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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

September 8—13 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Morning.—2 Kings v. 1 Co in hians xvi.
Evening.—2 Kings vi. to 24; or vii. Mark ix. 2 to 30.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Thirteenth and Fourteenth 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:

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 310, 324, 456, 559.
Processional: 260, 274, 391, 460.
Offertory: 259, 367, 450, 512.
Children's Hymns: 333, 338, 346, 566.
General Hymns: 31, 188, 210, 229, 449, 455.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 307, 320, 322, 554.
Processional: 34, 302, 352, 273.
Offertory: 234, 251, 365, 523.
Children's Hymns: 162, 194, 334, 574.
General Hymns: 262, 278, 286, 353, 354, 479.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

LAUDABLE SERVICE.

At our baptism, we were made "inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven." God's promise to us is "the reward of the inheritance" (Col. iii. 7). If we care to attain this "heavenly promise"—if we look forward with longing to the blessed home prepared for us—then it concerns us very much to find out what kind of service is "laudable"—that is, deserving of praise in God's eyes. What kind of service it is which will be rewarded by the gracious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord?" In the first place, then, the Epistle teaches us that ours must be a *faithful service*—we must believe in God, believe in His promises, for "the promise by faith of Jesus Christ is given to them that believe." If we really do believe in God, we shall live as in His sight and serve Him *always*. Some people, when they speak of "serving God," seem to be thinking only of wor-

shipping Him—of the service of praise and thanksgiving which we pay to Him in our public or private devotions. But the Church Catechism tells us that our duty to God is "to worship Him," and "to serve Him truly all the days of our life." Every day, and all day long, we can, if we will, serve Him: in our employments, "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Col. iii. 23); in every trifling act, "whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God" (1st Cor. x. 31); in our business, whatever it may be, "not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" (Rom. xii. 1). In short, the great lesson to learn is, that in simply doing our duty as unto God, we are serving Him. When, at the first Advent, the people came to St. John asking, "What then shall we do?" it was no new task he set them. He bid them be kind one to another—"He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none"—and *do their duty*; the publicans were to exact no more than was appointed them, the soldiers to do no violence, and to be content with their wages. They were not called to leave their several stations in life, but to serve God in them. And the Gospel for to-day teaches us still more simply that, if we would "inherit eternal life," we must love God and love our neighbour—thus pointing out that love is the fulfilment of the whole law, and therefore the truest service to God. "Let us strive, then, to serve God in our lives as well as in our prayers—"knowing that of the Lord we shall receive the reward of the inheritance;" and whatsoever we do in word or deed, let us "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. iii. 17), for surely this is the "true and laudable service," which, in the Collect, we ask God to give us grace to do unto Him.

REV. ROBERT C. CASWALL, M.A.

The Rev. Robert C. Caswall, M.A., chaplain to the Toronto General Hospital and City Gaol, has resigned his charge and accepted an appointment in the Diocese of Tennessee, U.S., to be Archdeacon for the work among the coloured people in that diocese. He will enter upon his new duties on October 1st, leaving Toronto soon after the middle of September, when his resignation of the chaplaincy takes effect. Mr. Caswall's father, the Rev. Prebendary Caswall, of Salisbury Cathedral, was greatly interested in the work of the West Indian Mission to Western Africa, commonly called the Pongas Mission, of which his old friend, the Rev. H. J. Leacock, was the founder, and of which he was the English Secretary, holding meetings and preaching on behalf of the mission throughout England. Mr. Caswall (Jr.) used to be editorial secretary of the mission, preparing the notices of the work for the mission field and other periodicals. In Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, Mr. Caswall found a large number of coloured people within the limits of his parish, whose spiritual needs he supplied as far as possible in the midst of other duties. There are ten or twelve coloured congregations at present in Tennessee, each of which is to be visited by the Archdeacon four times a year, as well as several schools and colleges. Many will feel deep regret upon hearing of his relinquishing his work in Toronto. He has ministered to hundreds in their hours of greatest

need, and has been instrumental in bringing Church blessings to many an afflicted soul. Mr. Caswall was greatly respected, and the good wishes of his many friends will follow him in his new and interesting sphere of labour.

LIVE IN TO-DAY.

There is no illusion so insidious and persistent as that which introduces into the future some element of luck; which stores up for us in the future something which we have not secured for ourselves. We are always dreaming of having more time in the future and of doing things with a strong hand in consequence; to-day we have but fifteen minutes, and what can be made of such a fragment of time? Next year we shall have hours, and then we will read the new books, learn the language we need to possess, accomplish the larger tasks of which we dream. But the hours never come, and the achievements are made, if they are made at all, in these odds and ends of time that come to us by the way. The wise man is he who knows the value of to-day; he who can estimate to-day rightly may leave the future to take care of itself. For the value of the future depends entirely upon the value attached to to-day; there is no magic in the years to come; nothing can bloom in those fairer fields save that which is sown to-day. The great aim of Christianity is not to teach men the glory of the life to come, but the sacredness of the life that now is; not to make men imagine the beauty of Heaven, but to make them realize the divinity of earth; not to unveil the splendour of the Almighty, enthroned among angels, but to reveal Deity in the Man of Nazareth. He has mastered the secret of life who has learned the value of the present moment, who sees the beauty of present surroundings, and who recognizes the possibilities of sainthood in his neighbours. To make the most and the best out of to-day is to command the highest resources of the future. For there is no future outside of us; it lies within us, and we make it for ourselves. The Heaven of the future, and the Hell also, are in the germ in every human soul; and no man is appointed to one or the other, for each appoints himself. To value to-day, to honour this life, to glorify humanity, is to prepare for eternity, to seek the eternal life, and to worship God. The harvest of the future is but the golden ripening of to-day's sowing.

THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY.

BY THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

The Church has a great opportunity. A divine spiritual society cannot be antagonistic to the just aspirations of the democracy; a Catholic Church cannot be opposed to the realization of the brotherhood of men. English men and women are at heart religious. They are not, it may be, sentimental, nor impulsive, nor excitable, nor demonstrative, nor perhaps very impressionable; but they are soberly religious. They believe in a present God: they yearn for a higher life; they will listen to those whom they trust. God grant that we may not let our opportunities slip, but both by teaching and example may justify our position, may bear witness to the truth, and may bring together in the unity of a common Christian life, the scattered, the straying, the erring of all sorts and conditions of our people. "It is a hopeful