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## LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

 December 26.—St. Steph., 1st M.  
 Morning—Gen. 4:1—11; Acts 6.  
 Evening—2 Chr. 24:15—23; Acts 8:1—9.

 December 27.—St. John, & Evan.  
 Morning—Exod. 33:9; John 13:23—36.  
 Evening—Isai. 6; Rev. 1.

 December 28.—Innocents Day.  
 Morning—Jer. 31:1—18; Rev. 16.  
 Evening—Bar. 4:21—31; Rev. 18.

 December 29.—1 Sunday after Christmas.  
 Morning—Isai. 35; Rev. 19:1—11.  
 Evening—Isai. 38 or 40; Rev. 19:11.

Appropriate hymns for First and Second Sundays after Christmas, 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 the New Hymn Book, many of which are to be found in other hymnals.

### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

 Holy Communion: 79, 256, 261, 307.  
 Processional: 76, 78, 87, 422.  
 Offertory: 88, 89, 578, 636.  
 Children: 605, 607, 609, 712.  
 General: 390, 437, 536, 570.

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

 Holy Communion: 76, 251, 255, 257.  
 Processional: 73, 79, 475, 566.  
 Offertory: 89, 422, 423, 570.  
 Children: 704, 709, 714, 720.  
 General: 86, 87, 390, 484.

## THE OUTLOOK

### The Navy Bill

While we have nothing whatever to do with party politics in these columns, it is impossible to avoid some notice of the proposal of the Government to provide \$35,000,000 for the building of three Dreadnoughts to form part of the Imperial Navy. The reception of the proposal in Great Britain has borne fresh testimony to the essential union of Canada with the Old Country, and the moral effect of the contribution will enable the world to see that Canada is an integral part of the British Empire, and is bound by ties to Great Britain that nothing can touch. As the British Board of Admiralty remarked: "The aid which Canada could give at the present time is not to be measured only in ships or money. Any action on the part of Canada to increase the power or mobility of the Imperial Navy and thus widen the margin of our common safety would be recognized everywhere as a most significant witness to the united strength of the Empire." The only regret that we have is that such a gift, whether in money or ships, should be necessary, because the very thought of war is abhorrent to the Christian mind, and the mere contemplation of war between Germany and England is one of the most hideous and intolerable of possibilities. While, therefore, in the present unhappy state of international disquiet it is thought essential to safeguard our interests and to make our Navy as strong as possible, let us labour in every possible way on behalf of that peace and goodwill which is of the very essence of our Christianity.

### The Downtown Problem

This question, as it affects Toronto, has been made very prominent of late, and we observe with interest that several Churches are attacking it. The Rev. R. J. Moore, rector of St. George's Church, says that, "the whole district south of Queen is in a terribly congested condition; families live in single rooms; husbands are out of work; the amount of sickness among the children is incredible." It is, therefore, gratifying to know that arrangements were made by a number of Anglican Churches to unite in a great plan of Christmas distribution, so that no one need have gone hungry. But there is the further and much more important problem of facing the general conditions, and of preventing as well as alienating the distress. Dr. Armstrong, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, recently said that he could think of six Protestant Churches which have sold, or wish to sell, in the downtown section of the city, and yet that there are thousands of young people coming continually into the city, with an awful loneliness, when they have no place to go to unless it be harmful. At one boarding house one woman does the cooking for ninety, and this is only a solitary illustration of the complexity of the situation which faces us. No one can doubt that the downtown Church is one of the most pressing problems in our great cities to-day. It is no time for moving out to the suburbs, but for the suburbs to concentrate all their energy, money, and sympathy on the thousands who live in city parishes.

### Canadian Immigration

Mr. Bourassa's recent speech before the University of Toronto has given rise to a good deal of discussion, and his reference to the character and quality of British immigrants was made the basis of an appeal for the right of the French language throughout Canada. But it may be

questioned whether Mr. Bourassa realizes the actual state of the case in relation to the influx of people, especially those who speak neither English nor French. The figures connected with immigration tell their own story. Last year we received 354,237, and the year before 311,084. This is a total for the two years of 665,321. Now of these, 522,827 came from Great Britain and the United States, and it may be assumed that nearly all of them speak English. Yet during the same period Canada received only 5,314 immigrants who speak the French tongue. Surely these figures do not support Mr. Bourassa's argument for equal rights of the French language from the Atlantic to the Pacific. If they mean anything at all they prove beyond all question that the English tongue is destined to be the national language of the Canadian nation. There is no desire on the part of English-speaking people to hinder their French-Canadian fellow-citizens from speaking their own tongue. But if these facts and figures are of value as indicative of what is likely to happen in the near future, they show that English and not French will be the national language of the Dominion. The real trouble, of course, is that the problem is not so much one of language as of religion, for if the French-speaking Canadians were Protestants we should hear very little of the problem so far as it concerns language. It is well that this fact should be kept in mind.

### Parochial Selfishness

The "Guardian" has been referring to the proposal to spend \$85,000 upon an organ for Liverpool Cathedral, and says that it is very difficult to justify such an expenditure in view of the fact that at a liberal estimate one-half of this amount would provide the best instrument that can be made. The writer goes on to say that the craze for huge organs is becoming so widespread that it calls loudly for a check, and that not only are more living local needs starved in the efforts to raise these large sums, but that the general work of the Church at home and abroad languishes. Every week despairing appeals are made for money wherewith to overtake enterprises that have grown unmanageable for lack of means; and then the "Guardian" adds these words:—

The Archbishops' North-West Canada Fund has received thoroughly inadequate support, notwithstanding that the whole future of the Church in that enormous area of the Dominion depends upon the support it receives from home during these critical years of expansion. From China to Peru, from John o' Groats to Land's End, comes the same cry, and it is pitiful to think that money which, under Providence, would make it possible to achieve great results in over-crowded towns and in lands in process of settlement is being expended upon luxuries. We have the utmost respect for that local patriotism which takes a legitimate pride in beautifying the parish church; but moderation even in church furnishing is a Christian virtue which we seem to be in danger of minimizing, or forgetting altogether.

This is a timely message for Canada as well as for England, for most assuredly if we spend so heavily upon ourselves, it will be absolutely impossible to help forward expansion in spiritually needy places.

### Inner Emptiness and Outer Success

Perhaps the best known philosopher of the present day is Professor Eucken of Jena University, who has been lecturing in the United States this fall. He is doing splendid work in emphasizing the necessity of idealism as opposed to material-

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