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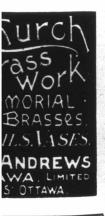
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TRINITY SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 192, 313, 440, 441. Processional: 416, 440, 625, 657. Offertory: 456, 483 516, 631. Children: 214, 558, 572, 701. General: 1, 394, 454, 637.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 245, 433, 630, 643. Processional: 376, 406, 449, 468. Offertory: 512, 605, 657, 764. Children: 697, 701, 707, 715. General: 2, 416, 456, 483.

The tragedies of this spring are changing the routes of travel on the Atlantic, lanes which have been as well defined as roads on land. One result of trade lanes is that there are even yet, possibly, in some vast plains of ocean more than ever, great stretches of water where dismasted or disabled ships might be left for months without help being sighted. To find the beginnings of sea lanes of travel, we must go far back to the beginning, to the days when men first ventured on the sea and pushed timorously from cape to cape, anchoring by night and rarely sailing out of sight of land. In the very early times the Red Sea seems t) have had its navigators from Egypt and Arabia. In the ancient world, it is true, the ocean lanes were not many. Principal among them to and from the Mediterranean were the several courses from the Pillars of Hercules, either along the African coast, via Carthage, or the coasts of Gaul, Italy, and Greece, and so on, to the common base of all, the ports of Asia Minor, where the commerce of the ancient world met and was sifted and then redistributed on its way to thousand smaller marts. The Phœnician mariners, who sent their galleys through the Pillars of Hercules and up to Cornwall for cargoes of tin, were among the first to map out recognized routes for sea commerce, and one cannot resist a deep respect for their daring in thus exploring a way that their ancestors must have looked upon with wholly superstitious dread. Countless less important routes branched out from these, carried them on or projected into limited areas of water, surrounded by large populations which had a commerce of their own. In every case the paths of the trading galleys were invariably the same. The middle of the Mediterranean was probably seldom furrowed outside of the few tracks pursued by vessels travelling from one side of it to the other, say, from Carthage or Alexandria to Athens or Rome. Men crept along the coasts or rowed uncertainly from island to island, unless they could not help themselves. The passage by sea of St. Paul to Rome as detailed in the acts gives much information as to the routes, the sailings and ports of the Roman .88 days.

Church Papers.

We find in our exchanges lessons drawn from the conduct of the father of the late W. T. Stead in subscribing at great personal self-denial to the paper of the religious body to which he belonged. It is a matter we often regret that there is so little whole-souled support of our Church periodicals. Had we something of the circulation, advertising and general support that is so lavishly bestowed upon the papers of the religious bodies round us, the cause of the Church, the cause of Christianity itself, and its extension would be strengthened all through Canada.

Safe-guards Fifty Years Ago.

A writer in a recent number of the "Scientific American" points out how immeasurably superior, as regards safety, was the construction of "The Great Eastern" of fifty years ago over the Titanic of to-day. The great engineer, I. K. Brunel, working with the free hand accorded in those days, produced a ship so sanely designed that it is suggested she might have even survived the collision that destroyed the "Titanic." She did actually on one voyage to New York, strike a submerged rock, tearing a hole 80 feet long in the outer skin of her double shell, and was brought safely into port. Brunel's methods were safe, but costly, and in some ways i would seem, inconvenient. The effort to effect a compromise between the demands of unsinkability on the one hand, and the ever-insistent demands of the owner and the passenger agent for increased cargo and passenger space, and larger dividends, on the other," must account for the decline from the standard of efficiency set by the famous engineer.

Darkened Windows.

The Ven. W. Foxley Norris, Archdeacon of Halifax, has addressed his clergy and churchwardens on the multiplication and more especially on the often doubtful fitness and character of the mural tablets, memorial brasses, carved oakwork and stained glass windows now fashionable. We need only ask our readers to observe and they will notice in our older parish churches the dim religious light, so increasingly dim in many instances as to require artificial light in mid-day. The obscuration in many cases by unappropriate stained glass windows is the cause, and Archdeacon Norris' prophecy that the next generation will see an extensive and possibly too sweeping a clearing out, will probably come true, and be the natural result of exaggeration. In this connection it may be in order to say a word on behalf of the early Puritans who have been so unmercifully abused for their destruction of, among other things, the old stained glass windows. These windows had in the then fashionable churches produced the same mysterious twilight as is now so much admired. So long as the old services continued there was little need of light, except the candles on the altar. Upon the revision of the Prayer Book and its general circulation, along with the Bible, among the laity in the sixteenth century, came a demand for light in the churches and gradually when this request was refused came the breaking of windows to let in light.

Perhaps the least successful of the novels of Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler was Miss Fallowfield's Fortune, a work which is probably the most artistic of any of her books. Our leading article suggests it. The fortune came in answer to prayer, sincere and fervent, but in which she refused to ask the gift should be at God's will and good pleasure. She got what she asked for and it proved a curse. A gentleman who attained to old age said that as a youth, believing that his abilities were ordinary, after reflection he repeatedly prayed the prayer of Agar, that if it was God's will he should have neither povery nor riche. He spent his long life in the happy middle class of life; several times fortune smiled on him and he saw riches within his grasp, but he failed to gain them. Looking back to acknowledge the goodness of God in granting his early prayer and happiness with it. That is one of the great lessons of the twenty-third Psalm.

English Farm Labourers.

Dr. Gore, now Bishop of Oxford, has spoken recently on this phase of the social outlook. He told of a talk with a man scaring rooks when walking in ordinary clothes. He was told that he had two sisters in Canada and thought of going, too. Why, "Well, I think that chaps like us haven't got much of a chance in these parts." The Bishop continued, "I fancy there are vast numbers of our countrymen who are saying that in different words. I am quite sure that the one task to which the nation has got to set itself is to see that chaps of all kinds should have a hope and a chance, and a sense that life was before them and was worth living, and that they could make the best of themselves." Later on he said, "most who read history come to the conclusion that gigantic wrong has been done in the past to agricultural labourers and we owed a debt to them, and if that debt was to be repaid we need not one reform but many." At the same time it seemed strange that this very able Bishop failed to see that under changing conditions the farm labourers in England as elsewhere would become still fewer, and that a radical change in ownership and holdings must come soon to compete with the world.