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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

Jan. 13—First Sunday after Epiphany.
Morning—Isai. 51; Matt. 8, 1, 18.
Evening—Isai. 52, 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 33; Rev. 21, 9, 22, 6.

Feb. 2.—Purific. of Mary the B.V.
Morning—Ex. 13, 10-17; Mat. 18, 21, 19, 3.
Evening—Hag. 2, 1, 10; Acts 20, 10-17.

Appropriate Hymns for Second Sunday after Epiphany and Septuagesima Sunday, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 310, 311, 320, 629.
Processional: 79, 224, 435, 488.
General Hymns: 222, 297, 532, 546.
Offertory: 81, 536, 540, 631.
Children's Hymns: 76, 332, 335, 336.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion: 172, 313, 528, 555.
Processional: 83, 446, 447, 489.
General Hymns: 162, 168, 262, 470.
Offertory: 210, 221, 533, 540.
Children's Hymns: 333, 566, 568, 574.

II. SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

This Sunday there is manifested to us the omnipotence of God, through the first miracle of Jesus in turning water into wine. In the Collect is found an acknowledgement of that ruling power of Providence, in Heaven and in earth, and an appeal to the same for peace. There is great comfort to be derived from this doctrine of God's omnipotence. In the creed of St. Athanasius it is stated "the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty." Herein is found a restraint in times of temptation. God is powerful, and by justice must punish us if we sin. So, too, if we do that which is well pleasing in His sight, He will reward us. To those who

suffer pain of body comes the thought that Jesus our God in His passion suffered and now is seated "on the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty," in glory." To those who mourn the loss of loved ones comes the thought that God rules over all the affairs of men, and all is well. To those in trouble or anxiety, the thought comes, "let me commit my way to Him my Lord and Master, because He is wiser and more powerful than I." Do we not pray in the Lord's Prayer every morning, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven"? Then be sure that He governs all things in Heaven and in earth, and He will guide you. Observe that this omnipotence embraces Heaven. The Collect is, "Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in Heaven and earth." By the words, "the heavens," we understand not the planetary system, but the great unseen abode of God, where all is governed in order, obedience and peace. He rules over the worship in Heaven, and those angelic beings in Heaven, and over the spirits and souls of the righteous preparing to enter Heaven at the last great day when He comes to judge. All in Heaven and earth are governed by the Almighty and everlasting God. Let us remember, therefore, that God is the Master of our bodies and souls here. In answer to the appeal of the Blessed Virgin Mary He supplied the wants of the body when He gave them wine. We are taught to ask for "those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul." We pray for daily bread, for health, and peace. We pray for grace to amend our lives and freedom from sin, because He is our Omnipotent God Whom we serve here and hope to dwell with hereafter.

A BIT OF CHURCH HISTORY.

At the beginning of each New Year of life the mind goes back readily to thoughts and memories of by-gone years. In our recent article expressing gratitude to our patrons and hosts of friends we had occasion to refer somewhat generally to some past incidents in the history of our journal. A history which with due modesty we say forms no inconsiderable contribution to the general history of the Church. In looking back over some old files, reaching to the early issues of the "Dominion Churchman," of which the "Canadian Churchman" is a continuation, we again read with unabated interest the circular letter published in 1876 by Mr. Wootten. So interesting is this circular read in the light of the due accrediting and authorization of our Church journal then so heartily given by distinguished members of the Episcopacy of our Church, and thereafter by them repeatedly renewed on public occasions, in private correspondence, and personal comment, and never by any of them withdrawn, that we feel our readers of to-day, more than thirty long years after its first issue, will thank us for its republication. We have no hesitation at the same time in assuring them that the successors of those venerable prelates, almost without exception, have on various occasions given to Mr. Wootten the free and frank assurance of similar confidence and support in the work he has so long and successfully carried on in the interest of the Canadian Church. The following is the Episcopal authorization to which from time to time we have made general references.

The "Dominion Churchman" is authorized and supported by the Bishops, clergy and laity of the Church. We publish the following commendations received from the Bishops of Toronto, Ontario, Algoma and Niagara:

Toronto, April 28th, 1876.

I have much pleasure in recommending the Dominion Churchman under its present manage-

ment by Mr. Wootten. It is conducted with much ability; is sound in its principles, expressed with moderation; and calculated to be useful to the Church. I trust it will receive a cordial support, and obtain an extensive circulation.

A. N., Toronto.

Kingston, June 24th, 1876.

I hereby recommend the "Dominion Churchman" as a useful family paper. I wish it much success.

J. T., Ontario.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 4th, 1876.

The "Dominion Churchman," under its present form and management seems to me well calculated to supply a want which has long been felt by the Church in Canada; and you may depend upon me to do all in my power to promote its interests and increase its circulation.

Frederick D., Algoma.

Hamilton, April 27th, 1876.

I have great pleasure in recommending the "Dominion Churchman," under the management of Mr. Frank Wootten, whom I have known for several years past, and in whose judgment and devotion to the cause of true religion, I have entire confidence, to the members of the Church in the Diocese of Niagara, and I hope that they will afford it that countenance and support which it deserves.

T. B., Niagara.

If definite instances of the approval and support of the "Churchman" by our Bishops were needed, numbers could readily be given. Even as we were going to press the following most kind and courteous messages came to hand from two highly esteemed members of that venerable order. From one: "I send you some matter for your valuable paper. With very kindest regards." From the other: "Many congratulations on the success of the "Churchman" and its splendid Christmas Number and best wishes for New Year.

Diocesan News.

Necessarily there are two opinions among the clergy as to acceding to our wishes that they should send us items either of news, or work done, or work which it is hoped might be taken in hand. There is the shrinking, the natural aversion to anything like self-advertisement, but-pressed by the considerations which can so readily be found. Would that the clergy, as a body would shake off such a tendency and think only first and last of our beloved Church. Whatever it may be in older settled countries, in this, our Canada, the whole body of the people must be the moving spirit. The waiting for some one to be accredited from headquarters, some one to be authorized to take action, has been the deadliest foe to our existence. One of the most successful pioneers in the bush had sung in an Old Country choir. On taking up land he determined to observe the Fourth Commandment and asked some neighbours to join in reading the service. This simple act resulted in his having soon to conduct as many services as he could travel to. Against his objections his Bishop made him a Deacon and ultimately a priest. So in a degree we feel that the publication of diocesan news in our columns is of great good and may have unlooked for influence.

Cheering Words.

We hail also with pleasure the receipt of most encouraging communications. From amongst them we especially thank one country incumbent for his frank and hearty letter, in which he says: "I have been greatly pleased with your introductory paragraphs. (Those of January 3rd.) I think your remarks generally are very appropriate and ought to find acceptance with the majority of the clergy. The quality of your paper has improved in every way and reflects great credit upon the management. I intend to take your

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