

Alleluia, Alleluia,
 To the Father, Spirit, Son,
 In Whose will the Church at warfare
 With the Church at rest is one,
 So to Thee we sing in union,
 God in earth and Heav'n adored,
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. *Amen.*

This Hymn is very suitable for a Guild or Parish Society. It may be had of the Church Defence Society, 9 Budge Street, Westminster, London. Price 1s. 6d. per 100.—Eds. Church Work.]

ADVENT.

THE Advent season is one of those effectual aids to Faith and holiness of life which the Church, from year to year, offers to her children. She does her part in calling us with no uncertain voice to prepare for the coming of our King. She leaves us no excuse for being unprepared; we cannot but know the time, for she tells us "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light." These solemn Advent weeks may well be likened to the last hours of the night, often the darkest and most silent, and yet preceding the rising of the day star in the east—"the day-spring from on high." And as one waking through those silent, expectant hours watches for the first herald of the day, so should we Christians in the hushed solemnity of Advent watch for the first rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Then "when He which is our Light shall appear," we shall be ready with our glad welcome and with our offering of a pure heart, dedicated to our Master's service. Prone as we are to

live altogether to the things of time, how thankful should we be for the warning voice, with its clarion sound, speaking of eternity. "Awake thou that sleepest," for the things of this life are but as a sleep; true life, true joy, true blessedness belong to that World in which we shall see the King in His beauty. Dwelling with heart and mind upon the reality of that other world, we shall find, in the Advent season and services, unfailling comfort and support; we shall be daily growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, looking for and hastening unto, the day of His coming. Then Christmas Day will find us filled with holy joy, and with the wise men of the East, we shall offer our best gifts to the Infant Christ.

Which of us may see another Advent! Let us not turn a deaf ear to the warning and the teaching of this. If in past years we have been heedless and indifferent, remember we are by so much nearer to the end; with many of us most certainly the night of this short life, wherein we see, as in a glass darkly, is far spent, the Day is at hand, the Day, in whose searching light, all things shall be made manifest; a Day, which to the humble, faithful soul, will be one of never-ending happiness. for "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for those who love Him."

A GRACE FOR THE CHILDREN.

Be present at our table, Lord,
 Be here and everywhere adored,
 These bounties bless, and grant that we
 May feast in Paradise with thee.