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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

October 13.—20th Sunday after Trinity.

Morning—Ezek. 34; Colos. 2, 8.
Evening—Ezek. 37 or Dan. 1; Luke 11 to 29.

October 20.—21st Sunday after Trinity.

Morning—Daniel 3; 1 Thess. 5.
Evening—Daniel 4, or 5; Luke 14, 25—15, 11.

October 27.—22nd Sunday after Trinity.

Morning—Daniel 6; 1 Tim. 4.
Evening—Dan. 7, 9, or 12; Luke 19, 11 to 28.

November 3.—23rd Sunday after Trinity.

Morning—Hosea 14; 2 Tim. 4.
Evening—Joel 2, 21, or 3, 9; Luke 22, 31 to 54.

Appropriate Hymns for Twentieth and Twenty-first Sundays after Trinity, 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 315, 316, 322, 307.

Processional: 270, 271, 306, 393.

Offertory: 202, 210, 280, 285.

Children's Hymns: 330, 334, 338, 342.

General Hymns: 196, 217, 203, 285.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 259, 310, 311, 555.

Processional: 447, 474, 548, 603.

Offertory: 224, 335, 273, 280.

Children's Hymns: 155, 176, 571, 574.

General Hymns: 359, 477, 630, 633.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Step by step the Church has led her children on during the Trinity season, showing us how to add grace to grace and virtue to virtue, teaching us how to live quietly and godly here on earth under the rule and direction of God's Holy Spirit. Now, however, from this Sunday on to Advent she would bear us gradually onwards expecting the coming of our Lord. Looking forward to Advent Sunday, December 2nd, this year, she would prepare our minds by gentle warnings of our Lord's approach. Thus is concluded her holy round of practical teaching at Advent. Hence the warning in this Sunday's Gospel. When the Lord comes to summon us to higher and better things we must be ready both in body and soul. This is the les-

son running through the Church's weekly course from now to Advent. The state of Christ's Church militant here in earth is described under the figure of a marriage feast. The one cast out was he who was not prepared. A fearful thought. Here are we within the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven. His Holy Church, busy as busy Christians ought to be, the whole following from Archbishops, down to Deacons and lay people, preparing the "Gospel feast" of spiritual food. Over anxious are we at times for what we call success. Zealous of good works: Labouring almost night and day for Christ's coming. But are you prepared, clothed in the garment of faith, and enveloped in that innocence and purity of your baptism?

Harvest Thanksgiving.

We hope the day will be far distant when the privilege and duty of Harvest Thanksgiving will lose their hold on our people. It is indeed a high privilege and a joyous duty for Church men to gather together at this season in the church appropriately and beautifully decorated with products of the farm, fruits of orchard, and flowers from the garden, and with full hearts and glad voices to return thanks to the Giver of all good things for mercies and blessings lately vouchsafed. This worshipful practice keeps up a revered and time-honoured observance. It also forms part of the religious education of children, bringing before them in an attractive and impressive manner the beauty and blessedness of gratitude, especially when it takes a spiritual form of expression.

Winter Ahead.

Summer has now become a memory and our rugged old acquaintance, winter, is slowly approaching, coming nearer with each shortening day and lengthening night. The countless stoves and furnaces that have been idle for many a month are being refurbished up and overhauled. The chill damp air of night makes the warm glow of the seasoned beech and maple in the box stove, or comfortable heat of the burning coal in the furnace most welcome. The dweller in tent is also glad at the close of the day to heap up the cheery log fire and rest and warm himself beside it before he puts on a few more logs and turns in for a well-earned rest. Bright sunny days there will be in abundance. Days that make this the most enjoyable season of the year to some people. But of one thing we may rest assured, that those who now carefully guard themselves by warmth of clothing and warmth within doors from sudden changes of temperature without are acting the part of wisdom. The morning may be as warm as summer, but the evening may be as cool as winter. We should not forget that winter is ahead.

Municipal Thrift.

We are enabled by our means of instantaneous communication to arrive at conclusions easier than a generation ago. Now it is a matter of breakfast remarks over the daily paper to be satisfied that the world's harvest this year is not a large one, and that estimates must be in consequence curtailed. We have been so fortunate in Canada that it is hard to persuade the people to curtail. There is another reason why they should do so, and that is the complaint of bad times from the Old Country. When that occurs the same thing happens here in a year or two. Unfortunately our city councils are fonder of spending than saving, and too often of launching into expenses which seem unnecessary. In Edinburgh the treasurer lectures the council in this language: "I warn the citizens that at the present time it is necessary

to retrench. There is a time for scattering and a time for gathering in, and the time has come when economy is an absolute necessity. I desire to press this point on the ratepayers and I know that this town council will loyally obey if the citizens will give the order for retrenchment. If the city gets a fair chance I know that it will speedily and surely find its feet and again begin a new career of prosperity which will bring wealth into the coffers of the corporation. It is to bring about this return of prosperity that I urge abstinence from new schemes involving expenditure and also strict economy in ordinary administration." We fear that our ordinary town and city councils will continue launching out, but this is the very time to realize that we have of recent years incurred great debts which have to be paid, and will in all probability be a drag, in coming years.

Fish Preservation.

We are glad to record some real progress in protecting the fisheries in the Upper Lakes. The United States Government realizing the injustice done to Canadian fisheries is endeavouring to get the States to transfer the management to the central power. Michigan and Minnesota have already done so. We can now hope that hatcheries will be established, poaching curtailed, close seasons observed, and in a few years the need which now exists of stealing fish from our territory will cease.

Why Some Men Stay from Church.

For very much the same reason that a hungry man with a healthy appetite avoids the shop of the pastry cook. Years ago representative men went to Church to worship God in the solemn and searching service provided in the Book of Common Prayer. If to this was added a devout and helpful sermon, applying with sincerity and power some Scripture truth to the needs of everyday life so much the better. Nowadays some honest and thoughtful men would gladly avail themselves of the service could they when the splendid and soul stirring liturgy has been sung or said quietly slip out of Church and go for a refreshing walk. No the hard-working, hard-thinking men of to-day want something sound and substantial from the pulpit! They need sound doctrine just as much as their fathers did. Sound doctrine—the wholesome formation of a pure and devout life—built up, not on scraps of speculative German philosophy, but on the Word of Truth and Power.

The Gospel of Barnabas.

This is one of the most interesting of the recent outputs from the "Clarendon Press." Edited and translated from the Italian, M.S., in the Imperial Library of Vienna by Lonsdale and Laura Ragg it will attract a wide class of readers. A religious problem that has caused much conjecture is thus graphically expounded: "If God shall find a man who for love of Him worketh good, shall He perchance despise him? Nay, surely, but rather will He love him more than those to whom He hath given the law." I tell you for an example: There was a man who had great possessions; and in his territory he had desert land that only bore unfruitful things. And so, as he was walking out one day through such desert land, he found among such unfruitful plants a plant that had delicate fruits. Whereupon this man said: 'Now how doth this plant here bear these so delicate fruits? Assuredly I will not that it be cut down and put on the fire with the rest.' And having called his servants, he made them dig it up and set it in his garden. Even so, I tell you, that our God shall reserve from the flames of hell those who work righteousness, wheresoever they be."