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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

June 4—Sunday after Ascension.
Morning—Deut. 30; John 15.
Evening—Deut. 34, or Jos. 1; Heb. 10, 19.
June 11—Whitsunday.
Morning—Deut. 16, 18; Rom. 8, 10, 18.
Evening—Isal. 11, or Ezek. 36, 25; Gal. 5, 16, or Acts 18, 24—19, 31.
June 18—Trinity Sunday.
Morning—Isaiah 6, 11; Rev. 1, 10.
Evening—Gen. 18, or 1 & 2, 10, 4; Ephes. 4, 10, 17, or Matt. 3.
June 25—First Sunday after Trinity.
Morning—Josh. 3, 7—4, 15; Acts 7, 10, 35.
Evening—Josh. 5, 13—6, 21, or 24; 1 John 1.

Appropriate Hymns for Sunday after Ascension and Whitsunday, 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.

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.

Holy Communion: 294, 298, 316, 319.
Processional: 147, 280, 297, 301.
Offertory: 149, 248, 296, 300.
Children's Hymns: 304, 342, 343, 346.
General Hymns: 148, 235, 295, 299.

WHITSUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 155, 156; 215, 313.
Processional: 152, 211, 224, 232.
Offertory: 153, 210, 212, 223.
Children's Hymns: 208, 213, 330, 332.
General Hymns: 154, 155, 207, 209.

The Child Murderess.

When any unusual crime occurs, especially one in which human life is suddenly taken, the press give minute attention to each available detail of the deplorable event. So great is the public interest, and so imperative are the demands of the law, with regard to an act which has shocked the moral sense of the community, and broken a law of the gravest character, that such publicity is not to be wondered at, though the occasion of it is deplorable and the narration of the event demands calm and temperate statement. That a child of thirteen should take a helpless babe—left for a few minutes by its mother in its baby carriage in a lane beside Eaton's departmental shop in Toronto—and when near her own home hide the infant's body in a culvert having first, as the sad story is told, caused its death by throwing it

down the railway embankment, or by drowning after the fall, and removed its clothes; and then later on take the little body from its hiding-place, notify the police of finding it, and invent and deliberately make to them what they allege to be an untruthful statement, casting suspicion on some one else, almost passes belief.

Evil Habits.

The child against whom this solemn charge is made seems to be one of a type only too well known in large cities. Absence of proper restraint; freedom to follow her own will and way; to read what she chose; to go with whom she liked; to attend sensational plays, could not fail to form a "child of the street," bold and hardened, though but a child. Choosing evil pleasures; walking in evil ways; a companion of evil-doers; the product of evil habits; only waiting time and opportunity to become an active member of the criminal class, a class which is a constant menace to the state; an evil example, and a frequent source of loss and damage to its citizens. It is for this class that our prisons and reformatories are built, and for its capture and control an army of constables, policemen and detectives are provided and supported by honest, law-abiding, industrious members of the community to protect their life and property, and maintain peace and order.

The Remedy.

There is only one true remedy for this ever-present and most deplorable evil. It is a remedy which is not acceptable or desirable to many men, especially in an age like the present, which is prone to idolize liberty, and for its sake to be somewhat indulgent to its wayward child license. The attitude of compromise between the strict requirements of religious teaching and practice, as laid down by the Founder and Exemplar of the Christian faith and His disciples, and the standards of life and morals which obtain in the world at large is wrong from start to finish. Where the Church with her divine mission, her solemn services, her purifying, strengthening and informing teaching is quietly ignored; where the other elements of human knowledge are carefully and elaborately taught; where many a home is worse than pagan from its utter neglect of even the rudiments of Christian teaching, though a home in a Christian land; and where, from "the little red school-house," of which we hear so much, to the chief university in the land, the Bible to all intents and purposes is comparatively an unknown book, it is not reasonable and possible to expect other knowledge than that which is thus taught, which is material and not spiritual. In the light of all these things, one gets a far-off gleam of the infinite knowledge of the master mind, which, in those years long past, asked the question: "When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" The only true remedy for all evils lies in the life which gives a positive answer to that crucial question.

