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ALSO,

NOTICES,

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OF THE CHAPTERS IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS  
AND IN THE APOCRYPHA.BY THE REV. J. G. H. HILL, M.A.  
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[N.B.—Not having asked permission of the writers of the above extracts, the Author does not feel at liberty to publish their names.]

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# Indices Ecclesix.

## PART II.

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1 JULY TO DECEMBER 31,  
1872.

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The publication of Part II. properly requires no preface ; but the Author gladly takes this opportunity of expressing his best acknowledgments to the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Public Press, for the uniform encouragement which Part I. of the "INDICES" has received.

In subsequent editions of this book, the leading subjects in both Lessons and in both Lectionaries (now to be found in Index No. 1 only) will also be introduced into Indices Nos. 2 and 3, and a constant endeavour will be made to attain a more matured *précis* of the Lessons and a closer adaptation from the Hymnals. The Author trusts, by these and other means, to render the work at once a welcome and ultimately an indispensable companion for the Reading Desk, the Study, the Sunday School, and at home.

The present additions to the body of the work consist of the Index No. 3, and a few extracts from Dr. Blunt upon the advantages of harmonising the teaching from the Pulpit with that from the Desk,—in other words, the Sermon with the Lectons.

The Edition for 1873 will be published early in December—to be followed by Skeleton Sermons, illustrative of the Sunday subjects.

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His Gloria.

## REMARKS ON THE COMPOSITION OF SERMONS.\*

BY THE REV. J. J. BLUNT,  
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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

*Selected by the Author of the "Indices."*

"I would propose to you as a further guide for the choice of your texts, that they should be taken as often as convenient from some portion of Scripture *used in the Service of the day*, or at least fall in with the Service,—*if always*, all the better." (Page 158.)

"There are other advantages resulting from this practice of *adapting our Sermons to the portions of Scripture selected for the day*. Our Services are so framed, the portions of Scripture to be read are so selected, that in the course of the year the whole faith and duty of a Christian is by turns brought before the congregation; and the Preacher, by thus falling in with the several items as they successively come up, will have failed in no important particular of his office: his Sermons will have thus comprised a *complete* round of instruction; and he will have defrauded his people, whether from inadvertency or otherwise, of nothing essential to them." (Page 159.)

"Further still, the Preacher will often find it necessary to give very *specific warnings* from his pulpit against one error or another." (Page 160.)

"Now he will often do well to wait, on these occasions, till the Service of the day (for which he is thus in the habit of finding his Sermon) naturally, in the course of things, leads him to make such pointed reflections." (Page 160.)

"A wise man will hold his tongue till he see opportunity, but a babbler and a fool will regard no time." †

\* "The Duties of the Parish Priest." Murray, 1856.

† "Eccles. xx. 6, 7.



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PART II.

JULY TO DECEMBER.

1872.

6 SUN. aft. TRIN.

7 JULY.

## MORNING.

## PSALMS.

"Plead thou my cause." . . . . 35 . . . . David's prayer for safety.

"My heart sheweth me." . . . . 36 . . . . Grievous state of the wicked.

1 LESS. 2 Samuel i.

The Amalekite, accusing himself of Saul's death, is slain. David's lament over Saul, and Jonathan.

or, 2 Samuel xii.

*Nathan's parable: "Thou art the man." David repenting, is pardoned; child dies—ver. 24. Solomon born. Rabbah, city of waters, taken; its people tortured.*

2 LESS. Acts xiii. beg. ver. 26.

Paul preaches at Antioch, that Jesus is Christ, risen from the dead. The Gentiles believe and rejoice. Apostles go to Iconium.

or, Luke xix.

*Zacchæus the publican. Parable of ten pounds and ten servants. Christ's entry into Jerusalem. He weeps over the city. Ejection of buyers and sellers. Daily teaching in the temple. The rulers' malice.*

Collect. "O God,"—Love of God: the Eternal promises.

Epistle. Romans vi. ver. 3 to 12.

"Baptism into death": dead to sin, alive to God: resurrection: "For in that He died,"—"liveth unto God."

Gospel. Matthew v. ver. 20 to 27.

Christ defines true righteousness, murder, and adultery. Suffer wrongfully. Love our enemies.

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*Hymns A. and M.*

163. "Surely He hath borne." Isa. liii. 4.

298. "Work your work." Ecclus. li. 30.

172. "Hosanna in the highest." Mark xi. 10.

*Ps. and Hy. S.P.C.K.*

Hy. 318. Come, see the place.

Hy. 296. Thou plenteous source.

Hy. 196. This is the day.

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## EVENING.

PSALM.

SUBJECTS.

"Fret not thyself." ..... 37.... Patience, punishment of the wicked.

1 LESS. 2 Samuel xii. to ver. 24.

*Vide Morning Service.*

or, 2 Samuel xviii.

David's charge about Absalom. Israel smitten.  
David's sorrow.

or, 2 Samuel xix.

*David ceases his mourning. Israel's wish to bring  
the king back. David sends to the priests.  
Shimei pardoned. Mephibosheth accused.  
Barsillai dismissed. Chimham. The men  
of Israel and Judah.*

2 LESS. Matthew ii.

Wise men out of the East worship and offer  
gifts. Flight into Egypt. Massacre of  
innocents. Death of Herod. Christ brought  
back to Nazareth.

or, *Colossians* iii.

*"Seek those things which are above." "Mortify  
your members." "Put off the old man."  
Put on Christ. Exhorts to charity, and  
humility. Duties of wives, husbands, etc.*

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*Hymns A. and M.*

368. "When thou liest down." Prov. iii. 24.

201. "Thy Word is." Ps. cxix. 105.

*Ps. and Hy. S.P.C.K.*

Hy. 452. Father of love.

Hy. 395. O Jesus I have promised.

N.B.—The Lessons of the New Lectionary are printed in Roman letters, and those of the Old in Italics. Thick type indicates that the same Lesson is appointed in both Lectionaries.