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LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

January 7—First Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Isaiah 51; Matthew 4, 23-5, 13.
Evening—Isaiah 52, 13 & 53 or 54; Acts 4, 10 to 32.
January 14—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Isaiah 55; Matthew 8, 18.
Evening—Isaiah 57 or 61; Acts 8, 26.
January 21—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Isaiah 62; Matthew 12, 22.
Evening—Isaiah 65 or 66; Acts 13, 10 to 26.
January 28—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Job 27; Matthew 15, 21.
Evening—Job 28 or 29; Acts 17, 10 to 16.

Appropriate Hymns for First and Second Sundays 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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 173, 216, 319, 321.
Processional: 76, 79, 165, 220.
Offertory: 74, 240, 256, 289.
Children's Hymns: 80, 178, 334, 336.
General Hymns: 72, 78, 288, 536.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 191, 313, 315, 520.
Processional: 81, 202, 232, 540.
Offertory: 24, 75, 210, 257.
Children's Hymns: 238, 243, 246, 342.
General Hymns: 27, 77, 177, 545.

What We Ought to Do.

These words put in the simplest form the question of all others which most perplexes the mind of man. What we ought to do as to the general trend of each of our lives, and what we ought to do in respect to each act of life. It is profound in its theological application, involving as it does the knowledge of right and wrong, the doing of good or evil. To the unaided reason it is limited in its application by the light of the sun and the moon and the effect of material things through the senses on the mind. But he who walks by the eye of faith, directed by the revealed Word, informed by the Divine Spirit, has an authentic chart by which, like a steadfast mariner sailing to the haven where he would be, is infallibly guided through the devious currents and over the storm-tossed billows of the sea of life; and whenever the fog thickens, or the storm bursts, or he is assailed by doubts within and danger without, in answer to his earnest prayer he will be taught both "to perceive and know what he ought to do," and

also will be given "grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same" by the Captain of his salvation.

A Helpful Diagram.

We beg to call attention to a lucid and helpful diagram, which appears in another column, giving a very succinct sketch of our Lord's life and ministry, and indicating those chapters of the Gospels which lay special stress on the seven stages of His earthly career. We shall be glad to send copies of this diagram for use by superintendents, teachers and scholars at the rate of \$1 per hundred, postpaid.

Gather Them In!

Now is the time to put the newly formed resolution into force. Deeds are the true tap-roots of good resolves—not thoughts, or even words. Sunday School teacher or scholar, Brotherhood officer or member, Young People's Society member, churchwarden, sidesman or member, or Church man, woman or child, wheresoever you may be—in the North-West, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, or by the far-off Mackenzie river, or anywhere else in broad Canada, begin now, right away, to gather them in. "Who?" you ask. Why, everyone who is not already a member of the Sunday School, the Brotherhood, the Young People's Society, or of the Church. Don't be discouraged at a refusal. You are on the right track: keep right on. It is un-British, un-Canadian, un-Christian to allow yourself to be disheartened and beaten at the start, or even later on. Bulldog tenacity of purpose and effort has made your race and country what they are; and you will need a like pluck and perseverance, softened and sustained by a gentleness, tenderness, and devotion to your Leader, a Leader whose genius and power are to that of a Nelson or Wellington as the light of the tiniest star is to that of the meridian sun, to enable you to be a stayer and a winner in this war. Keep up the battle all along the line. Never let a day of this new year go by without a determined effort to gather some one in; and the end of the year will gladden your heart and brighten your memory with some of the most enduring pleasures and purest recollections of life.

The National Spirit.

Among the factors which have largely contributed to the new life and progress of our Church must be reckoned the national spirit, which, to the young Canadian, embodies an ideal of lofty aim and aspiration for all that relates to himself, his family, his country and his faith. This spirit, under wise control and due experience, contains a germ of great promise for our Church, our country and the Empire. Any attempt at coercion from without or repression from within cannot fail to prove futile, or even injurious. It is a natural growth of the soil—a product of the climate. It springs from the genius of the country and the peculiar temperament of the people. Its roots are in the Constitution and in the statutory law of the land. Its voice is heard in the Legislature and wherever opinion has developed into conviction and finds authoritative expression, whether from the pulpit, platform or the press. A concrete example of the work of this spirit within the Church may be found in the evolution of the idea of a Book of Common Praise for the Church in Canada, and the tactful, thorough and masterful way in which this idea has passed, from the initial, to the preliminary stages of development. We expect great things from the growth of a national spirit within our Church and hope we may live to see the fruition of some of them.

Corporate Churchmanship.

A noticeable and most gratifying feature of the General Synod at Quebec was the spirit of Brotherhood which marked the meeting and intercourse of the delegates, and visiting Churchmen from all the widely separated dioceses who were there commingled. This is as it should be. Acquaintance not seldom begets friendship, and sometimes establishes relationships of the most agreeable and helpful character. If there is any department of our paper which we highly value it is that which gathers together information as to the work and progress of our brother Churchmen from one end of Canada to the other. Here we meet on paper, and in print we note with profit and pleasure the record of the activities of those to whom we are bound by the sacred tie of a common faith and though we may never meet them face to face, yet who can deny that there is thus afforded to us a sympathetic communion of interest which is at once consolatory and cheering. We wish to have this department representative in the truest sense of all that transpires throughout the Canadian Church which is most important to the various parts and of most general interest to the whole body, and we cordially invite our brother Churchmen to keep in touch with all those who, though they may be geographically widely separated, are yet spiritually very near to one another.

Our Paper.

The Churchman has an ambition at once laudable and inspiring. It is to have its weekly visits longed for and welcomed, not only in many thousands of Canadian homes, but in every Church family throughout our country. It is no small privilege now-a-days to have a clean, wholesome, attractive and instructive journal regularly enter your household in which there is not a page in which you would not wish your child to see. Not only so, but one that always brings an influence for good; that binds together Christian families in affectionate interest in each other's welfare, and promotes the common progress of their beloved Church. Whilst we cannot be too thankful for the past efforts of valued friends, we again appeal at the beginning of the New Year to each of our patrons to secure us before the end of January at least one new subscriber, and we know that we shall not appeal in vain.

Recent Episcopal Appointments.

One of the brightest auguries for the Church progress during the New Year has been the excellent work already done by the members of the Episcopate who received promotion last year. Men in the prime of life, ripe in scholarship, sound in judgment, matured in thought, abounding in energy and fruitful in good works—they have given to the clergy and laity in their several dioceses the stimulus of authority which wins a respect and example which provokes emulation. The power for good of a good leader is not only measured by the limits of the field of his accustomed employment and the exercise of his qualities therein. There is a far-reaching influence which must also be taken into account. The purer and stronger the light and the greater its attitude, the wider and more beneficent is the dispersion of its rays.

Our Christmas Number.

We would be more than mortal were we insensible to all the kind things which have been said to us about our Christmas number. Our well wishers—and we are really surprised, as

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