Canada and Uruguay.

Writing of the recent confiscation of the Canadian ship, "Agnes Donahue," by the Republic of Uruguay, after capture on the high sea; the sentence of the captain to three years' penal servitude; the mate one year, and other officers and men caught to six months, the Mail and Empire says: "We cannot very well send our own navy. That terror of the seas is engaged elsewhere. Our battle-ships are carrying lighthouse supplies to various points on the coast, while our cruisers and torpedo boats are engaged as consorts to our great fleet of dredges. Some of our vessels, moreover, are not exactly seaworthy, and are thus far from being on a war footing. The tug "W. S. Fielding" lost one of her blades some weeks ago, while the boilers of the ferry steamer "Prefontaine" need overhauling. The "Wilfrid Laurier" is scarcely fit

to send on the river, and would be unsuitable for an ocean voyage, unless she were guaranteed a perfectly smooth passage. The "J. Israel Tarte," to be sure, is in excellent shape. But, then, she is a dredge, and not a man-o-war. It is clear that if we do anything in behalf of our imprisoned fellow-countrymen, we shall have to get the British navy to act for us, as it did on the Atlantic when the fishery difficulty was at its height, and on the Pacific when our sealers were being seized and confiscated by our neighbours." We need a few severe lessons like this to teach us that boasting about the large sums being spent by Canada on her internal development is but a sorry substitute for a just and adequate contribution of Canadian ships and men to the Imperial Navy. Why should the overburdened British tax-payer be asked, at his own cost and charge, to assert the rights and procure the freedom of the captain, mate and seamen of the Canadian ship "Agnes Donahue," whilst the Canadian Government looks on with folded hands and its agent in England publicly opposes a contribution by Canada to the Imperial Navy? If the Canadian Government continues to decline to give practical expression to the spirit of honest, manly, and self-respecting patriotism, which is not lacking in this country, His Majesty's loyal opposition will, we feel confident, not be found wanting in that regard.

Controversial Courtesy.

The Bishop of Worcester, in the charge delivered at his recent enthronement, as reported in Church Bells, said: "England to-day needs something stouter by way of conviction than mere politeness. She needs beliefs which are strong enough to rule conduct. But I do believe that the Spirit of God will bring us together if we hold our convictions firmly in love, respecting the right of other men to a free obedience to conscience, and a free search after truth; trying candidly to see the element of good in the opponent's belief, reasoning with those who will reason, as seekers after truth rather than as controversialists, refusing to use, in controversy, methods which cannot be blessed by our Master, respecting other men's beliefs as sacred because ours is sacred. Such an attitude to those who are not of us, is the attitude of the Christian gentleman who rests on a great historic belief, but knows that the Church has still something to learn of God, and from such a position unity will in due time spring. Was it not something of this spirit which held the saintly Wulfstan, when in days of religious, social and political distraction greater than ours to-day, he, the Saxon, created among his Norman neighbours the sodalium for prayer and service, and was himself, above all things, the quiet man who walked humbly with his God?"

Hobbies.

The Bishop of Carlisle, in speaking at Carlisle, on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, urged every one to have a hobby. He said that those who did the greatest work had hobbies. He had been told that the Prime Minister's first interest in life was music, and his next golf, and that incidentally he gave attention to politics. Mr. Gladstone could not have worked so well without his Homer and his fruit garden, and Lord Salisbury was the better for his laboratory. The clergy would find it a good thing to have a hobby. If they could do nothing else they could fish. One of the reasons for the late Lord Grimthorpe's vigour and freshness was his hobbies. He knew something of Lord Grimthorpe's inner life, and a man of more real devotion, earnest purpose, and enthusiastic desire to do the best he could for the land in which he lived and for the Church he so much loved, they had not seen in this generation. He was one of the hardest workers his country had produced. The clergy at large would do well to follow the wise Bishop's excellent suggestion.

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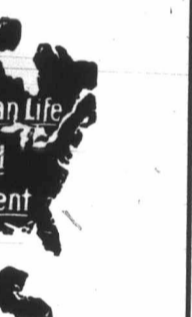
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