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Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

January 5—2 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Morning.—Isaiah 42 Math. 4, to v. 23

Evening.—Isaiah 43, or 44 Acts 3

January 6—EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.

Morning.—Isaiah 60 Luke 3, v. 15 to 23

Evening.—Isaiah 49, v. 13 to 24 John 2, to v. 12

APPROPRIATE HYMNS for 2nd Sunday after Christmas, and first 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:

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Holy Communion: 811, 816, 482, 555.

Processional: 58, 78, 76, 175.

Offertory: 55, 74, 179, 485.

Children's Hymns: 60, 62, 79, 329.

General Hymns: 72, 77, 80, 488, 488.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Holy Communion: 177, 314, 558, 559.

Processional: 78, 79, 219, 313.

Offertory: 173, 178, 300, 365.

Children's Hymns: 76, 381, 383, 571.

General Hymns: 68, 77, 486, 487, 547.

THE EPIPHANY, OR, MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES.

In all her observances of times and seasons, the object of the Church, as we have before seen, is to lead us to "look unto Jesus," in order that we may copy Him in our daily lives. Perhaps in no season is this so strikingly the most obvious lesson as in Epiphany. The great practical lesson of Epiphany is, that Christ's perfect example has been "made manifest" to us in order that we may follow it. Just as the star led the wise men to Christ, so Christ's example will lead us through life to heaven, if only we do as the wise men did with regard to the star—not merely speak of, or merely admire it, but obediently and faithfully follow it.

On this day we commemorate the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, and we rejoice because, in the words of the Epistle, "we are fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers

of God's promises in Christ by the Gospel." The wise men who came from the east to Jerusalem were the first Gentiles to whom Christ was "manifested," or, as the word means, "openly shown." They were led by a star; they followed it obediently; when it "stood over where the young Child was," they "rejoiced with exceeding great joy," because they had been brought to Christ. We, then, who are Gentiles, and to whom Christ is fully manifested in the gospels, in the writings of St. Paul, "the Apostle of the Gentiles," and in the teaching of the Church into which we have been baptized, we must do as the wise men did—follow this teaching obediently, rejoice with exceeding great joy, that it brings us to a Saviour. The wise men followed the star in faith; they were rewarded by finding what they sought—Christ Himself, Christ on earth. It is not here that we look for our reward. All our lives, we must follow Christ's example by faith still, not by sight; and at last, just as surely as the wise men saw Christ Himself on earth, so shall we see Him Himself in heaven. Our Lord said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." It is by following Him here that we shall be led home to God our Father, or, as the Collect says, that we shall "after this life have the fruition of His glorious Godhead."

1895-1896.

That we have in a measure succeeded in making good our hopes and promises during the past year, we think that our very satisfactory progress, our enlarged subscription list, and the unprecedented interest displayed by many leading Churchmen, both clerical and lay, give us very substantial and encouraging evidence. During the past year, and especially during the past six months, we have been the grateful recipients of constant and abundant sympathy in the Church work in which we are engaged, as well as promises of help and co-operation. We believe that this has arisen first from the increased interest and enthusiasm for the Church's undertakings, and then from, we hope and believe, a conviction that the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN is and is likely to be a valuable instrument in aiding and developing Church life. In speaking to our many friends for the last time in this year of grace 1895, we do so with a full heart. To many of us great changes have come, to some for the better, to some, perhaps, for the worse. It may be that the year to some has brought sorrow and disaster. Comfort, homes and wealth may have vanished, sickness and bereavement may have left us desolate. Still in looking forward to the coming year as true disciples of our Risen Lord, with blessed hopes of salvation stirred within us at this Christmas-tide, and with high expectations of an age, a golden age, of unalloyed happiness and universal justice, at the Advent season we may look forward with serene faith and stern resolve. Through God's chastisements we see the loving, educating hand, and can with courage pursue our various paths in life. But if God has brought sorrow into the lives of many of us, He has brought also blessings. In the conduct of this paper, and in our effort to strengthen the hands of the Church and those who administer her discipline and spiritual blessings, we have had obstacles to overcome and discouragements to bear, but it were a base in-

gratitude not to acknowledge that difficulties have been overruled in the past to our great advantage, and to say that there is every reason to think that it will be so in the future. In thanking our many patrons for their past support and valuable assistance, we beg to say that we shall continue to deserve their confidence by making this paper of real service, and a welcome visitor at their homes. They will be glad to be informed that, notwithstanding the stress of monetary depression, the year 1895 has brought to us a large increase of circulation, and it may interest them to know that the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN finds its way, not only among English-speaking people in all distant parts of the British Empire, and into France and several countries of Europe, but into Palestine and even into the far distant China and Japan. Our effort has been to produce a Church paper replete with Church news, and to supply lay Churchmen and Churchwomen with articles calculated to meet their wants, and written in such readable form that they are understandable and claim their interest. We have endeavoured to start them thinking upon subjects of high importance, and to develop a desire for information that shall lead them on to other sources of knowledge. This we have ever done in the interests of that truth which we believe is best set forth in the doctrines and practices taught and held in the Church to which we belong. In the news columns we have not only given all the news within our reach connected with the Canadian Church, but we think we have succeeded in giving very succinctly the chief items of interest in the history of the Church abroad. Our family department has, we venture to say, maintained its reputation. From far and near we have repeatedly received words of satisfaction and commendation, expressions pleasing and grateful, and even surprising to us both from the source from whence they came and from the subject that brought out the acknowledgment. In our correspondence columns we have held to our unvarying rule that everybody and every subject should have fair play. There have been times when we have had to repress personalities, and even admit the discussion of subjects with which we have had no sympathy; still we retain our old opinion that it is better for such subjects to be brought to the light, in order that they may be controverted. That this has been a wise course we have abundant evidence; even some who have commenced some controversy have confessed to a change of mind which has come with a better understanding and a wider knowledge of the matter written about. Further, when the replies of correspondents have not to our minds quite met the demands of the case, we have spoken our own convictions in articles for which alone we accept full responsibility. During the year 1896 we shall do all that lies in our power, all that our long experience and enterprise can accomplish, to increase the work of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. We shall leave our programme to develop itself, and as the Church makes its history we shall try to seize upon every event and movement, and turn it to account to the best interest of our readers. While stimulating a fervid enthusiasm in the Church's present well being, we shall not forget the past, and we shall by our illustrations and reading matter strive to enkindle love for a venerated history, and strengthen the