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Lessons for Sundays and HolyDays.

September 1.-11 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Morning. - 1 Kings xxii. to 41. 1 Corin hians xi. 17. Evening. - 2 Kings ii to 16; or iv. 8 to 38. Mark v. 21.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Twelfth and Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, 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:

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 197, 316, 321, 558. Processional: 33, 221, 274, 392. Offertory: 28, 226, 304, 366. Children's Hymns: 194, 330, 342, 571. General Hymns: 173, 181, 212, 230, 292, 522.

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

It is sin that makes our consciences afraid. When Adam and Eve, after having eaten the forbidden fruit, heard "the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day," they "hid themselves;" they had sinned, and dared not appear before the presence of God. When the bridegroom, noticing the guest who had not on a wedding-garment, asked, "Friend, how camest thou in hither?" (St. Mark xxii. 12) "he was speechless." He had sinned, and had no excuse to offer. If we have done wrong, we are not only afraid, but ashamed to look those we have offended in the face. We do not like to meet them, much less to ask a favour of them. And remembering how often we have sinned against God, we may well feel as David did, "My sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up · · · and my heart hath failed me " (Psalm xi. 15); or, as Ezra did, when mourning for the offences of the people, "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to Thee, my God "(Ezra

ix. 6). This is why we beg for forgiveness before we go on to beseech God to give us "those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of our Saviour Christ." The Church teaches us the same lesson in her daily services. Confessions and petitions for pardon come before all other prayers—even before we venture to join in the prayer our Lord Himself has taught us. This Collect, while it leads us to ask first for forgiveness, reminds us that God is more ready to hear than we to pray. Remembering the many, many sins whereof our conscience is afraid, we might, perhaps, fear to pray at all, but for such gracious words as these, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear " (Isaiah lxv. 24).

THE NEW BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Edward Stuart Talbot, D.D., Vicar of Leeds, to the See of Rochester. The Bishop designate is the son of the Honourable T. C. Talbot, Q.C., and of Caroline, the daughter of the 1st Lord Wharncliffe. He was born in London, in 1844, and is therefore fifty-one years old. He was educated at Charterhouse and Christ Church, Oxford, where he obtained a 1st-class Lit. Hum. in 1865, and 1st-class law and modern history in 1866. He was ordained deacon in 1867, and advanced to the priesthood three years later. He was elected Senior Student of Christ Church, Oxford, in 1866, and won the Ellerton University prize in 1869 with an essay on the "Influence of Christianity on Slavery." In the year 1870, he was elected the first Warden of Keble College, Oxford, and was Select Preacher before the University in 1878, and again in 1883. He was one of the Archbishops of Canterbury's examining chaplains, having been appointed to that position by His Grace in 1883. He has been Vicar of Leeds for six years, having succeeded Dr. Tayne, now Bishop of Chester, in 1889. The Vicarage of Leeds is looked upon as a stepping-stone to the Episcopal bench. Dr. Talbot will be the fifth successive Vicar of Leeds who has been appointed to a bishopric. Dr. Atlay was until a month or two ago, Bishop of Hereford; Dr. Woodford became Bishop of Ely, and Drs. Gott and Tayne are Bishops of Truro and Chester respectively. Dr. Hook, who preceeded Dr. Atlay at Leeds, became Dean of Chichester. The selection of Dr. Talbot for the See of Rochester is generally approved by all parties of Churchmen in England. He is a moderate High-Churchman.

MEN'S HELP SOCIETY.

Among English societies which have been introduced among us, none seems more likely to be of general service than the M.H.S. Its object is the banding together of all the males of a congregation in one common guild, from the Workers whose rule is very similar to that of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, through the intermediate grades of Members, Guardian-Members, Associates, and Probationers, down to the Church Lads' Brigade for youths and boys, and the Little Brothers' Guild for the tiny tots of 5 years and upward. The rule of life of the Society is based upon the Baptismal vow, varied in its application according to the age and position of the member; simple in the extreme for men of low moral standard, somewhat fuller for associates married

and single, and still fuller for members who must be at least intending communicants, and Guardian-Members and Workers who must be communicants. One useful feature is the absence of any compulsory subscription save 60 cents a year from each branch. The Workers are the only ones who are bound to contribute to the funds, and even in this case the amount and manner of their contributions is regulated by the Branch itself. Apart from these grades or orders there is, however, a class of members who may be men or women, and who are called Helpers. They are not necessary to the existence of a branch, though very useful if they can be obtained, and these are expected to subscribe 60 cents yearly. They, too, must be communicants. In many of the Branches the men themselves have adopted a 25 cent yearly subscription for Members and Workers, but Associates and Probationers are always free. "We don't want your money, we want you," is the message of the Society to them. Almost any work useful to the Church may be undertaken by the Society, from Bible classes and special services for men, to club rooms, coffee bars, sick benefit clubs and mutual improvement classes and lectures. Any other information may be obtained from the Rev. T. J. Stiles, Troquois Secretary for the Diocese of Ontario; or from the Secretary, Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, London, S. W., England.

HURON LAY WORKERS' CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of Lay Workers and Sunday School Teachers of the Diocese of Huron will this year be held in the school house of All Saints' Church, Windsor. From the character of the programme, so far as it is at present settled, the interest attaching to these annual reunions is likely to be fully maintained at the one now being arranged for. The days of meeting are Wednesday and Thursday, October 23rd and 24th. There will be Divine service in All Saints' Church on the evening of the 23rd; Holy Communion at 9 a.m. on the 24th, and an open meeting in some suitable place in the evening of the last named day. At the latter the Bishop of Huron has kindly consented to deliver an address on "A Missionary Church;" and those who know with what eloquence and vigor His Lordship can expound the true principles and enforce the practice of aggressive work for the Master, will not fail to desire to hear him on the forthcoming occasion. Another feature will be the assistance of contributors from the ranks of Church Workers in the United States. From Detroit papers will be contributed by General Trowbridge on "The Lay Pioneer in Church Extension." Mr. W. Aikman, Jr., on "Young Men as Church Workers"; and Mr. Swett on "The Catechism versus Strange Methods." From our own side of the line Canon Richardson will discuss "Christian Endeavor and the Anglican Communion"; the Rev. John Ridley, "How to Support the Church"; the Rev. Robert McCosh, "Defects of the Modern Sunday School," and (it is hoped) Mr. Nicholson, of London, "Children's Services." Mrs. Tilley, of London, will contribute a paper on "The King's Daughters," and will address the women of the Convention at a special meeting on some other subject of general interest. The Committee of Management are also very hopeful that Mr.

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