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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

December 6.—Second Sunday in Advent.  
Morning—Isaiah 5; 2 Peter 3.  
Evening—Isaiah 11 to 11, or 24; John 15.  
December 13th.—Third Sunday in Advent.  
Morning—Isaiah 25; 1 John 5.  
Evening—Isai. 26, or 28, 5 to 10; John 10, 25.  
December 20.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.  
Morning—Isaiah 30, 10 to 27; Rev. 6.  
Evening—Isaiah 32 or 33, 2 to 23; Rev. 7.  
December 27.—First Sunday after Christ.  
Morning—Isaiah 35.  
Evening—Isai. 38; or 40.

Appropriate hymns for Second and Third Sundays in Advent, 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.

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Holy Communion: 196, 316, 320, 553.  
Processional: 45, 305, 391, 392.  
Offertory: 51, 214, 216, 226.  
Children's Hymns: 217, 565, 568, 569.  
General Hymns: 47, 52, 54, 288.

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Holy Communion: 51, 178, 313, 318.  
Processional: 47, 48, 355, 362.  
Offertory: 186, 292, 293, 382.  
Children's Hymns: 180, 188, 336, 566.  
General Hymns: 101, 103, 353, 587.

### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

The Church's annual call to the study of the Bible. Why? Because the Bible contains God's revelation of Himself and His will concerning mankind. The permanence of Christianity depends upon the Person of Christ, and also upon the Scriptures, which give us the record of Jesus' life and ministry amongst men. Surely these are sufficient reasons why we should follow the example of the Psalmist: "Lord, what love have I unto Thy law; all the day long is my study in it." Realizing the importance of Holy Writ in the inspiration to holy living and in the development of spirituality, let us note two of the great lessons of the Pan-Anglican Congress: 1. A neces-

sary feature of every Christian life is definite, devotional study of the Word of God. As a Church we are pledged to the open Bible, and blessed by that fact. But to how many of our people is the Bible really an open book; i.e., a book understood by them, instructing, inspiring, admonishing and nourishing them? Must we not confess to a great deal of formal reading and hearing of the Word of God? The Church calls upon us to take a forward step and make the Bible our great study book. Read it, study it upon your knees, praying that it may bring you closer to Jesus. Conduct does depend upon faith in and knowledge of God. And the Bible is the unerring storehouse of knowledge. 2. We are not to be afraid of any Biblical criticism. Our confidence is supplied in the words of the Master Himself: "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away." We are not concerned about the eternity of man's words. We need not be concerned about the eternity of God's words. Therefore, we must welcome all constructive criticism. It is based on the assumption that no one age or generation can appreciate or comprehend the whole Truth. Our knowledge of Truth is built up little by little. The reverent scientific critic is seeking new truths, and he is successful. He seeks to adapt the truth already appreciated by men to new surroundings, and again he is successful. Therefore we must welcome all the "true" and "approved" results of reverent and scientific Biblical criticism. And we must remember, too, that it will not be the unprogressive student who will check the destructive critic, but the man of scientific attitude and attainment. Therefore, in a dual way the reverent critic is the friend to truth. He protects the truth from error; he seeks out new applications for truth, and, therefore, adds to our conviction in the eternity of the Word of God.

### An Admirable Book.

"The Life of Jesus of Nazareth Portrayed in Colours." Eighty pictures by William Hole, R.S.A., R.E. The Mussion Book Company, Limited, Toronto; \$2.50. It is a long time since we have seen a more satisfying gift-book than this portrayal of the life of our Lord, Mr. Hole is a well-known Scottish artist, who, with truthfulness, reverence, simplicity, and reserve, as Dr. George Adam Smith says in the introductory note which he contributes, has endeavoured with what one cannot but feel is remarkable success to present to us some of the scenes of the life of Jesus in the setting in which they must actually have happened. The artist's conception of his subjects and his colouring, which is beautifully reproduced, are like Tissot's in being altogether different from the conventional Biblical illustrations of our childhood, but are greatly preferable to Tissot's in some of the qualities already mentioned. No attempt has been made to improve upon the language of the Evangelists; each picture is faced by the passage in their actual words which it illustrates. The Archdeacon of London, Dr. William Sinclair, writes an interesting preface, with notes upon each of the pictures; we have also notes by the artist himself, and an illuminating "Introductory Note," by Dr. G. A. Smith, to which reference has already been made. The book would make an admirable Christmas present for an intelligent boy or girl, and the value of it would be increased if the mother went through it page by page with the child, pointing out the special features of the pictures, an exercise for which ample material will be found in the notes referred to. This beautiful book and one year's subscription to the "Canadian Churchman" will be supplied to subscribers in Canada for two dollars and fifty cents.

### Young People.

As we have had opportunity we have had a word to say in favour of Anglican Young People's Associations. At this time of the year, when summer, with all its outdoor attractions is past, the winter work of these excellent Associations begins. It is undertaken with energy and enthusiasm in parishes where they are fully organized, and where the gratifying and beneficial results of their work have won recognition, and with hope and promise of increased usefulness where they are being newly organized. One of the most commendable features of the Associations is the practice of visiting and entertaining each other. This begets an enlarged acquaintance amongst the younger members of the Church, broadens their sympathies, and promotes a kind and neighbourly feeling. We would urge upon the Associations to aim at simplicity and frugality in their hospitable intercourse, and to avoid all appearance of ostentation or extravagance. The Association when prudently conducted is an efficient handmaid to the Church, and deserves approval and encouragement.

### East Indian Troubles.

It is difficult for those at a distance to appreciate the full significance of the rumoured discontent in India. These racial difficulties are apt to be magnified by the ill-affected and exaggerated by the yellow press, whose object is the manufacture where opportunity is afforded of productive news. It is, indeed, not to be wondered at that in our world-wide Empire, with its varied races, expansive freedom, free education and sometimes radical results, that we have as little trouble as we do. We cannot help thinking that such trouble as we have is largely to be attributed to the untimely and ill-advised efforts of radical agitators of our own race rather than to sinister influences from without the realm. One of the noblest and most enlightened of British Reformers, Edmund Burke, well said: "Good order is the foundation of all good things"; and again: "What is liberty without wisdom and without virtue? It is the greatest of all possible evils; for it is folly, vice, and madness without tuition or restraint."

### Charitable Associations.

The gifts by will for benevolent purposes in Ontario were considerably checked by the wording of the Succession Duties Act, which provided that such duties should be for the support of hospitals and similar institutions. It is doubtful whether the general public is aware that this benevolence, or at least half of it, has been diverted to the enrichment of the University of Toronto. The same result will probably follow the knowledge of the changes. Individuals will give their personal donations to an institution not supported by the State instead of to one to which in the shape of taxes they already contribute. A similar result is looked for in England, where voluntary charity has been so great. Now that an old age pension scheme has come into operation a tremendous drop is looked for in subscriptions and legacies. It is the natural result, and it is doubtful whether the deserving poor will be better off. The difficulties of giving doles to the right people is enormous and the mistakes deplorable. In London alone, we read, there are hundreds of societies, spending more than ten millions annually, which have practically no intercommunication and no efficient means of inquiry.

### Old Mortality.

The novels of Sir Walter Scott are not as a rule read by the young people, who leave them untouched on the parents' shelves. But the one bearing the above title and the notes to it are

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