xiv.

The Old Catholic bishops Reinkens and Herzog, were received on the 7th, at a meeting of the Anglo-Continental Society's supporters, by the Bishops of London and Edinburgh, Mr. A. J. B. Beresford-Hope, M.P., Sir Walter Farquhar, Bart., Archdeacon Emery, and others.

At Ipswich, October 25th, the attendance were At the churches 5,113; at the Baptist chapels 1,769; Independent 1,375; Wesleyan 777; Roman Catholics 255; others 729; total dissenters 4,975; grand total 10,018, or one-fifth of the population.

The Rev. T. J. Rowsell, vicar of St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park, and deputy Clerk of the Closet, has been appointed to the canonry of Westminster, vacant by the death of the late Canon Leighton. Mr. Rowsell is brother to our esteemed citizen Henry Rowsell, Esq., of the firm of Rowsell and Hutchison.

The Hon. Sec. of the Truro cathedral fund has received the following letter from a member of the Society of Friends:—"Dear Sir,—I had the advantage of attending yesterday's meeting of the diocesan conference, and was so much interested in your report of the cathedral committee, and in the spirit towards Dissenters manifested by the conference, that, as a Quaker, I beg to send you £10 towards the cathedral fund."

The Assistant-Superior of the Community of St. John the Baptist, Clewer, sailed a few days ago with some of the sisters for Calcutta, to take charge of the Lady Canning Home, and train nurses for the public hospitals and for nursing in private families. It is hoped that this step will strengthen and extend the work of the Church amongst the native women, while it offers training to any who desire to devote themselves to foreign mission and hospital work.

Our readers are probably aware that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has an estate at Sandringham, Norfolk. On that estate is West Newton church, which the Prince has just restored at his own expense. The Lord Bishop of Norwich reopened it on Sunday, Nov. 6th. From the various handsome offerings made we gather that the rapidly declining Puritanism has at last lost its sway over the Royal Family. The Crown Prince and Princess of Germany presented the ornaments for the altar, consisting of cross, candlesticks, and flower vases. The Duke of Cambridge gave richly embroidered red velvet and silk altar cloth, while the Duchess of Cambridge gave a violet one for Lent and Advent. Lord Colville gave the richly engraved alms'-dish.

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