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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
Morning—Daniel iii.; Titus i.  
Evening—Dan. iv or v.; Luke xxii., 54.

Appropriate Hymns for Twenty-First and Twenty-Second 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
Holy Communion: 259, 310, 311, 555.  
Processional: 447, 474, 548, 603.  
Offertory: 224, 235, 273, 280.  
Children's Hymns: 175, 176, 571, 574.  
General Hymns: 359, 477, 630, 633.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
Holy Communion: 309, 312, 556, 559.  
Processional: 239, 362, 445, 604.  
Offertory: 172, 296, 299, 308.  
Children's Hymns: 173, 301, 572, 573.  
General Hymns: 360, 549, 632, 638.

Home Missions Among the Wesleyans.

Some interesting facts were disclosed, says Church Bells, at a recent conference of Wesleyans. Dr. Pope, who read the Home Missionary report, on the way in which the Lord's Supper is administered, said he thought there was room for great improvement, and wished that the ordinance might be observed with more frequency and more solemnity, especially in the country societies. Referring to the appointment of a committee to consider the subject, as well as the advisability of keeping a Church roll, Dr. Rigg stated that the committee would have to deal with "fundamental questions upon which, in the future, the security of their discipline almost altogether depended. The Church roll would settle many difficulties in their system." It was stated that, among the 7,759 societies belonging to the Wesleyan Community, there was a Sunday administra-

tion of the Lord's Supper in seven every fortnight, in 1,647 once a month, in 580 once in six weeks, in 13 once in two months, in 4,729 once in three months, in 68 once in six months, and in 37 once a year. Week-night administrations were held as follows: In 423 once a quarter, in 91 once in six months, in 77 once a year, while in 77 the service was not held at all.

### The Holy Communion.

To the sick, the Holy Communion brings this, among other blessings, the banishment of isolation, the putting away of loneliness. His belief in the Real Presence assures him that Christ has come to his sick-chamber, in no imaginary and merely figurative sense; while his belief in the Holy Catholic Church, of which there is evidence in the presence of the faithful, assures him that he is still "a very member incorporate in the mystical Body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people." And so the silence of the sick-chamber is broken with the words of the Divine Liturgy. Christ comes, in accordance with His own Eucharistic promise. And not only is discerned the presence of Him, the Lamb of God, the one only Divine Saviour, but the presence also of the congregation of the Church, comforting reminder of how blessed is that union of Christian brotherhood: "The glorious company of the Apostles; the goodly fellowship of the Prophets; the noble army of Martyrs; the holy Church throughout the world."

### A Personal Devil.

There are a great many letters on the above subject appearing in the Church papers to the South of us; we would like to add some food for serious reflection on this important subject. The assertion of the existence of a personal wicked one, of a devil; this, as is well known, is a stumbling-block to many. Not urging here the extent to which the veracity of Christ Himself is pledged to the fact, we may observe that it is not by Scriptural arguments alone that it is supported. There is a dark, mysterious element in man's life and history, which nothing else can explain; we can only too easily understand the too strong attractions of the objects of sense on a being who is sensuous as well as spiritual; the allowing of that lower nature which should have been ruled to reverse the true relation, and to become the ruler, we can understand only too easily man's yielding, even his losing, of himself, in this region of sense. But there is a mystery far more terrible than this; a phenomenon unintelligible except upon one assumption. Those to whom the doctrine of an evil spirit is peculiarly unwelcome have been at infinite pains to exorcise theology; and from its domain at least to cast out Satan, even though they should be impotent to cast him out from any other. All who

shrink from looking down into the abysmal depths of man's fall, because they have no eye for the heavenly heights of his restoration, seem to count that much will have been gained thereby; although it may be very pertinently asked: What is the profit of getting rid of the devil, so long as the devilish remains, of explaining away an Evil One, so long as the evil ones who remain are so many?

### Heathen Systems of Religion.

There is no resurrection power in any of the great religious systems of Asia, but though "decaying and waxing old," they are too closely interwoven with social order, and the business, pleasures, and relationships of the people, to be ready "to vanish away," and though there are four million more Christians than when the century began, there are two hundred million more heathen! Is the Church fighting a losing battle for her Lord? At this rate of progress, the coming of the Kingdom might be abandoned as a dream, for all our work has but touched the fringe of the thick darkness of this world, and thirty millions out of the eight hundred millions who have not heard the Gospel pass annually into Christless graves! Far away, on a thousand harvest fields, for lack of reapers, earth's whitened harvests ungarnered die. Yet the Master's words stand unrecalled: "He that reapeth receiveth wages." Are these wages despised? Do the words fall on unbelieving ears, or is it that in this age of the deification of material good, and of an exaggerated estimate of the value of the things which money can buy, the prizes of the professions and of commercial life outweigh the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus?

### The Church in Australia.

From Australia we read that the organization of the Church is progressing there, and that Queensland will shortly, if it is not already, be erected into a province. It seems to us a matter worthy of consideration whether a better arrangement could not be made than we have at present, and that the Archbishopric of Canada be fixed at some definite centre, and the Metropolitan of old Canada might have a more definite position. It is a matter of great gratification to find that the Bishop of Nova Scotia has been a splendid success in Australia, and has received a magnificent reception.

### The Rev. Charles Ruttan.

After a long illness, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., passed away to his rest one of the oldest of the clergy of the diocese of Toronto. The Rev. Charles Ruttan was of the best United Empire Loyalist descent, being the grandson of William Ruttan, one of that loyal band who landed at Adolphus-town in 1784. He was the third son of the late Hon. Henry Ruttan, formerly sheriff of

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