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February 10—SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Morning—Gen. i. & ii. to 4.
Evening—Gen. ii. 4; or Job xxxviii.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Septuagesima and Sexagesima Sunday: compiled by Mr. F. Gatward, organist and choir master of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, N.S. The numbers are taken from H. A. & M., but many of which are found in other hymnals:

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 198, 318, 321.
Processional: 84, 85, 297.
Offertory: 168, 226, 228, 295.
Children's Hymns: 162, 332, 573.
General Hymns: 88, 83, 170, 213, 489.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 197, 319, 322.
Processional: 83, 162, 224.
Offertory: 36, 172, 232.
Children's Hymns: 265, 338, 572.
General Hymns: 87, 169, 243, 269, 533.

SYNOD REFORM.—Each year, immediately after the meeting of the several diocesan Synods, correspondents write vigorously on the subject of Synod reform, which, though kept up with commendable zeal for a time, is generally allowed to drop out of sight until after the next meeting of Synod, when the spirit breaks out afresh. In order to secure some real improvement, and some decided action, we offer a few suggestions, and would call the attention of the Synod committees to the subject, in the hope that they will give it their earnest consideration, with a view to securing any reform which may appear to be necessary. We write before the meeting of the several Synods, instead of after, and hope our readers will thoroughly discuss the matter in the columns of the CHURCHMAN.

WANT OF INTEREST.—This is one of the points which have been many times the cause of complaint. Representatives from the country parishes find the time of the Synods taken up with routine work, election of committees, entertainments, and meetings in which they feel comparatively little

interest; while the work of the Church is allowed, for want of time, to stand over from year to year, or is disposed of in a sort of perfunctory manner, in the dying hours of the Synod, by the few members who remain, the country members having mostly left before any new work is reached.

LOSS OF TIME.—It will be generally admitted that too much time is lost in organizing the Synods, the reading of dry and uninteresting reports, the election of committees—sometimes by ballot—during which the Synod business is adjourned, or by debate; when more time is wasted over a particular name, or an exchange of names, than the interest of the Church warrants.

THE REMEDY, DIVISION OF WORK.—Give the mornings to routine work, the afternoons to new work and the evenings to such special work as the Synod may appoint, making the evening session a regular thing—a sort of conference for the discussion and consideration of missions, superannuation, division of dioceses, or some other such subject as would be of vital interest to the Church.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD, ETC.—Let nominations be made by any member of the Synod, in writing, up to and including the first day of Synod. Let all such nominations be posted on a list in the Synod hall, so that any member may have his name erased, should he not desire to serve on any particular committee to which he has been nominated. Then prepare and print ballot papers, and allow the same to be placed in the hands of the scrutineers (seated at a table in the Synod hall) any time during the following day, without interfering with or stopping the work of the Synod. The report of the scrutineers would speedily dispose of the whole subject, and prevent much undesirable personal debate upon any particular name.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.—Take all such reports as read, they having been printed and for some days or weeks previous to the meeting of Synod, in the hands of its members; if called for, any portion or the whole of the report might be read, or any required explanation given; if not so called, the passing of the resolution appended to each report would speedily dispose of it.

MODE OF PROCEDURE.—A resolution suspending the rules of order would enable this to be done at the next Synod—especially if the Executive Committees would take the subject into their consideration on the foregoing, or some other system for expediting business; an amendment to the constitution and rules of order might also be prepared for future occasions. These are a few points which suggest themselves; many others may and probably will be found. If our Synods can only be made interesting, and their sessions occasions of united, hearty zeal for the work of the whole Church, what a blessing it would be! Which may God, of His infinite mercy, grant.

NEEDS OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.—The Church in Manitoba, which is directly under the Primate of all Canada, must not be allowed to suffer from any lack of funds at the present time. Fictitious statistics have been published regarding the amounts received by this diocese for mission work. It needs only to be said that these statistics

are not to be relied on, neither will they influence one iota the contributions from Church people in the East. Every dollar that can be obtained is absolutely required for the effective working of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. No man has borne the heat and burden of the day more than Archbishop Machray. It is sufficient disgrace to the Church to allow His Grace to spend his precious hours in teaching, without also causing him worry regarding pecuniary matters. Church people in the East should read with shame the recent statement set forth by the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. But now they know the real needs of his diocese, the Archbishop need have no fear that he will ever appeal in vain for help. Everyone giving one dollar now should make a sacrifice to make it two, for they may rest assured that if the Church fails to do her duty in the Northwest, that the golden opportunity will not only be lost, but lost forever.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF RUPERT'S LAND.—It is well to keep before the clergy, as well as the laity, the fact that the present Archbishop of Rupert's Land not only belongs to the North-west, but to every section of this Dominion. His Grace is not only Primate over the clergy, but is the Bishop of Bishops for every lay member of the Canadian Church. It is with the unanimous voice of his Episcopal brethren that he holds his present exalted position, and such a man should not need to be worried to death by pecuniary needs. Rupert's Land must get every dollar she needs for her mission work, for every dollar asked for is imperatively needed. The Bishops of the Northwest are perfect heroes, and may almost be called the very "marrow" of the Canadian Episcopate, and to let them suffer for lack of funds is a crying shame. Churchmen in the East must not forget that it is in the newly-settled districts, where inhabitants are few, that the battle of the Church is to be fought. The Archbishop should be given funds enough to allow him to place a priest in every settlement of from twelve to twenty families, so that the Church can grow up with the people, and not walk in five years after a Methodist or Presbyterian minister, when everything looks comfortable. Churchmen should see to it that our men get in first to every settlement, and then people will believe at once that we mean and intend to look after them.

A MOST EARNEST APPEAL is made on behalf of a family smitten down with typhoid fever in the mission of Emsdale. The husband has been ill for over a year and is now in the Toronto Hospital. The two, and only, girls in the family have died of the fever; the youngest boy but one is mending slowly, but is a perfect skeleton. The oldest boy is now down with the same disease, and is very ill. The second oldest boy is now sickening. The mother is worn out with fatigue and waiting on and nursing so long a time. She is in great danger of falling a victim also. During the time the first three children were in the early stage of the illness, about Dec. 27th, they lost horse, cow, sheep and fowls, with all their hay, by the conflagration of the barn. They have nothing whatever, save what is given them by the charity of the people and the Council of Armour, which has been very good to them already. The case is one which deserves the common sympathy