

## THE MONTH IN PROSPECT, NOVEMBER.

1st. *All Saints Day.*—Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, and all who have been and are faithful servants of God are this day brought to mind in the services of the church; and in the Collect appointed we pray for grace “to follow the blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living.” There is no superstition in this, but a very becoming regard for the guiding counsel and helpful grace for which as Christians we pray daily. We contemplate with delight the manifestations of goodness which appear in humanity, knowing them to be proofs of grace imparted from on high.

The eve of this day is much observed by the people of Britain and Ireland by performance of superstitious usages, which are of Pagan origin. In remote villages, these have prominent place as the occasion returns, and are to some extent indulged by those of British descent, wherever they reside. But these doings have no connection whatever with what our church proposes for us on this day. We are not to be turned away from good practices because some people have absurd or evil ones. There are persons who determinedly show their opposition to the Church and her appointments, by providing frolics for Good Friday, but we do not the less regard that most solemn fasting day on that account. The Saints are a brilliant assembly of noble personages, many of whom represent our race in the Court of Heaven; and we may believe that whether they are here or there, their intercession for all whom they strive to love as themselves is continual. We may not address them in prayer, having no warrant for so doing; but in our weakness we are glad for that there

are the elect, who with the angels rejoice over every sinner that repenteth, and that they with their Lord, intercede for those who through waywardness or perversity are offenders against the Divine Majesty.

Nov. 30th. *St. Andrew.*—The eve of this day is to be observed with fasting. The body's subjection contributes to the soul's aid, and certain gifts and graces our Lord declared, could not come save by prayer and fasting. Christianity, some people seem to think, is like civilization, progressive and are prone to consider the old ways as superstitious and unsuited for what is termed, “this enlightened age” In matters purely spiritual we cannot suppose there can be any improvement on what our Lord and His Apostles taught and experienced, and much loss comes from the neglect of Fasting, now so generally prevalent among people who are styled Evāngelical.

St. Andrew was a fisherman, and assisted his father in that calling, until moved by the Spirit to follow our Lord and become a “fisher of men.” He was directed by John the Baptist to Jesus as “the Lamb of God,” and faith was given him to believe. He began at once to make known the great dignity of Him he was prepared to follow, and afterwards going among the heathen to preach boldly the doctrines of the cross, was crucified on an instrument shaped like a letter X, which is this day known as St. Andrew's Cross.

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