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LESSON FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Morning—Isaiah xxxv; Rev. xx.

Evening—Isaiah xxxviii. or xl.; Rev. xxi. to 15.

Appropriate Hymns for Feast of Epiphany and First Sunday after Epiphany, compiled by Dr. Albert Ham, F. R. C. O., organist and director of the choir of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. The numbers are taken from Hymns Ancient and Modern, many of which may be found in other hymnals.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 173, 318, 322, 355.

Processional: 76, 79, 81, 601.

Offertory: 78, 486, 488, 544.

Children's Hymns: 75, 177, 331, 332.

General Hymns: 77, 178, 179, 294.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 190, 192, 317, 323.

Processional: 219, 260, 547, 604.

Offertory: 213, 222, 232, 300.

Children's Hymns: 333, 342, 536, 565.

General Hymns: 79, 214, 290, 534.

A Happy New Year.

Again it is our privilege to wish the readers of the the Canadian Churchman "A Happy New Year." This is the salutation with which we greet each other at the opening of another year. The sadness and weariness of life would be unbearable but for its new beginnings, if we were not able to begin our task again, with new hopes and efforts, so that the future may be better, and nobler, and brighter than the past. The past prepares us to meet the future. Each day throughout the New Year will bring its daily work, let us do it willingly as unto the Lord: each day will bring its trials and worries, let us bear them with patience, knowing that all things work together for good to those who love God. We sometimes forget what an important part the little things of life have in making our lot either easy or hard: A few pleasant words, a warm

hand clasp, a kind action, a friendly letter, are simple things, but they add much to the pleasure of those about us. Remember also that the little things in life, whether good or bad, count for more with those we love than we ever know, and this should make us watchful of our actions and our words. A Happy New Year! It is God's own blessed gift to us. What a solemn and sacred thing is that gift of Life, which God seems to bring to us anew each day! It is a solemn thing to die; it is also a solemn thing to live. However poor and feeble has been our service in the past, we have another opportunity. Let us use it for His service. Let us try to walk day by day throughout this New Year with God, and may His presence be with us to cheer, His strength to support, and His power to guide us. Let us "ever follow that which is good," and strive to "do always those things that please Him." He may lead us by a way which we know not, but His way is the right way.

Church Music.

The articles that have appeared under this heading, from time to time, especially during the past 3 months, having aroused among the clergy and Church musicians considerable interest, it is therefore proposed to continue same for an indefinite period. A well-known and experienced organist will have charge of this column, and will in every issue publish articles on subjects of importance. It is to be hoped that all interested will freely state their views. Organists are cordially invited to send any special service list, with notes, etc.

Dr. E. N. Potter.

We see by the New York "Churchman" that Dr. E. N. Potter, brother of the Bishop of New York, who is well known to many Canadians and highly esteemed by them, has just completed some useful work at Poughkeepsie. "For eight months," says the Churchman, "the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Nott Potter has been in charge of Christ church. During this time Dr. Potter has greatly endeared himself to the people of the parish, his eloquent and scholarly discourses, coupled with his genial and kindly personality, having won for him the sincere esteem and regard of every member of Christ church. The new rector having been chosen, Dr. Potter finished his work in this city on Sunday, November 25th. At the close of the morning service, he was asked by the wardens and vestrymen of the church to meet them in the study, and in recognition of his faithful and devoted work in the parish he was presented with a beautiful and costly silver loving cup, suitably inscribed. Dr. Potter, though surprised and deeply affected by this token of affection, responded in a few well-chosen words. Altogether it was a very happy occasion. Dr. Potter

is a brother of Bishop Potter, and has always been prominent in religious and educational circles, having been president of Union and Hobart Colleges and of the Cosmopolitan University. It is rumored that he is now interested in a very important and extensive educational work, which will soon be announced.

London the Great.

It startles one and gives an idea of the immensity of the capital to find that in consequence of the abolition of the old vestries and the creation of the new municipalities, there are twenty-eight (28), new mayoralties within it. Amongst the aldermen who have been elected for the new London boroughs, are two or three well known clergymen, including Canon Pennefather, vicar of Kensington (Kensington), the Rev. Russell Wakefield, vicar of St. Mary's, Bryanstone Square (Marylebone), the Rev. W. Abbott, vicar of Paddington (Paddington), and the Rev. David Anderson, vicar of St. George's, Hanover Square (Westminster).

City and Backwoods Clergy.

The Church of Ireland Gazette reviews an eloquent plea in the Church Times for first-class men for country parishes. The migration of those most zealous for their work to the great centres of modern industry is a fact which cannot be disputed. The reason that is chiefly given, the desire for work, and the expectation of idleness in a country parish, is not quite so prominent as the article would suggest. To be an ideal country curate, one wants some experience of country life. A man who cannot tell a turnip from a beetroot, is not the man to deal with country people. Any man, whose education has been rightly directed, is capable of visiting or taking classes or services in a town parish. This conscious ignorance of how to sympathize with rural populations is one of the most potent reasons why so many men seek work in cities. It is, however, none the less a cause of regret that so much good work is thus left untouched. It is an added difficulty that in most of our theological seminaries there are few men who have spent a portion of their lives in backwood service. There are many who would make excellent professors, and their experiences and advice would be invaluable to the young man in training, for often a lonely mission. Men whose experience has been confined to city work in England or Canada are often unfitted for the reasons the Gazette gives.

The Plague in Glasgow.

It seems as if time had rolled back two centuries or more to find that at the request of the Bishop of Glasgow a thanksgiving service was held in St. Margaret's mission church, this spot being selected because of its having been in the centre of what had

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