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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

August 25—11 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Morning.—1 Kings xviii. 1 Cor. in hians vi.
Evening.—1 Kings xix; or xxi. Mark i. to 21.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Eleventh and Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, compiled by Mr. F. Gattward, 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:

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 193, 312, 315, 555.
Processional: 242, 439, 445, 478.
Offertory: 20, 235, 419, 431.
Children's Hymns: 265, 331, 345, 569.
General Hymns: 30, 164, 170, 285, 290, 474.

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

OBEEDIENCE MADE EASY BY LOVE.

The Collect for the sixth Sunday after Trinity taught us that we must love God if we would obtain His promise; the one for to-day teaches us that, in order to do so, we must obey Him. In the first case, we were led to see that love is shown by obedience; now we may remember that obedience is made easy by love—the more we love any one, the easier we find it to obey them. We can neither love God nor obey God of ourselves. Just as we prayed that He would pour into our hearts love towards Himself, so we now beseech Him to give us grace to keep His Commandments. Nothing short of the Almighty power of God Himself can enable us, weak and sinful as we are, to "run the way of His commandments;" and surely the remembrance that this power "is chiefly declared in showing mercy and pity," will stir up our hearts to love Him. Almost all the miracles by which our Lord manifested His divine "power" were acts of mercy—healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, causing the deaf to hear

and the dumb to speak. Think, too, of what you yourselves know of life. Which have been most frequent—terrible manifestations of God's power, storms, tempests, hurricanes; or loving and merciful manifestations of the same power in days of health-giving sunshine and seasonable weather? Great wars, fearful plagues, such as are commonly called "visitations of God," or years of peace and safety, not less sent by Him? God showed His almighty power, as we read in the Epistle, by giving to St. Paul such a measure of His grace that he, who said of himself, "I am the least of the apostles, and not meet to be called an apostle because I persecuted the Church of God," yet "laboured more abundantly than they all"—or, as he goes on to say, "not I, but the grace of God which was with me." And our Heavenly Father will show mercy and pity upon each one of us who humbly own that we are sinners—as the publican did who is mentioned in the Gospel—and He will give us such a measure of His grace as will enable us to obey Him.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

The distinguished Congregational minister, Thomas K. Beecher, remarked in a sermon to his people: "In English, there are no lessons, gospels, psalms, collects, confessions, thanksgivings, prayers, in one word, no religious form-book that can stand a moment in comparison with the Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church in the two-fold quality of richness and age. You rarely hear in any church a prayer spoken in English that is not indebted to the Prayer Book for some of its choicest periods. Every one has at some time been shocked or bored by public devotional performances. Nothing of this sort ever occurs in the Episcopal Church. All things are done decently and in order. To be a devout and consistent Churchman brings a man through aisles fragrant with holy association, and accompanied by a long procession of the good, chanting, as they march, an orison of piety and hope, until they come to the holy place where shining saints sing the new song of the redeemed, and they sing with them."

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

The funeral of the late Bishop Thorold took place at Winchester, on Monday, July 29th, and was of a very imposing character. The body of the deceased prelate was brought from Farnham, after a private celebration in the chapel, and reached Winchester soon after one. The cathedral was opened to the public at a quarter to one, and the spacious nave was quickly filled. Black cloth had been laid down in the centre aisle, but this was the only sign of mourning until the choir was reached. There a handsome catafalque had been erected, and the Bishop's throne was heavily draped. The lectern was also draped. In the procession were the Mayors and Corporations of Winchester and Basingstoke; the governing body and masters of Winchester College; Lord Ashcombe, chairman of the House of Laymen, with Lord Selborne, Sir John Mowbray, M.P., the county members, and other laymen; over 300 of the clergy of Winchester and Rochester Dioceses; the cathedral choir and clergy; the Bishops of Guildford, Southampton and British Columbia, the Bishop of Southwark and Bishop Barry, the

Bishops of Rochester and Lichfield, the Bishops of Chester and Salisbury, the Archbishop of York, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, with the archiepiscopal cross borne in front by one of his domestic chaplains. Immediately in front of the coffin, and behind the officials, walked George Clark, the late Bishop's valet, carrying on a velvet cushion the deceased's ribband and badge of the Garter, and the Rev. J. D. Henderson, carrying in a slanting position, the pastoral staff. Every part of the choir was densely crowded. The opening sentences of the Burial Office were sung to Croft's setting as the procession passed up the nave. In the choir, Psalm xc. was feelingly sung to Felton's setting. The Dean read the lesson, and the choir gave a very fine rendering of Gounod's anthem, "All ye who weep." The procession was then reformed, and passed out to the grave, the choir chanting the *Nunc Dimittis* meanwhile. The grave—an ordinary earth one—is situated just outside the south wall of the Lady Chapel. The site of the grave was chosen by Bishop Thorold himself. The closing part of the service was begun by the Bishop of Rochester, the final blessing being said by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bells of the cathedral and college rang muffled peals, all the principal shops of the city were closed, and all flags were floated at half-mast during the day.

OBITUARY.

REV. JOHN FLETCHER, M.A.

At 4.15 a.m., on Saturday, July 20th, at the residence of his daughter, Redlands, California, entered into the rest of Paradise the Rev'd John Fletcher, M.A., Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, in his eighty-first year. He was born at Chambly in the Province of Quebec on the 18th of Feb., 1815, and at an early age taken to Ireland, where he was educated. He graduated in Trinity College, Dublin. On May 12th, 1838, he married Miss Sarah Jane Haslam. In 1846 he returned to Canada and was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Quebec, who appointed him assistant minister in Christ Church, Montreal. He was raised to the priesthood in the year 1848 by the Bishop of Toronto and appointed travelling missionary in the county of Simcoe. His first settled charge was the township of Mono and parts adjacent. Afterwards he had charge of the parishes of Bradford, Oakville, Scarborough, and Unionville in the order named. He was a sound Churchman and for 49 years laboured lovingly, faithfully and zealously in the cause of his Master. In 1891 he retired from the charge of a parish and removed to Redlands in Southern California, where he soon suffered a great loss in the death of his loving wife, who was called to rest Dec. 3rd, 1891. To the last he continued to work for the Church he loved so well, sometimes assisting his son at South Riverside, and sometimes the Rector of Redlands. On June 30th, he said Litany, being the last time he assisted at a service. His son, the Rev. Alfred Fletcher, A.M., of South Riverside, writing under date of July 21st, describes his death as follows: "He passed away yesterday (Saturday) at 4.15 o'clock, so quietly and peacefully that we scarcely knew when he ceased to breathe. He was unconscious for the last 36 hours, and you will be glad to know that during his short illness he did not seem to suffer much pain. It was a passing away which