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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

November 17—23 SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
Morning—Hosea xiv. Hebrews x. 19.  
Evening—Joel ii. 21; or iii. 9. John v. 24.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for twenty-third and twenty-fourth 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:

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 307, 322, 323, 554.  
Processional: 38, 224, 260, 390.  
Offertory: 225, 233, 304, 367.  
Children's Hymns: 175, 194, 385, 574.  
General Hymns: 31, 196, 212, 285, 453.

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion: 178, 309, 320, 553.  
Processional: 242, 298, 302, 391.  
Offertory: 28, 216, 223, 284, 288.  
Children's Hymns: 162, 329, 334, 575.  
General Hymns: 24, 199, 228, 229, 266, 477.

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

#### SINCERITY IN PRAYER.

We are told to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. v. 17). This does not mean that we are never to be doing anything but pray; a very simple illustration will serve to make clear what it does mean. We know that, without food, our bodies could not exist; if we ceased to eat, we should die. It is just in the same sense that we are never to cease to pray—that is, never give up the habit, never for one day live altogether without prayer, any more than we should dream of trying to live altogether without food. Yet it is only "devout" prayer which we dare ask Almighty God to hear. It concerns each one of us, then, to be sure that our prayers are devout—that is to say, sincere and earnest, as well as humble and reverent. Let us not be like those of whom Jesus said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me" (St. Matt. xv. 8). The Church, in her most solemn service,

bids her children "lift up their hearts unto the Lord," and both in our public and private devotions, we must be sincere, must really wish for what we ask for, else it were better not to mock God by praying at all. The best way to become sincere in prayer is to try and "live more nearly as we pray"; to try and do those things which we ask God to give us grace to do. If we are thus in earnest, we shall ask "faithfully," feeling quite sure that God our Father hears us, and may therefore hope, as we say in the Collect, that we shall receive the things we ask for really (or "effectually"); for St. James bids us "ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed; for let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (St. James i. 6, 7). On Holy Thursday we pray, that we may in "heart and mind ascend" to the heaven, whither our Lord has ascended, and with Him continually dwell." The Epistle seems to remind us of this in the words, "for our conversation is in heaven." The more we try to think of heaven as really our home, and to dwell there in our hearts by faith, the more real heavenly things will grow to us, and the more likely our prayers will be to be devout, or sincere and earnest.

## "THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN" CATHEDRAL FUND.

The Cathedral of St. Alban's, Toronto, is in dire financial straits. The scheme was generally approved of and endorsed by the Synod of Toronto as a noble one, when it was started many years ago, and so much has been done that a handsome chancel has been finished, and is used as a parish church as well as the nucleus of the future cathedral. But the promised subscriptions have failed to come in, and it seems as if all that has been expended would be lost to the church by the apathy of the people. The honour of all of us is bound up in this matter, and the sweeping away of this land and building would mean everlasting shame to the diocese of Toronto. The Bishop has appealed without avail; the conscience of the people has not been impressed. A subscription equal to one dollar from each communicant would relieve the Bishop from this anxiety, but the clergy cannot be aware of this, or they would have taken action long ago. We now appeal earnestly to all. Send us what you can, and the funds received will be duly acknowledged and handed over. Stir up your clergy, your friends and neighbours, and see that their contributions are forwarded. Organize and act. Cheques and P.O. orders to be made payable to Frank Wootten, Toronto.

### THE BISHOP'S APPROVAL.

MY DEAR MR. WOOTTEN,—I have read in yesterday's issue of your paper your announcement of a CANADIAN CHURCHMAN Cathedral Fund, and write to thank you very warmly for this spontaneous and unsolicited enterprise on your part to come to the assistance of St. Alban's Cathedral in its great emergency. Your earnest appeal affords me much encouragement as a proof of loyalty and a true Churchman's interest in this anxious Diocesan undertaking.

Its completion and support would impose no heavy tax upon any one if our Church people generally, throughout the Diocese, would unite in making small contributions; and I cannot but be-

lieve that if the matter were brought before them and the opportunity given, they would gladly do this to secure to our Diocese the crown of our Church of England system—a noble Cathedral—the centre and source of the spiritual activities and unifying forces of the Church; the worthy spiritual home of all her children, the pride and glory of our ancient and historic communions.

Earnestly hoping that you will receive such a response as shall be the best reward of your disinterested effort. I am, yours very truly.

ARTHUR, TORONTO.

Toronto, Nov. 8th, 1895.

## THE ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.

We have the pleasure of informing the subscribers to THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, that we have made arrangements for the publication of views of the English Cathedrals in this paper. It is proposed to begin with the first number for the new year, and to carry on the publication week after week. By this means we shall not only present to the readers of THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN a series of engravings of the most beautiful examples of architecture in the world; but we shall be able to show the close connection of these great churches with the ecclesiastical and civil life of the English people; so that these views will be of an historical interest hardly inferior to their artistic importance. It is unnecessary to inform our readers that the production of these engravings will involve a very serious outlay on the part of the publisher; and he confidently believes that those who have hitherto given their generous support to this Journal, and who appreciate the efforts made for its improvement will do their best to increase its circulation. We trust, it will be recognized that the conduct of the paper has been carried on in no narrow or niggardly spirit. We have given to our subscribers the utmost that we have been able to give; and we will pledge ourselves that every fresh effort made to improve the financial condition of the paper shall be an incentive to the improvement of its contents.

## THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

The Provincial Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, held at the end of last month in Toronto, was in every way successful, and reflects great credit upon the Local Council who had the arrangements in hand. Considering the general complaint of hard times, the number of outside members attending, about 100, was as many as could be expected; and of course the Convention was helped greatly by the presence of the Bishop of Kentucky, Mr. Silas McBee, and others from the Brotherhood in the United States. There is no doubt the Brotherhood is here to stay, and we heartily wish it God-speed. It represents a phase of Churchmen and Church life which we wish we had more of in Canada. It is practical and devotional at the same time; the various conferences showing the former side of its character, whilst the deep attention given to the splendidly earnest sermon of Provost Welch at the service at St. Luke's, and the presence of 150 men at the early celebration on Saturday morning at St. James' Cathedral, testify to the other side. Those clergy who have Chapters in their parishes find them of much assistance in doing a work amongst men that it would be difficult to get done otherwise. We hear such remarks as "A steadily increasing