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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

(August 23rd.)

Holy Communion: 250, 252, 436, 438.

Processional: 44, 437, 448, 546.

Offertory: 107, 439, 477, 541.

Children: 698, 699, 701, 704.

General: 31, 404, 221, 666.

The Outlook

Prayer for Victory

"O Lord of hosts, the God of our fathers, who sittest on the throne of righteousness, judge now between us and our enemies; stir up Thy strength, O Lord, and come and fight for us, for in Thee alone do we put our trust.

"Remember, of Thy great mercy, in this time of war, our brethren, the officers and men of the royal navy and of the whole British army; give them courage, wisdom and strength in the presence of every duty; make them a wall of defence to our motherland and all the empire; enable them to vanquish and overcome all their enemies and grant unto us the victory, that we may be, in our imperial unity, Thy faithful servants among the nations on earth.

"Restore unto us and our adversaries the blessings of peace; overrule all events, we beseech Thee, to the welfare of mankind and the advancement of Thy kingdom; these great mercies we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

This prayer has been issued by the Canadian National branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Toronto, for use at all its sailors' institutes in the Dominion.

"The Day"

For some years every night on the German battleships a toast to "The Day" has been drunk in silence. "The Day" has come, so

the Germans think. May it be a day of judgment for the spirit of ambitious selfishness and organized aggrandisement! May it be the day when the dross shall be purged out of the Teuton and the better elements of his character come into higher relief, because he is freed from the feudalism which has overshadowed and domineered over the full development of his best! May it be the day of a new Germany, new in spirit and ideals!

The Spirit of Sacrifice

War means sacrifice. Everybody must have that spirit to hallow a war. We have heard of fortunes that have been made by the illegitimate exploiting of necessities of life in time of war. Some of our merchants already are selling at advanced prices what they bought at average price. That is the spirit of the motley crew that batten on the poor. There are other merchants, big and little, who are selling their goods at average prices and will not raise the price until they have to buy at advanced price themselves. They are honourable men. Mark such a merchant. He is trustworthy.

Postpone the General Synod

Why should not the General Synod be postponed until the present situation is eased? What advantage is there in immediate session? Things which have waited for three years will not spoil if kept for four years. Why not hold a *pro forma* meeting in Vancouver and adjourn to assemble on the call of the Primate? We know of nothing in the agenda which could not wait. Furthermore, nobody could give proper consideration to the weighty matters that are to come up. Only the exceptional delegate could get sufficient detachment of mind to concentrate on the question under discussion. There would be a strong tendency to let things go through for the sake of getting them through. After the first few days everybody would think of the end as most to be desired. We can imagine that this would forestall a great deal of worthless talk, but the opposite risk is too great. We can easily imagine where the mind of the General Synod would be on the receipt of unexpected war news. Again, the expense is a great consideration. The railway fare and meals on the train for each delegate from any distance (and the majority of the delegates would come from a distance) will be an item not to be forgotten at this time of "tight money." The Church, which pays for this, had better put the money somewhere else, if she does not want to keep it, than into the coffers of the railway companies. In the time of greater stringency, which will undoubtedly follow this present war, the Church will be the greatest sufferer. Naturally, men will curtail or discontinue "outside" expenses, and, whether we like it or not, many consider the support of the Church an "outside" expense. Would it be the height of wisdom to spend such a sum on what can wait? We must not let our missionaries at home and abroad suffer, and we shall have difficulty to raise that money. Is not that a first charge? In addition to all this, there is the certainty that large appeals for charity funds will be made this winter. Entertainment is another large expense. Has the Church at this time of high prices any right to take what the Vancouver Churchmen will never say they need for themselves? The Church could not undertake the expense of entertaining the whole delegation, and has it any right to take such a gift from the Vancouver Churchmen? In time of war

it is our idea that every man should be under his own vine and fig-tree to store up what grapes and figs are left. Some of the Eastern delegates have already expressed their inability to leave their business under present conditions. So on the points of efficient business and finances we should like to see the General Synod postponed.

Have You a Motor?

Motorists are blamed for many things of which they are innocent. The carelessness is not all on their side. But we have seen many motorists who would be indictable on the high charge of selfishness. The speed of travelling and the method of passing pedestrians and other vehicles betray the mind of the motorist. Another thing. If you have a motor will you answer these questions to yourself? How many convalescents have I taken out for an airing as a relief from hot rooms and dusty streets? How many "shut-ins" have I given a little ride for the sight of laughing green field and cool forest? What ministry have I made with the vehicle I delight in? When you feel the swift rush of bracing air exhilarating you, do you think of any whose pallid cheeks would be suffused with the pleasure of such a ride? Are you selfish with your motor? Now, don't get sulky and say you are not running an ambulance or a fresh-air car. The personal ministry which we suggest would be an investment that would give you greater rewards than anything else. Suppose you spend one-tenth of your gasoline in this ministry.

Gospel Automobiles

The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has two fine automobile Chapel cars by which it reaches thousands of people in out-of-the-way places. Both cars were gifts from individuals. The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago has recently obtained two second-hand automobile omnibuses to use in preaching the Gospel in the open air. The method is admirable and well worthy of imitation in Canada. There are many places in the East and in the West where people can only obtain regular services very rarely, and if one or two automobiles could be sent on tours during these summer months the results would be decidedly encouraging. The call is clear to follow the Apostle in using every available means to bring people within sound of the Gospel and lead them to Christ.

Two Striking Testimonies

In one of the best-known and most important streets in London, Queen Victoria Street, there are two great publishing houses, and a contrast between these two has just been made by a speaker. One house is that of the "Times" newspaper, and over it is a clock and a figure of Father Time, suggesting things transient. The other house is that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and on it is an open Bible, with the text inscribed, "The Word of the Lord endureth for ever." Thus almost next door to each other are the reminders of things temporal and things eternal, of time and eternity, of things that pass and things that abide.

Mark Twain and the Bible

"It is so hard to make a choice of the most beautiful passage in a book so gemmed with beautiful passages as the Bible. Who taught the ancient writers their simplicity of language, their felicity of expression, their pathos, their faculty for sinking entirely out