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LESSONS FOR SUNDAY AND HOLY DAYS.

February 11—Septuagesima.

Morning—Genesis 1 & 2, to 4; Rev. 21, to 9

Evening—Genesis 2, 4; or Job 38; Rev. 21, 9-22, 6.

February 18—Sexagesima.

Morning—Genesis 3; Matthew 26, 57.

Evening—Genesis 6 or 8; Romans 2, 17.

February 25—Quinquagesima.

Morning—Genesis 9, to 20; Mark 2 to 23.

Evening—Genesis 12 or 13; Romans 8, 18.

March 4—First Sunday in Lent.

Morning—Genesis 10, 12 to 30; Mark 6, 14 to 30.

Evening—Genesis 22, to 20, or 23; Romans 13.

Appropriate Hymns for Septuagesima and Sexagesima Sundays, 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.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 172, 313, 528, 555.

Processional: 83, 446, 447, 489.

Offertory: 333, 566, 568, 574.

Children's Hymns: 210, 221, 222, 533.

General Hymns: 162, 168, 262, 470.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 192, 314, 316, 321.

Processional: 233, 236, 242, 274.

Offertory: 238, 337, 340, 342.

Children's Hymns: 229, 239, 240, 353.

General Hymns: 165, 234, 245, 288.

Like Unto Him.

The greatest artists and sculptors are those who by long and patient study of the most perfect examples of colour and form, in the light of nature, have, aided by natural gifts, been enabled to trace on canvas or carve in stone works which have made their names immortal. From the darkness of ignorance they gradually emerged into the light of knowledge, and won their marvellous power by striving to attain the ideal. "In darkness," says Hare "there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the difference between things, and it is Christ that gives us light." "If we would find the one true ideal, if we would seek the sole Divine example," writes Dean Farrar, "we must look to Christ and Christ alone. . . . the light of Christ is the light of the world. . . . In His light, and in that alone shall we see light." And it is by this light

that we are alone enabled "to purify ourselves, even as He is pure" and by which "we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom," and attain an immortality more lasting than the stars and more splendid than the sun.

A Note of Thanks.

So warm, hearty, and widespread has been the response to our appeal to our readers to do their best as good Church men and women to extend the circulation and influence of the "Canadian Churchman," especially at the beginning of the New Year, that we are quite touched at the most successful effort made in that direction, as well as the accompanying exceedingly kind and generous expressions of good will and kind feeling. From the Bishops of our Church, from clergy and laity, and from those devoted, untiring, and unselfish workers, to whom the Church owes so large a portion of its efficiency and advancement, the loyal Churchwomen throughout the length and breadth of Canada this appreciative response has come. It is fitting that the authorized organ of our branch of the Church in this great Dominion should after over thirty years of faithful service receive the general support of Church people. But it is most welcome and gracious when it is accompanied in the most unstinted and general manner by expressions of sincere and touching appreciation of our long and loyal service to the Church we love and honour, and deem it our high privilege to humbly serve. Keep on, dear readers, with this good work. Whatever in this age, of so much worldliness and indifference, aims at upholding sound doctrine, and advancing the influence and efficiency of our Church, merits your hearty and continuous encouragement and support. We again thank you most cordially for what you have done, are doing and will do for the Canadian Churchman.

Franciscan Plain Song.

It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that the present Pope soon after his accession made a great change in the music to be used in the Roman churches. He did away with the papal choir as formerly constituted and directed that florid music should no longer be used in the Church services. The latter reform has taken time and is gradually making its way. We note in connection with this a re-union of the new confraternity of St. Patrick of the third order of St. Francis at Montreal. Readers of Mrs. Humphrey Ward's novels will remember a reference to this lay order in Helbeck of Banisdale, a reference which aroused interest in it and caused its modern revival. The meeting in Montreal was largely attended to hear a lecture by the Rev. Father Wolston, O. F. M., the leader of the plain chant movement at the Franciscan monastery. Father Wolston gave a short account of the new chant and illustrations on the gramophone of the plain song as sung by the Benedictines at Rome and by the present Vatican choir.

A Pressing Need.

As great events in a nation's history impress with unusual power the minds of its patriotic people, so the passing from amongst us of men of light and leading in the Church who have done their duty nobly, manfully, and well stirs the loyal Churchman with unwonted feeling. When the great captains of Israel fell in battle or their strength failed them through the weight of years others were advanced to their places, the ranks closed up behind them, and the battle went on. As year by year our beloved leaders

and exemplars are called away others fill their vacant places, and discharge their onerous duties. Yet still there is room. The young, the ardent, the brave are specially called by these sad and solemn events to come forward and enter the ranks of the army of God on earth, to devote their lives in faithful service to Him; and by unreserved consecration of themselves to begin the noblest possible round of duty. In the humble hope, it may be, that in the fulness of time, they too may rank amongst the chosen leaders of the Church, and be honoured and blessed in their work even as those whose departure from amongst us is from time to time so widely and keenly deplored.

The Bible Society.

The eighty-fifth anniversary of the Montreal Auxiliary, of what is now the Canadian Bible Society, constituted the first meeting of that section of the British and Foreign Bible Society since the adoption of the new name. The proceedings showed satisfactory progress and among other items that of the grant to the society of \$5,000. The address of the Rev. Mr. Welsh showed the work carried on by the Bible Society during the recent wars, 250,000 Gospels had been distributed among Japanese soldiers and sailors while in China over 10,000 had been handed out. In Russia the work had been equally important, and had received a generous assistance from the Czarina. Other instances were cited by the speaker, who affirmed that "the Bible Society, though old, is by no means infirm." Requests had been received from Winnipeg for Scriptures in forty-five different tongues. He enlarged in his concluding remarks upon what is being attempted in the North-West, especially among the Galicians and the Doukhobors. The latter people, Mr. Welsh considered, as the highest type of the foreign element that he had been among in Canada. They are gradually changing, although the leaders oppose change. We see, however, that this policy is slowly being altered and that members are being allowed to leave the communities. Mr. Welsh said that a new religious body is being organized among the former colony along lines different from any of the churches now existing in the country.

Expansion.

That we in Canada have entered an era of national development is evident to all candid observers. The auguries of early travellers of half a century, or even more, ago, who from the great extent of our possessions and the undeveloped resources of forest, field and mine, the fisheries of sea and lake, and the water-power of river and stream foretold a rich and glowing future when capital and labour should combine their energizing, civilizing forces, and enter in and possess the land are being already realized. Whilst this extraordinary expansion has got well under way, what of the Church? Is its expansion keeping pace with that of the State. If not, why not? Each Canadian Churchman must search in his own breast for the answer. For to him is committed the great and inalienable trust of handing on to his fellow man the ministrations of the Church. The new-comer must be provided for. It is a duty and responsibility from which there is no escape. A privilege and a blessing combined, to the faithful and generous doer of the word, who, if he cannot go himself, is doing his utmost to have others sent. The call is loud. The need is great. The work is glorious.

The New Men.

The unknown power in the new House of Commons is the Labour party. It was generally