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## Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

February 18.—QUINQUAGESIMA.  
Morning.—Gen. 9, to v. 20. Mat. 26 to v. 31.  
Evening.—Gen. 12 or 13. Rom. 1.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for Quinquagesima Sunday and first Sunday in Lent, 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:

### QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 259, 310, 315, 552.  
Processional: 35, 224, 236, 393.  
Offertory: 168, 296, 296, 365.  
Children's Hymns: 210, 387, 389, 571.  
General Hymns: 37, 196, 210, 229, 262, 547.

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

Holy Communion: 107, 311, 314, 559.  
Processional: 261, 432, 445, 465.  
Offertory: 91, 252, 408, 618.  
Children's Hymns: 94, 381, 382, 568.  
General Hymns: 84, 88, 92, 254, 354, 537.

### QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

THE MOST EXCELLENT GIFT.

O Lord, Who hast taught us all that our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; grant this for Thy only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

This beautiful Collect follows very fitly upon the teaching of last Sunday, when, although we professed not to put our trust in anything we do, we were yet led to see that we must be ever doing. To-day we are shown what we need to make our works acceptable to God, for to-day we are reminded that without charity all our doings are nothing worth. Love is the fulfilling of the law; love is the very bond of peace, uniting us to God and to each other. What it is that charity will teach us to do, how it will make us live, the Epistle shows us. We must pray for this "most excellent gift," for it is heavenly, and by no mere

efforts of our own can we attain to it; and while we pray, we must live in love, for without it "whoever liveth is counted dead before God."

### GOOD WORDS.

A clergyman in the North-West writes: "I have received a number of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN through the kindness of the Niagara Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary—just enough to let me know that I cannot do without them regularly. Enclosed is my subscription."

A clergyman from the United States writes: "I would not be without the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN for anything, as I think it far in advance of any Church paper on this side of the Atlantic for sound principles and general Church interest. I pray you may be strengthened to continue the good work you are doing."

A clergyman in Quebec writes: "I am glad you intend continuing the publication of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, as I prefer it very much to any other Church paper published in Canada."

### BURIAL OF THE LATE REV. E. J. FESSENDEN

On Friday, the 24th ult., the remains of the late Rev. E. J. Fessenden, B.A., were interred in the churchyard of St. John's Church, Ancaster. In the chancel there were twenty clergymen robed, and the church was filled with parishioners and friends. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m., the bishop of the diocese being celebrant, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Houston and Rev. Canon Ball. The Rev. E. Trenholm, nephew of the deceased, acted as cross-bearer. The altar was in white and was decorated with flowers, sent by members of the congregation. The pall-bearers were Rev. Canons Bland and Sutherland, Rev. Rural Dean Clark, Diocesan Secretary, and Revs. Messrs. Whitcombe, Le Brine, Irving, Geoghegan and Massey. The coffin was covered with wreaths, crosses and flowers—one from the congregation, one from his own churchwarden, and one from Sunday-school teachers and scholars; and others from those whom he had prepared for confirmation and from friends. All spoke of the loving fragrance encircling the memory of this truly loving servant of the Church. The processional hymn was, "The Saints of God their Conflict Past." The psalms were said by the Rev. T. Geoghegan, the lesson by Rev. Rural Dean Clark, and the prayers in the burial office were said by the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe in the church, on account of the violent storm which was raging outside. His Lordship the Bishop read the Committal at the grave. The deceased had not quite finished a three years' pastorate at Ancaster—two years as curate-in-charge, and scarcely one year as rector. Humbly and faithfully he performed his duties as parish priest. He was busy for some time previous to his death preparing a series of papers on "Church Patronage"—several of which having appeared in these columns. He was not only deeply loyal to his Church, but also to his country. Valuable articles on the U. E. Loyalists and kindred topics have been published by him in the daily press. When in England his culture and eloquence secured him much attention wherever he went. He was a valued deputy of the S.P.G. for several years, and gave addresses in Westminster Abbey and many of the cathedral churches. He was

also one of the selected speakers at the Wolverhampton Church Congress. Since his return he has acted at the bishop's request as Diocesan Secretary for the "Church House," and representative for the Church Emigration Society. He was a man of kindly heart, gracious manners and dignified demeanour. His bent of mind as a theologian inclined toward the school of Canon Mason. His memory will long be cherished by the clergy of the diocese and by his many friends, as that of a priest of blameless life and sterling worth. His devoted and sorrowing wife and children have the assurance, in this their time of mourning, that the respectful and unbroken sympathy of the diocese is tendered to them.

### THE EXTENSION OF THE EPISCOPATE.

We suspended consideration of this subject until the meeting of the Provincial Synod should take place, and we now proceed to consider the action of that body, with a view to getting the question in proper form for the discussions of the various Diocesan Synods interested. The question as it affects us must take its practicability from the attitude of the Diocesan Synods. Let us again state the facts of this present movement. In 1892 the Provincial Synod Lower House committee on the aggressive work of the Church, recommended that five new dioceses be created within the bounds of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The Upper House did not confirm this, but suggested that three be formed—one by division of the Diocese of Ontario then being prepared for, and now about being done. The second, by a division of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and the third by a division of the Diocese of Algoma. After that, and as a result of this Provincial Synod resolution, the subject was discussed in the Synods of Toronto and Huron, and committees appointed. As the prospect of the division of Algoma appeared very remote, the proposition to create a new diocese, composed of territory around the Georgian Bay, which would relieve Huron and Toronto in some degree, and take in part of the Algoma territory, took gradually definite form. Two meetings were held in the city of Toronto nearly a year ago of representatives from the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Niagara and Algoma. The Algoma representatives could not take upon themselves the responsibility of saying how Algoma should act, as Algoma has no Synodal organization, and the Bishop, who was absent, had not been communicated with. The subject, however, was gone into as thoroughly as possible under the circumstances, and resolutions arrived at leaving Algoma intact. The effect of these resolutions was to suggest a new diocese by a large contribution from Huron territory, a small contribution from Toronto territory, and a re-adjustment of Niagara territory, which would have increased the area of that diocese. The following resolution was passed by the Synod of Niagara last year: "That a committee be appointed by the bishop, to confer with like committees from other dioceses in Ontario, on the extension of the Episcopate." The bishop appointed a committee.

The Synod of Toronto adopted the conference resolutions, but the Synod of Huron did not. The bishop in his charge refers thus to the conference resolutions: "I cannot myself, however, refrain from expressing my own conclusion that