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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

January 13—1 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Morning—Isaiah li.
Evening—Isaiah lii. 13 & liii.; or liv.

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for the 1st and 2nd Sunday after Epiphany: compiled by Mr. F. Gatward, 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: 178, 555, 828.
Processional: 78, 218, 175.
Offertory: 79, 179, 80.
Children's Hymns: 76, 331, 573.
General Hymns: 75, 220, 307, 487.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 190, 316, 558.
Processional: 76, 77, 219.
Offertory: 81, 173, 601.
Children's Hymns: 79, 175, 389.
General Hymns: 177, 169, 452, 63, 486.

HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY.—In all departments of religious life and thought it is the historic character of Christianity and of the Church which is commending itself to men's acceptance. In the historic Christianity there is liberty and strength. In the historic Church there is conservatism and an illimitable faculty of progress. Any man who would do great and permanent service to the Church in these times must be possessed of the historical idea.

FOR WHAT THE CHURCH EXISTS.—The Church exists in the world, not to enjoy our patronage, to invite our criticism, to gratify our taste, but to accept our discipleship. Her organized life, the due succession of her ministry, the due administration of her sacraments, the stated order of her worship, the ceaseless proclamation of her Lord's message—all these things are not less important, less essential to-day than when in the beginning Peter convened the hundred and twenty disciples to choose the Apostle Matthias.

ABOUT READING.—Let us not be familiar with the heroes of the world and utterly ignorant of

the heroes of the Cross. Many a Christian woman could give the plot of Tolstoi's last novel, or the history of the women of the French saloons, who could not tell you one word of the story of David Livingstone, or of Hannington or Pattison. The Kingdom of Christ endures. Let us study the history of the kingdom, work for the kingdom. Life is too short for us to read everything; let us read the best.

CHURCH-GOING.—Public worship is a duty which all owe unto God. It is not a matter of choice. You cannot neglect it without loss and danger to yourself. Especially on each Lord's day no one should be absent without most urgent reasons. If every person in the parish would make a point to be present at each service, we should have a crowded church each time, and thus a more worthy tribute of praise be offered, and the influence of the Church of Christ be greatly increased. Shall not such be the case? Remember that the responsibility rests with you.

THE TRUE CHURCH.—No man can make a new Church any more than he can make a new Bible. The old Church was founded by Christ Himself. It was complete at the start. It possessed all the means of grace. It taught all the necessary truth. It was meant to remain unchanged until Christ should come again at the last day. The faith was once for all delivered to the saints, and was not to be added to or diminished. The Church was built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Modern religious bodies, or so-called Churches, are, in reality, only religious societies. They are new, not ancient. They are man-made; none of them date from Pentecost.

WORDS OF COUNSEL.—Be loyal to your Church. Honour her appointments. Love her heavenly ways. Be loyal to your rector. Co-operate with him fully as he endeavours to carry out the Prayer-Book system. If he appoints a week-day service show him by your presence that you appreciate his efforts on your behalf. If he plans to celebrate the Holy Communion on Sundays and holy days, as the Prayer-Book prescribes, honour him for his fidelity, and show by being present that you appreciate his faithfulness. Whatsoever he does in thus following the Prayer-Book, you may be sure he has you in mind and desires that you shall have full opportunity to receive the Church's blessings. Above all, be not selfish in the enjoyment of your privileges. Aim to make known your Church and her ways among your friends. Tell them of her admirable methods, her sweet communions, her helpful worship. Invite them to accompany you to church, not only on Sundays, but also on holy days and week-days. Explain what to them is unknown. Encourage them to read Church literature, and make them to understand that there is a great deal more in the Church than they commonly supposed. In the end they will thank you and enter into your joy.

NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM.—Concerning a process which is going on in India the *Missionary Record* says: "An interesting account is given of the Rajah of Ramnad, in the Madras district. He was one of the nobles placed under the charge of the 'court of wards,' and himself elected to receive his education at the Christian college in

Madras, and looks back with affection to his student life there. Visiting lately a school of the American mission, he offered a gold medal for proficiency in English. This native prince well illustrates a process going on in India, such as is probably going on in no other non-Christian country in the world. He still holds on to his Hindooism, but he is appreciative of Christianity; and while he gives to Hindoo charities, he is also liberal towards the work of missionaries and personally friendly with them. The old type of heathen is, to a large extent, disappearing and its place being taken by those who are, in many respects, 'not far from the Kingdom of God.' And when at length the awful power of caste is broken, and when the Hindoo reverence for their family system is placed below reverence for Christ and obedience to His call, it will be found that great multitudes who were in heart already Christians, will suddenly confess the Lord."

SHOULD TIRED PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH?—Many of those who stay home all day Sunday because they are tired make a great mistake. They are much more weary on Sunday night than they would have been had they gone to church at least once, as the time must often drag heavily on Sunday for the lack of something to do and think about, and the consciousness of having spent the day unprofitably must sometimes add mental dissatisfaction to languor that follows idleness. Moreover, these tired people would often find refreshment for their minds and hearts in the quiet services of the Church. They would secure by means of them such a change of mental atmosphere and the suggestion of thoughts and motives and sentiments which are out of the range of their routine work. For a hard-working mechanic, or salesman, or housekeeper, or teacher, the diversion of the thought to other than the customary themes might be the most restful way of spending a portion of the day of rest. We happen to know of several cases in which this prescription has been used with excellent results. Those who wanted to stay at home because they were too tired on Sunday to go to church, have been induced to try the experiment of seeking rest for their souls, as well as their bodies, in church on Sunday, and they testify that they have found what they sought; that the observance has proved a refreshment, rather than a weariness, and that their Sundays never gave them so much good rest when they stayed at home as they have given them since they formed the habit of church-going.

GREAT RATE OF PROGRESS IN CHINA.—The Rev. T. G. Selby, who has spent twelve years as a missionary in China, and has written several books in the Chinese language, and among them an extended life of Christ, is now on a visit to England. In an interview with a representative of a weekly newspaper he said that he was the first European resident on the North Canton River. Nearly the whole time he was isolated from European society, and it was only on his rare visits to Canton and Hong Kong that he had an opportunity of preaching in English. "When I left China I found I spoke English less fluently than when I came," said Mr. Selby, "but during my years as a missionary I read more English literature than I had had time for in England. I was away from all social life, and books were the