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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

November 20.—Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.  
Morning—Eccles. 11 & 12; Heb. 12.  
Evening—Hag. 2, to 10; or Mal. 3 & 4; John 6, 41.

November 27.—First Sunday in Advent.  
Morning—Isai. 1; 1 Pet. 1, to 22.  
Evening—Isai. 2; or 4, 2; John 10, 22.

November 30.—St. And., A. & M., Ath Cr.  
Morning—Isai. 54; John 1, 35 to 43.  
Evening—Isai. 65, to 17; John 12, 20 to 42.

December 4.—Second Sunday in Advent.  
Morning—Isaiah 5; 2 Peter 1.  
Evening—Isai. 11, to 11; or 24; John 13, 21.

December 11.—Third Sunday in Advent.  
Morning—Isaiah 25; 1 John 3, 10—4, 7.  
Evening—Isai. 26; or 28, 5 to 19; John 18, 28.

Appropriate Hymns for Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity and Advent Sunday, 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 may be found in other hymnals.

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 234, 249, 260, 646.  
Processional: 386, 398, 533, 636.  
Offertory: 513, 619, 624, 632.  
Children: 689, 694, 701, 707.  
General: 448, 449, 503, 524.

## ADVENT SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 237, 241, 250, 257.  
Processional: 58, 59, 63, 527.  
Offertory: 65, 304, 413, 506.  
Children: 685, 697, 702, 704.  
General: 454, 460, 481, 548.

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

**"A Famine . . . of Hearing the Words of the Lord."**  
Amos 8:12.

Men may bring about a condition of famine by their neglect of the very necessary duties of sowing and reaping. Or famine may result from the disturbances of nature: floods, hail, frost, drought, or earthquake. In the former instances, it is the duty of the world to bring man to a

sense of his culpability. In the latter case, the particular lack inspires those who have plenty to share with their less-favoured brethren. The greatest illustration of this principle is found in the spiritual sphere. Those who are blessed spiritually are commanded of God to share their gifts and graces with others. Herein lay the particular responsibility and unique position of Israel. Rome gives us law and order; Greece, science and culture; but salvation is of the Jews. Now the failure on Israel's part to live up to this character, to discharge this responsibility of being unflinchingly loyal to the word of God and passing it on to others, brought about in Israel "a famine of hearing the words of the Lord." The warning of Amos is in a line with that of all the prophets. He reproves schism by prophesying that it will result in spiritual famine. And his words came true. The captives in Babylon say: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" The walls of Jerusalem are broken down, the gates are burned with fire, the temple is deserted. The prophecy of Amos is fulfilled. The spirit of indifference to privilege and responsibility lives on to the day of Christ and Paul. The coming of the Christ resulted in the termination of Israel's exclusive spiritual pre-eminence. St. Paul turns to the Gentiles. And they by their faith are grafted into the family of God. Now, considering the development and earnestness of western Christendom (the Church of the Gentiles), we can easily understand that our very permanency in the Church of Christ depends upon our loyalty to the Faith, and our earnestness in passing it on to others who have it not. The prophecy of Amos is a warning to us. If we would save our land for Jesus Christ we must be zealous in saving the regions beyond. If we would see the Banner of Christ continuing ever to float over our homes, we must do something to raise His standard over the homes of the heathen world. Note in connection with this necessity, the application of the spiritual lesson of the Gospel for to-day. Care in gathering up the fragments means loyalty to every part of the Faith revealed in and by Christ Jesus. And the more loyally we hold to that faith the more zealous shall we be in preaching that truth throughout the world. "We have come to see that missions are not a portion of the life of the Church, but the essence of its life. There can be no life in a church which is not primarily missionary." (Archbishop of York.) In every church there ought to be definite policy concerning missions. Study classes, intercessions, proportionate giving of money and men. If we have no policy, no interest in the spiritual famine in heathen lands, the day will surely come when there will be in our midst "a famine . . . of hearing the words of the Lord."

## Deaths From Fire.

Quite recently some alarming statistics were published, which had been compiled by competent authority, showing a large proportion of deaths in the community from accidents by fire, caused in the main by carelessness. One reprehensible form of carelessness is where a mother, or sister, or some one who is old enough to know better, leaves little children uncontrolled in a place where they can have access to matches. It was temperately and reasonably urged that children should, at an early age, be taught the great danger of playing with matches. One of the best lessons of this sort that we remember is that taught in the famous German Rhyme Book for Children: "Strumhelfer," of which there is a capital English translation. Any child who has

been well taught the impressive poem, which tells the mournful tale of "Pauline and the matches," may be relied upon not to burn a house down, or set her own or her playmates' clothes on fire.

## Reciprocity.

"Sweet are the uses of adversity," says one of the characters in "As You Like It," and Canada surely has proved the truth of this paradoxical saying in the outcome of the long commercial war waged against her by her neighbours to the south, culminating in the McKinley bill. Forced by a hostile tariff to develop her own resources and to look for profitable trade in more friendly quarters, our six millions of Canadians, despite the rivalry and resources of the neighbouring republic's sixty millions, have made for themselves an enviable record in national development and commercial enterprise. To the patriotic Canadian the most satisfactory feature of this hostile tariff barrier, built by United States politicians, solely in their own interests, as they are pleased to put it, has been our increased and increasing trade and intercourse and the strengthening of the family ties between Canada, the Mother Country and other parts of our British Empire. And now at the invitation of the Dominion Government, political gentlemen skilled in trade diplomacy, representing the United States Government, are making proposals for reciprocal trade at Ottawa. "Tell Mrs. Boswell," said wary Dr. Johnson, "that I shall taste her marmalade cautiously at first. 'I fear the Greeks even when they bring presents.'" Beware, says the Italian proverb, of a reconciled enemy.

## The Frontier Missionary.

We are obliged to our kind friend, Judge A. W. Savary, for pointing out our mistake in the notice of the Rev. Mr. Vernon's book in speaking of the late Rev. Jacob Bailey as the author of the Frontier Missionary and other works. The Judge says that the Rev. Mr. Bailey, the Loyalist rector of Annapolis Royal parish, never wrote a book in his life, but his private correspondence, of which he left copies, has been useful to investigators. He was himself the frontier missionary. The name was given to him by his biographer, the Rev. W. S. Bartlett, who was some time his curate in Annapolis. The name, Frontier, refers to his missions in Maine before the Revolution.

## Lesson Helps.

We have much pleasure in drawing our readers' attention to the publications of the Sunday School Institute, edited by the Rev. T. W. Powell, M.A., President of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia. Not only are these helps most comprehensive in the ground they cover, actually supplying teaching material for five lessons each Sunday, but they are based upon the Lesson Scheme supplied by the Sunday School Commission. To any one who wishes to use lessons for a church Sunday School, sound in doctrine, apt in the best teaching methods, well prepared, effectively illustrated, and harmonized with the authorized Scheme of Lessons designed for our Church, we most heartily commend these invaluable "Lesson Helps."

## Bishop Courtney.

Through old Canada, from Ontario eastward, there are many who remember Dr. Courtney, one of our foremost men, and for some years Bishop of Nova Scotia. He retired and became the rector of St. James' on Madison Avenue, New York. This church celebrated its centennial last Sunday, and many will be interested in its little story. One hundred years ago, the plague