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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

Jan. 6—Epiphany of our Lord.
Morning—Isai. 60; Luke 3, 15, 23.
Evening—Isai. 49, 13, 24; John 2, 1, 12.

Jan. 13—First Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Isai. 51; Matt. 8, 1, 18.
Evening—Isai. 59, 13 and 53, or 54; Acts 8, 5, 26.

Jan. 20—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Isai. 55; Matt. 12: 1—22.
Evening—Isai. 57 or 61; Acts 12.

Jan. 27—Septuagesima.
Morning—Gen. 1 & 2, 1, 4; Rev. 21, 1, 9.
Evening—Gen. 2, 4, or Job 38; Rev. 21, 9, 22, 6.

Appropriate Hymns for Epiphany Sunday 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.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 173, 314, 319, 487.
Processional: 76, 79, 81, 219.
General Hymns: 78, 80, 218, 488.
Offertory: 75, 77, 178, 488.
Children's Hymns: 177, 338, 342, 346.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 190, 192, 317, 323.
Processional: 219, 299, 547, 604.
General Hymns: 79, 214, 290, 534.
Offertory: 213, 220, 232, 300.
Children's Hymns: 333, 342, 536, 565.

THE EPIPHANY.

The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles discloses a part of the Divine plan of salvation. "God so loved the world." We rejoice in the catholicity of the Church and our work as fellow-workers with Him in the great plan. Christianity is a different religion to any the world has known. It is not founded on a book, like Mohammedanism on the Koran. Neither is it a system like Buddhism. Christianity is founded upon a Person, the only-begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ. The Holy Bible is the History of God's people, and the Inspired Record of Christ's Life and Teachings, but the Foundation of Christianity is the Person of Jesus; and Christianity knows no bounds of clime nor people, age nor station in life. It is the Catholic Religion. Our duty to Missions is here brought clearly before us, and "we which know Him now by faith" must help to make Him

known to others. Christianity is a Mission Religion. It is our most solemn religious duty as members of Christ to assist in the spread of Christianity and to be "stars" to guide all in "darkness" to Him, who is the "Light of the world." Our M.S.C.C. makes strenuous appeals for funds to support "their scheme" of promoting Missions. The appeal of Scripture is stronger and better, and it is part of "God's scheme," and that is, for us to give by tithe. Give by a rule and system, one tenth of our goods and earnings. Is it too much? Let some who have not tried it, try it for this one year. We may be, as St. Paul says in this Sunday's epistle, "less than the least of saints yet this grace is given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Some devout women, who love their Lord and His Church, may adopt the plan of giving one-tenth, for this year on trial, by dropping their little sums into a box. Business men can figure on it in their bank book. Little children may be instructed to give their trifles, so dear to the childish heart, to Him who is dear to the childish soul. The Epiphany this year then might be a greater Epiphany to many souls in darkness; and to us, who adopt the tithe giving, a greater manifestation of God's blessings, spiritually and temporally.

THE "CHURCHMAN'S" GREETING.

When we have marked out for ourselves a certain path in life; one that is helpful to one's fellowmen in the best sense of the word, and creditable to ourselves; when actuated by a proper motive, and pursued with due industry, enterprise, unflinching purpose, and a desire to be fair and just to all; and when after having given the best years of one's life exclusively to this object, and unsparingly toiled, in season and out of season, to attain an honourable measure of success; those who are best qualified to judge the work freely express their warm approval; it is not strange that one's heart is filled with gratitude, and one is prompted to refer in terms of unusual warmth to a labour of love, the fruit of such labour, and our co-workers in the good cause we all have so much at heart. For 32 long years! The "Churchman" is entering on its 33rd year of publication. An unbroken effort has been made to enable the Church in Canada, through its own accredited journal, to give public expression to its doctrine and practice, and, as far as possible, with exactness and regularity to render an account of its activity and progress. Time and space forbid our attempting to repeat the long, interesting and historical record of this difficult, sustained, and in the outcome, successful effort. The cause was well worthy of all the anxiety, toil and money expended upon it for a period now advancing towards a half century from its inception. Nor need we dwell on the futile efforts of ambitious, but less fortunate competitors, whose ventures, like wrecks along an inviting, but extremely dangerous shore are deplorable evidences of the cost, toil, peril, and almost incredible difficulty incurred by those who attempt successfully to navigate a Church journal. Need we say that with limited capital and working in a comparatively young country, and all that that implies; and the absolute necessity of providing a sound, workmanlike and acceptable paper in touch with every branch of Church work; responsive to the wise aims and progressive spirit of an enlightened Churchmanship; and published at the lowest possible cost, consistent with good business judgment, such an undertaking is one beset with risks that can only be adequately estimated by those who have had practical experience of such a venture, extending over many years. This experience, we may fairly

claim, to have had, and the equipment which it has provided, conjoined to the loyal, liberal and constant co-operation of our fellow-Churchmen, and we most cheerfully and gratefully add Churchwomen, from one end of our Dominion to the other has placed the "Canadian Churchman" to-day on the solid foundation on which it rests in the homes and hearts of its ever increasing multitude of patrons. On considering the quantity, variety and originality of Church news given in each number to our readers, we are not surprised at many of the most intelligent and widely read of them, assuring us from time to time that the "Canadian Churchman" is the brightest, newsiest and lowest-priced weekly publication of its kind in the world. Nor are we surprised at having, since its issue, been frequently assured, not only by subscribers, but by publishers and journalists of repute, that our beautiful Christmas Number, which we offered at the nominal price of twenty-five cents to the general public, is well worth twice that amount. We cannot refrain from mentioning with feelings of respect and thankfulness, which cannot well be expressed in words, that from many of the Bishops, clergy, laity, and the faithful and devout daughters of the Church in Canada, Great Britain and the United States, we have had repeated assurances of the kindest and most welcome good-will and support. If encouragement were needed, nothing could be more cheering and sustaining to any hard-worker, in a good cause, than the character and volume of these touching and inspiring words, letters and messages. The Church-people throughout Canada will, we are confident, be pleased to know that the sales of the recent Christmas Number of their Church paper, as compared with those of any previous year, have nearly doubled. We refer to this phenomenal and pleasing fact not in any mere boasting spirit but with a feeling of profound and sincere gratitude, that a strong and determined desire and sustained effort to keep the authorized journal of our Church in Canada well to the front amongst the world's best publications, should have met with such a marked measure of approval and success. We can only say that whatever lavish expenditure, persevering industry, enterprise and devotion to the best interests of the Church in the way of journalistic effort can accomplish it shall be our object and aim in the future, as it has been in the past, to attempt to achieve. Again most cordially thanking our thousands of well-wishers and patrons in Canada, the Mother Land, the United States and abroad for their kind, courteous and most welcome support and encouragement during the past year; and most thankfully reminding them that the credit for the success attained by the "Canadian Churchman" is theirs, as well as ours; and that their personal encouragement, and above all their active self-denying aid in forwarding Church news, in securing new subscribers, and in many other ways have materially contributed to this most desirable result, we wish them, one and all, with all our heart, a most happy and prosperous New Year.

Diocesan News.

About once a year we insert a paragraph begging our readers from all parts of Canada to send us in items of local happenings or any suggestions which occur to them as likely to be of use or to remove erroneous impressions. We are moved to make an earlier appeal than usual in consequence of the receipt of a letter from a valued friend which gives an opportunity of removing a misapprehension, a mistake too, which is very prevalent. We find that it is generally believed that our Church news is written by the clergy of the different parishes. Would that it were the case, so far from that we have the

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