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January 1.—Circ. of our Lord.  
Morning—Gen. 17:9; Rom. 2:17.  
Evening—Deut. 10:12; Col. 2:8—18.

January 5.—2 Sunday after Christmas.  
Morning—Isai. 42; Matt. 4:1—23.  
Evening—Isai. 43 or 44; Acts 3.

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

January 12.—1 Sunday after Epiphany.  
Morning—Isai. 51; Matt. 7:7.  
Evening—Isai. 52:13 and 53 or 54; Acts 7:35—8:5.

Appropriate hymns for Second Sunday after Christmas, 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 the New Hymn Book, many of which are to be found in other hymnals.

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Holy Communion: 76, 251, 255, 257.  
Processional: 73, 79, 475, 566.  
Offertory: 89, 422, 423, 570.  
Children: 704, 709, 714, 720.  
General: 86, 87, 390, 484.

### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 247, 258, 263, 397.  
Processional: 94, 99, 100, 476.  
Offertory: 92, 95, 96, 517.  
Children: 701, 702, 705, 711.  
General: 93, 97, 389, 417.

## THE OUTLOOK

### A Happy New Year

At the opening of another year we desire to greet our readers by wishing them "A Happy New Year." We look forward to 1913 being the best year known to the "Canadian Churchman," and in due course we shall be able to make some announcements which will be of great interest to our readers, and which will, we hope, elicit their practical sympathy and co-operation. May the coming year be one of blessing to every member of our Church, to our Bishops and clergy, to all the laity, and to every congregation, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. May it be a year of spiritual blessing in the winning of the wanderer, the rousing of the careless, the building up of the believer, and the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world. And it will be such if only we endeavour to face the future in remembrance of the Apostolic word, "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." The year is sure to be fraught with grave and vital issues for Church and country, for the Empire and the world. But we know that "the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." And, as some one has well said, "We know not what is in the future, but we know that the Lord is in the future, and that we are in the Lord."

### The King and His Bible

Some weeks ago it was reported that King George had promised his mother, Queen Alexandra, to read a chapter of the Bible daily. The Secretary of the Scripture Gift Mission, a valued organization for the circulation of attractive copies of the Bible, wrote to the King for confirmation of the report, and received a reply which is now being read with deep interest all over the Empire. Lord Knollys, the King's Private Secretary, writing on November 18th, was directed to reply as follows:—

"It is quite true that he promised Queen Alexandra as long ago as 1881 that he would read a chapter of the Bible daily, and that he has ever since adhered to this promise."

It is a great satisfaction to have the confirmation of the report, and we feel sure that the example of our King, if widely known, will be likely to promote the systematic reading of the Scriptures. The testimony of the Psalmist is as true as ever: "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

### The Epiphany Appeal

In a letter signed by all our Bishops the desire is expressed that the annual appeal for foreign missions should be read in Church on the first Sunday after the Epiphany, January 12th, or otherwise used for the information of every congregation, and that due measures be taken to secure the liberal offerings of the people for the M.S.C.C. The letter aptly points out that the Epiphany season declares the worldwide character and mission of Christianity, and this acknowledgment of the universality of the Gospel carries with it the practical question, How is the Kingdom of Christ to be established? What are the methods of its extension? It is shown that the Canadian Church is at a critical stage in her development. For more than a century she has been in the position of a disciple with an overwhelmingly great debt to the Mother Church, but now the days of her

own special service and apostleship are here, and she must go forth and preach the glad tidings to others. During the past year we have sent forth fourteen missionaries, and have consecrated a Bishop to preside over the new diocese of Mid-Japan. But we are not meeting the opportunity with the enthusiasm which its critical importance demands. The Bishops point out three causes of appeal in many quarters: Ignorance of the work; narrowness in taking too parochial a view of the Church; selfishness in indifference to missions. The motives which should compel us in Canada to enter worthily upon our foreign task are then shown to be obedience to Christ, loyalty to the Canadian Church, and appreciation of the Gospel. Since we are accustomed in Canada to do things in a big way, politically, commercially, educationally, and philanthropically, let us see to it that in this greatest of all tasks, the evangelization of the world, we are going to be magnanimous. "God is challenging us to heroic measures. Let the Canadian Church be worthy of its opportunity. Let us rise and move forward, claiming our full share in the establishment of His Kingdom."

### Other-Worldliness

Canon Lyttelton, Head Master of Eton, preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, a Sunday or two ago, said there is little doubt that the idea of the Second Coming of Christ, which was in vogue among educated Christians forty years ago, has lost definiteness, and has been allowed to recede into the background of modern theology. This is sometimes said to be due to the spread of the scientific doctrine of evolution, but Canon Lyttelton thinks that a much more general explanation is that, from one cause or another, man's efforts after the higher life have been diverted more and more from meditation on the bliss beyond the grave to strenuous endeavours to better the conditions in which the weaklings have to live on earth. The preacher thereupon urged that we must be careful lest our sympathies play fast and loose with our judgment on so lofty and yet obscure a theme, and that, even granting that the "other-worldly" man is sometimes a useless dreamer, it is impossible to maintain that the thought of the Judgment Day is useless or harmful to the ethical standard of life which exists at present. We are grateful for these frank and timely words. It is easy and gratuitous to sneer at "other-worldliness," but the fact of a future life is so prominent in the New Testament as an incentive to present holiness and earnestness that we dare not omit it from our teaching. Those who have "tasted the good Word of God" will never think lightly of "the powers of the world to come."

### Loyalty to Truth

It will be remembered that over a year ago the Church in England was greatly disturbed by certain pronouncements of the Rev. J. M. Thompson, the Dean of Divinity of Magdalen College, Oxford, in regard to the miracles of the New Testament. Mr. Thompson has now published another little volume, in which he speaks against miracles even more positively than before, and actually remarks that the efficacy of the plan of salvation is not weakened, but rather enhanced, if the Saviour lived and died in the ordinary way. The "Guardian" may well speak of these utterances as "grave sentences upon grave subjects," and the reviewer