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IN HER

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for every Sunday in the year.

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Ἔργα νέων, βουλὰὶ δὲ μέσων, εὐχαὶ δὲ γερόντων.

— Hesiod.*

Numinis oracula et sanctorum verba piorum,
Suavius ut mentes moveant quæ metricè lecta,
Scholarum filius quas olim Ecclesia nostra
Præbuit agnellis, nunc ultimus agnellorum,
Deficiente manû, dum cessèrat aura poesis,
Frigidus aut steterat *circum præcordia*
sanguis.

Obloquitur numeris, varians discrimina vo-
cum.

Neu sit inepta labor, fidei fructus puerorum
Nostrum de æde tuâ antiquâ, sanctissime
Paule!

Discipuli audaces! haud muti cæca magistri
Verba, nec ipsius pastoris dicta sequentes;
At pueri ingenui cœlestia facillè credunt;
Neque Dei servus jecit sua semina saxis.
Manserunt hæ corde meo, semperque mane-
bunt,

* Work for the young; for elders counsel sage;
Then what remains but useless for age?



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*Conlectæ veteres quæcunq; omnis epistola sermo,
Quas nunc versiculis reddit mihi Musa senilis.
Ludere me sacris non care, putabis, amice
Quæ tetigi trepidans et humillimè conscius ausi:
Hoc habui in votis; pro Christi stirpe sacellum
Condere pectoribus: ne savi docte sacerdos!
Si nimis exiguum tibi, quæso ut blandè tacebis:
Discedam, explebo numerum reddarq; tenebris.

T. W. PARSONS.

* "*Conlegenda cum Epistolâ*"; this marginal direction in the missals probably gave name to the Collects or Conlects. They were the "*preces conlectæ*"—read with the Epistles.



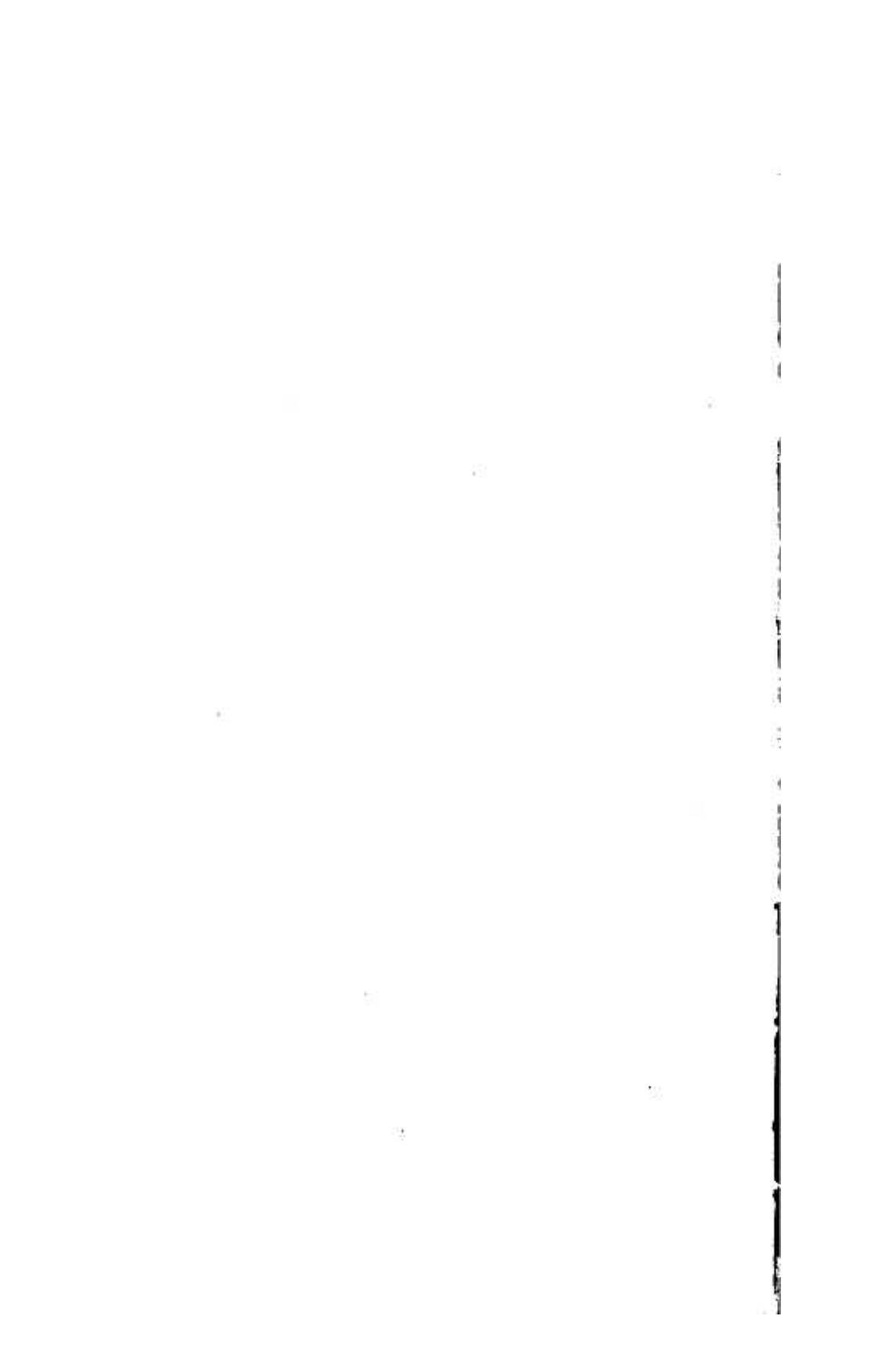


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