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LESSON FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Morning—Isalah VI. to 11: Rev. I. to 9; Evening—Gen. XVIII. or I, & II. to 4; Eph. IV. to 17 or Matt. 1II.

Appropriate Hymns for Trinity Sunday and First Sunday after Trinity, compiled by Dr. Albert 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:

TRINITY SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 317, 321, 323, 553. Processional: 161, 165, 166, 167. Offertory: 162, 164, 170, 172. Children's Hymns: 169, 330, 335, 336. General Hymns: 160, 163, 509, 514.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 312, 520, 538, 555. Processional: 306, 390, 534, 545. Offertory: 170, 216, 223, 235. Children's Hymns: 175, 304, 338, 344. General Hymns: 514, 526, 539, 542.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

We have been asked the question, why, if we consider the Brotherhood, as at present constituted, ineffective in the country, we do not suggest a remedy? That duty we thought would be considered usurping the functions of the council. But as that body is apparently governed by the strict conservatism of the elder brethren, and we are alvays anxious to oblige and to promote efficiency, we submit for consideration the following: That in addition to the two promises required at present, the following promises be added: "To attend on each Sunday the regular morning and evening prayer of the Church and by all means in my power of personal example and persuasion to endeavour to induce others to do so also. In all cases

where I am so situated that I am three miles distant from any Church service, that I will on every Sunday, if necessary, personally and publicly read the morning and evening prayer at the accustomed hours, and do all in ny power to induce others to attend such ser-That I will also, under like condisions, promote and assist the establishment and operation of Church Sunday schools." This is a suggestion that will prove a tral of strength, for the Brotherhood man, is he able for it, or will he shirk it? Before doing so, let him remember that it is what the lay readers and members of other religious bodies are always ready to do and to what their success is greatly owing. It will have the advantage, the inestimable one, of making the button a rallying centre on Sundays, and half the difficulty of starting a service will have been overcome. Now it is in order for the city seniors to pass this by unnoticed, or to condemn it with faint praise. But before doing so, let them suggest some other simple means whereby the Church will not be swamped and disappear in the whirk of immigrants, in the solitude of the bush or prairie. Let them suggest a more efficient means of meeting the idle, nay, werse than idle, gossip of the fence-corners all over the country. To the young men of the farms and villages, we appeal. We know they are ready and willing, but they lack leaders and shrink from pushing forward. If the ordeal is too great for the ordinary St. Andrew man, let us have a St. Paul man, a higher order of the Brotherhood.

Algoma.

We thank Church Bells for the short history of this missionary diocese, and the writer --also, who evidently knows the diocese well. It is out of our power to find space to reprint the article, and indeed the story is too well known to our readers to need it. the writer, A. B. T., while doing justice to the first two bishops, passes over too slightly the work of the present one, and the increasing needs of his diocese. The writer says: "The tale of poverty, need, and spir tual destitution is an oft-told one. In England, the formation of an association for helping Algoma in prayer and work in 1889 led to a gradual spread of knowledge concerning the diccese, and a not inconsiderable augmentation of its funds, and has drawn forth the active expression of much true love and sympathy from many of its members, past and present. Still, it requires an unwavering and unflagging zeal and perseverance to sustain -we will not say 'interest,' that is a worn-out term for which a substitute is sadly needed -the enthusiasm of first impressions or, wenting enthusiasm, to rise up to it. It is a rather prevalent but erroneous notion that Canada ought to support Algoma. It must, however, be remembered that Canada is comparatively a new country; she has not an

established Church, centuries old, at her back, rich in its inheritance and endowments from the past. Moreover, the Church is not even the representative religious body in Canada. By far the largest part of her population is Roman Catholic, and either French or of French extraction; and the Church of England has not been careful to obtain a supremacy over the numerous sects, which not only outnumber, but have the start of her. In Algoma, numbers of our own countrymen and women have been lost to the Church of their fathers, simply because the Church did not follow them, and still makes no adequate provision for them. Wanting the means, both Bishop Fauquier—the first Bishop of Algoma—and Bishop Sullivan, who succeeded him, were powerless to prevent the leakage. 'Our clergy,' said Bishop Sullivan, 'are indefatigable, but one man cannot do the work of four;' and he might have added that one Bishop could not do the work of two."

Significant.

The Church Econom st, of New York, sent a circular to a large number of prominent Presbyterian churches in the chief cities of the Union, asking as to their causes of success. Fifty-three replied: It is significant that the main source of accessions was the Sunday school. To the last question: "What line of effort seemed most fruitful?" there was a unanimous testimony in favour of personal work. We recently mentioned that the successful Presbyterian missions in the North-West were to be supplemented by energetic planting of Sunday schools.

Women's Poems.

A work has just been issued, styled the "Spindle Side of Scottish Song," in which the songs which the people cherish are almost all found. The author of the work points out that the majority of the singers are emplatically women, the one offering of one song, in which is concentrated the heart and soul of the writer. One writer, on whose work the author lingers with peculiar appreciation, is Jean Elliot. "Regarding the creation of Miss Jean Elliot's incomparable versior of 'The Flowers of the Forest,' the tradition is, that one evening in 1756—when Miss Elliot was twenty-eight years old-she was riding homeward in the twilight with her brother in along The conversation of the family coach. congenial pair, alive to the poetic and ron antic influences of the time and the scene, turned upon the disaster of Flodden, to which a hundred men of 'The Forest' had marched with their green banner to join the Scottish army—to return, after the battle, a broken and dejected remnant with their tale of 'dule and wae.' Sir Gilbert suggested to his sister that she should write a new ballad of Flodden Field on the lines of the old one fast passing out of remembrance. She owned that it