

# Canadian Churchman

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## The Christian Year

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

THE Collect to be used is that for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. This beautiful Collect, written in 1661, while admirably adapted for the Epiphany season is equally well suited to prepare our minds for Advent.

We sometimes hear that belief in the devil is exploded. You cannot explode belief in the personal spiritual enemy—and enemies—of man till you explode the truth of Holy Scripture. There is and ever will be "the mystery of iniquity," but the mystery is for our practical warning and guidance so far explained in the Bible in that we are repeatedly told that "we have an adversary the devil," "an enemy" working against God for the harm and destruction of man, and it is our wisdom to recognize this fact.

The New Testament represents our Lord as the Antagonist of Satan. ("He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil." "From evil," or "from the evil" in the Lord's Prayer, and in St. John 17, might be rendered in each case "from the evil one")—and as the Conqueror of Satan—He was victorious in His Temptation—in the work of His ministry, and He triumphed over the devil on the Cross. "Through death He destroyed Him that had the power of death, that is, the devil," Heb. 2:14, Col. 2:15. Think of the fact that you have an adversary trying to draw you from God and goodness to your ruin! Think of your powerlessness to evade him or to conquer him!

Think of our Lord as the Conqueror of the devil, and of His victory as being won for you and for all! "And to make us the sons of God," etc. He won a victory for us to work a work in us. The devil, the instigator of sin, has, by the sin of man, robbed man of his inheritance as a son. In Christ sonship is restored—"in my Baptism . . . I was made the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven." . . . "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Gal. 4:4, 5, 6.

"Christ for us!" "Christ in us!" but that this may be realized—"we for Christ." Christ cleanses us, but we are to cleanse ourselves. "Having, therefore, these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves . . . perfecting holiness in the fear of God," 2 Cor. 7:1. We must purify ourselves. Here comes in the determined action of our wills consecrated to holiness, "without which no man shall see the Lord." "Pure religion . . . is to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

He Who overcame Satan for us will come again. "When He shall appear!" Here is a motive for life and service. We grow like that which we admire. Beholding even as in a mirror we are changed from glory unto glory. The worship of Christ, the declaring Him worthy by our prayer, praise and service will change us until we shall be like Him in mind and heart when we shall see Him as He is.

This stupendous miracle of the transformation of a sinner to a son of God is the work of Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the throne of His glory.

### Let us give thanks

for victories by land and sea and air.

for the surrender of Turkey.

for the suing for peace by Austria-Hungary.

for the united spirit of the Allies.

for the courage and steadfastness of our men.

### Let us pray

that our leaders may be guided aright in treating with the enemy.

that our men may be true soldiers of the King of kings.

that God will give His comfort to the anxious and the bereaved.

that the Holy Spirit may possess the minds of us and our Allies.

## Editorial

REVENGE on our enemies is not the thing we desire. Justice is what we must demand. Revenge is the selfishness which tries to restore injured self-respect. Justice metes out recompense, and punishment without vindictiveness. We dare not let the spirit of revenge control us when we think of the price Germany must pay for peace, because revenge is only a passing mood with the British.

Justice must have an impartial balance but no bandage on her eyes. Those eyes must see all the victims of German malice and savagery, all the fatherless children, grown old with sorrow in their tender years, all the women and children who have been done to death by the submarine and the Zeppelin, the starved and tortured prisoners of war, and all the unspeakable horrors of wanton lust and cruelty. In the terms of peace we must remember that we are executives of God's justice, and we must see that punishment reaches the offenders. Incredible is it that those who have emptied Justice of its meaning should appeal to Justice as their refuge.

MONTREAL is to be congratulated on having a body of citizens who realize the moral obligations of citizenship. A Committee of Sixteen, under the chairmanship of DR. HERBERT SYMONDS, of Christ Church Cathedral, has been conducting a three months' investigation into the conditions of Montreal, Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and other Canadian cities would do well to initiate similar movements. Unpleasant facts would be uncovered, but we ought to know the facts. Commercialized vice, with its preying on young girls and mental delinquents, must be stamped out. Conditions do not exist without patrons. Not all the patrons are reprobates and degenerates of slums. The Church must preach with needful insistence, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." In this regard it is a pleasure to draw attention to the new publication of the Social Service Council of Canada, called "SOCIAL WELFARE." No wide-awake citizen can afford to miss the inspirations and revelations in its pages.

CHURCHES must not be closed. Their ministrations are vital to the life of the nation. Their closing would lead to an irreparable loss of tone in the spirit of the nation," said the Fuel Controller of Nowhere, a place beyond the outskirts of civilization. The playhouses, the picture shows and the poolrooms are not asked to close their doors or combine their activities to save a daily consumption of coal because—because—

well, to put it bluntly, they are more important than churches and parish houses. After the clamour made about helping the youth of the nation, it is apparently judged better that they should get their inspiration from film heroes and meet their chums under the auspices of the show than that the parish houses should be heated to provide wholesome recreation under good auspices. We are getting weary of having the Churches made "the goat" (excuse the slang) for every emergency that comes along. It is necessary for some authorities to revise their comparison of values. We hope that Church people will develop a little more spirit to insist on the vital service to the nation they are rendering. You do not observe the amusement people accepting limitations without a protest. Of course, the Churches will help in every way, but that does not mean going out of business.

QUEBEC diocese realizes the inadequacy of clerical stipends. So does everybody else. Quebec is doing more than realizing, as will be read in the Church News columns. Twelve hundred dollars and a house is to be the minimum salary of missionaries in Priests' order. Niagara came in line last summer. Remember city Rectors, too. Do not fancy that every man in the city gets \$5,000 a year. Some get just over \$1,000. And there is no large garden area to eke out the excuse for a salary.

AN American editor expressed his opinion of the English morality conditions: "I have been in a great many large cities, but I have never seen a more disgraceful condition than is witnessed in the London streets every evening." Some English papers have taken it up, and they agree that they must take action to protect their guests and their own men against the solicitation of harpies who abuse the streets for their own purposes. Attention is called by contrast to the efforts made at Washington to save men from the evils to which they are exposed in London. The English papers call upon the authorities to free London from a plague that is discreditable to England as a nation. So there was something after all in the conditions "hysterical" Canadians exclaimed against two years ago, yet they were met with "hoiety-toiety," "pooh, pooh." A man's loyalty was questioned unless he was prepared to "whitewash" the morality conditions of the Old Country. The most distressing word about things in England is that numbers of young girls are following the trade. We appreciate the difficulties in the unusual concentration of men in London, but unusual circumstances call for unusual measures.

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