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## LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

December 17—Third Sunday in Advent.

Morning—Isaiah 25; Rev. 1.

Evening—Isaiah 26 or 28, 5 to 10; Rev. 2, to 18.

December 24—Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Morning—Isaiah 30, to 27; Rev. 14.

Evening—Isaiah 32, or 33, 2 to 23; Rev. 15.

December 31—Sunday after Christmas.

Morning—Isaiah 35; Rev. 21, 15—22, 6.

Evening—Isaiah 38 or 40; Rev. 22, 6.

Appropriate Hymns for Third and Fourth 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.

## THIRD 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Holy Communion: 51, 178, 313, 318.

Processional: 47, 48, 355, 362.

Offertory: 186, 272, 293, 352.

Children's Hymns: 180, 188, 336, 566.

General Hymns: 191, 193, 353, 587.

## The God of Hope.

Our attention is directed to this great name by the Bishop of Derry, and the advice is a very fitting one at this Christmas season. Have we realized, says the Bishop, how much, for mere ardour and expectancy, for energy, courage, and buoyancy of heart, the world owes to the Christian faith. Take the case of an average mill-girl. Her life is spent in a crowded and noisy room, watching the revolution of a wheel, and tying a thread as often as it breaks. When this deadly monotony is over she retires to a narrow street under a smoky sky, to poor nourishment, a hard bed, and an early return to labour. A few sensational novels have unfitted her for the only domestic ties to which she can aspire. A few lank-holiday excursions have shown her the mansions and parks, the carriages and conservatories which are the daily joys of other women. If her health is precarious she contrasts with their December summers by a perfumed sea, her own shivering misery, the infirmity, perhaps the

workhouse, and a nameless grave. . . Then there comes to her that great change which is rightly called conversion. Her monotony becomes a discipline. Her loneliness is watched by the Supreme Being, her Father. Her sorrows are shared by the King of Heaven, Who is Himself the Man of Sorrows. Her life here is the shadowy vestibule to the City of God. Her obscurity is the disguise of an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. In her untaught bosom there begins to move a loftier emotion than ever stirred the sententious heart of Seneca. Multiply her experience by tens of thousands and you begin to understand what Christianity is in the everyday life of man.

## The Christmas Churchman.

If our readers take as much pleasure in receiving, as we do in sending them, this Christmas number of the "Churchman," we shall be gratified, indeed. No pains have been spared, nor money withheld, to attain the best possible result. A very practical way in which each of our readers can show that our efforts are appreciated, would be, to send a Christmas Number to some absent relative or friend; or, to some one who would be pleased with the gift. On receipt of twenty-five cents, we will gladly send a copy to any address in England, the United States or Canada.

## Who Will be Next?

We invited our readers to help us to extend the circulation of the "Canadian Churchman" during the coming Christmas season. And, among the responses to this invitation, one deserves particular notice. A gentleman in a rural deanery in Western Ontario selected one name in every parish in the deanery and sent the "Churchman" to these parties paid up to the end of 1906 as a Christmas gift. This does not mean a very large outlay in one deanery, but if this example were followed, it would mean, in the aggregate, not only a great increase in our circulation, but a wide dissemination of useful Church literature. Surely it is possible in every deanery to find some zealous Churchman who would take pleasure in sending a Christmas gift of this sort to the brethren of his own deanery.

## An Unexpected Result.

The large crop in the North-West is doing good in unexpected quarters. Five years ago an elevator was built in Halifax at a cost of \$150,000, of which the city gave \$50, and up to a month ago not half a dozen car loads have passed through it. It has now been ordered to be ready for the 1st December, and the Intercolonial officials hope that this winter there will be regular shipping of grain from Halifax, beginning with the turbiner, "Virginian."

## Dangerous Ventures.

How often in life one is tempted to do a thing which seems on the surface easy and pleasant. And it may be the doing of it offers profitable results. Indolence, fine weather, the hope of gain, are each and all inducements to this course of conduct. One is in the winter season going out for the day. The sun is out, the air is warm, and it may be time presses. A light overcoat and thin soles seem just the thing for such a lovely day. Alas! the home coming at night is through bitter cold, a strong wind and driving snow. A little careful forethought would have conclusively proved that a winter overcoat and thick soled boots were the proper things for the season, and

a severe cold with perhaps a touch of pneumonia would have been avoided as well as much inconvenience, and the loss of valuable time. The unseasonable sailing of vessels on the northern lakes, during the mild days towards the end of November, and the awful storms and shipwrecks, with the sad loss of life and property, are another instance of the danger that always lurks near those who either go, or are sent, on ventures, seemingly profitable, but which are a breach of the rule founded on experience, and formed for safeguarding the very interests which are so unwisely imperilled. Yielding to the temptation which unusual profits and quick returns offer—in themselves containing the very elements of danger—is another popular pitfall which never lacks victims. The moment one feels the insidious approach of such temptations is the moment when the mind should seize the impulse and plunge it into the cool, clear pool of a well-ordered judgment. Its attractive colours will quickly fade, and its swelling form shrink to its proper dimensions.

## Labour in Canada.

That Canada is a more favourable field for the labourer than Great Britain, is becoming more generally understood, largely through the careful and competent investigations made on the ground by specialists from the labouring classes of the Old World. Perhaps the most recent authoritative opinion is that of Mr. David Gilmour, a Scottish labour candidate for the Imperial Parliament. The delegate from the Trades Congress of Great Britain to the American Federation of Labour, Mr. Gilmour is reported to have said that working conditions are eighty per cent. better in the Dominion than in the Mother Land. He finds that wages in Canada are double what they are in Great Britain. But that the scale of living of the Canadian labourer is twenty per cent. higher than that of the British workman. This leaves a margin of eighty per cent. to the advantage of the Canadian. The unbiassed opinion of such men as Mr. Gilmour amply justifies the hopeful and patriotic view generally held by Canadians of their country and its future and must give food for thought to many a toiler in the Old World who would like to better his position and improve the prospects of his family.

## Tree Life.

The "Leisure Hour" has an interesting count of the big trees of California, which have now through recklessness been reduced to about five hundred. The big tree, the "Leisure Hour" says, has come down to us through many centuries because of its superb qualifications. Its bark is often two feet thick, and almost non-combustible. The oldest specimens felled are still sound at the heart, and fungus is unknown to the tree. In earlier times the ancestors and kindred of these Sequoias formed a large part of the forests which flourished throughout the polar regions, now desolate and ill-clad, and extended into the low latitude of Europe so that the trees belong to an ancient stock. By counting the annual ring of trees which have been felled it has been found that some of them lived for four thousand years or more before they were cut down. No estimate can be made, however, of the age which the trees could possibly attain to if left to grow, for they seemed never to die a natural death, and, unless destroyed by man, lightning, fire, or storms, they live on indefinitely." Fortunately the Forestry Department has intervened and has begun the work of cultivation as well as preservation. It has been found that where the accumulated leaves and debris have been burnt