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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

January 10th.—FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Morning.—Isaiah 51. Mat. 6, to v. 19.
Evening.—Isaiah 52, v. 13, & 53; or 54. Acts 6.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for First and Second Sundays after Epiphany, compiled by Mr. F. Gattward, 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:

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 78, 310, 313, 555.
Processional: 76, 79, 219, 390.
Offertory: 81, 173, 179, 306.
Children's Hymns: 79, 330, 334, 573.
General Hymns: 77, 80, 477, 487, 522, 548.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 177, 312, 315, 559.
Processional: 79, 175, 218, 393.
Offertory: 81, 178, 305, 365.
Children's Hymns: 76, 329, 335, 569.
General Hymns: 75, 78, 169, 220, 486, 488.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

During the past festival we have been rejoicing in the light which Christ brought to lighten every man that cometh into the world. Now, we have to learn how to walk in that light, so that it may not have shone in vain for us; for as well might we expect the light of the sun to force us into a safe path without our own exertions, as that the Sun of Righteousness should guide us into the way of peace without diligence and carefulness on our part. This is what the Church endeavours to impress upon us in the Sunday services after the Epiphany; for while the gospels and proper lessons still continue to show forth the glory and majesty of the Divine Saviour, the epistles supply us with advice and exhortations, which, being written by St. Paul for his Gentile converts, are suited to all whom Christ has brought out of darkness into His marvellous light. So it is with the services of this day. If we rightly understand and apply them, they will teach us how to profit by that light which we have now received. The collect prays for light to see our duty and strength

to perform it. We learn from the epistle that an entire surrender of self, and submission to God, are required of all those who call themselves children of light. Love of the world, and conformity to its wicked practices, obscure the light which God has made to shine in our hearts; therefore the children of light are not to be "conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds." Pride and self-conceit cannot reign in the hearts of those who depend for everything on the light of God's grace; therefore the children of light must watch, lest they "think of themselves more highly than they ought to think." In short, if we would keep the light of God shining brightly in our hearts, we must renounce or subdue everything that would prevent us from "yielding up ourselves a lively sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him." We read in the lesson for this day how the people of Israel forfeited the light of God's favour by making idols of wood and stone to worship and bow down to them; but do not we, the Israel of God, fall into the same danger whenever we set up idols in our hearts, whenever we suffer the love of the world, or of self, to take God's place in that soul where He has commanded His light to shine? If, therefore, we would walk as children of light, we must "keep ourselves" from all such idols, and, giving up ourselves to His service, strive diligently to do our duty in that particular position of His Body the Church where He has placed us. All members of that Church have not the same office; to each one He gives an appointed task, and with it the degree of light necessary to perform it. Neither does He lay upon us our duties all at once, but one by one, and little by little. As the collect says, He gives us first grace "to perceive and know what we ought to do," and then, when He sees we are in earnest and willing to do what we know to be right, He gives us "grace and power faithfully to perform the same." Let us all make the most of the light which He vouchsafes—first cleansing out of our hearts everything that might obscure it, praying for its heavenly guidance, and then walking as it guides. So may we hope that the light, which first dawned upon us at the Epiphany, will lead us on from grace to grace, shining more and more into our hearts unto the perfect day.

THE NEW YEAR.

To all our friends, subscribers, readers, contributors and correspondents, we wish most sincerely and heartily a very happy New Year—even as they have already uttered this wish in the most practical way to the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. We look forward with confidence to the next year, because we can look back with gratitude and satisfaction to the last. We have done our best to gain the confidence and support of the public, and we have not failed so far. There has been no change in the policy of this paper, and we have none to announce. We aim simply to represent the Church of England in all its length and breadth, and not a mere party in the Church. Opinions will differ as to the best method of carrying out such a programme, and the thing may be done better or worse at one time than at another; but we are not ashamed to point to our columns in proof that there has been a regular and continuous effort to work out our theory in a fair and liberal manner. We have

given Church news without regard to the particular school represented. Our correspondents, so long as they kept within proper bounds, have had full liberty to set forth their opinions and counsels in our pages. In our expressions of editorial opinion, we have endeavoured to be candid and fair; and we have always endeavoured to bear in mind the maxim, "the safety of the people is the supreme law"; the welfare of the Church must always have the first place in our consideration. That we have not entirely failed in these endeavours, we have had many testimonies and assurances from our readers, for which we give them hearty thanks, as for all other favours. But we think we have shown our gratitude in the best possible way by doing what we could for the improvement of the character, contents and appearance of the paper. It is, perhaps, sufficient merely to mention this, since everyone can see it for himself, and it has been abundantly acknowledged. These, then, are our reasons for looking forward with confidence to the future. We will do our best for the Church of England in Canada—its clergy and its people, and this not merely because we shall thereby subserve our own interests, but because the Anglican Communion is dear to us. In carrying out our designs, we have the assistance and co-operation of able, learned and scholarly men, whose names, if it were proper to mention them here, would carry confidence with them throughout the Dominion and beyond its boundaries. We can point with satisfaction to their work in the past, and we look forward with hope and assurance to the future. Again, therefore, we say to our friends: A happy and prosperous New Year.

GOOD WORDS.

A clergyman in Toronto writes: "I heartily congratulate you on the Christmas number of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. It is a credit to the Canadian Church. The letter-press and illustrations are perfect. Wishing you all prosperity in your well-directed efforts at making many homes happy where your paper comes, and a happy Christmas for you and yours."

A layman in Montreal writes: "Enclosed is my subscription for another year for the CHURCHMAN. Its contents ever afford me pleasure and profit, and I always commend it to my friends."

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