NOTES FOR SUNDAY LESSONS.

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THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

ARRANGED IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUNDAYS FROM ADVENT TO TRINITY.

The Christian Covenant treated during ADVENT. Faith CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANY. Duty LENT. from PALM SUNDAY to TRINITY. Grace Note.—Each Instruction will be arranged under three heads:-

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Expository—explaining the words of that part of the Catechism which is assigned to each Sunday.

B. Harmonistic—showing how the Services appointed for that particular Sunday (the Collect, the Epistle, and Gospel, the Proper Psalms, the Lessons, &c.) illustrate that part of the Catechism.

C. Practical—drawing, from what has been thus explained and illustrated, moral and spiritual lessons for the

Christian's life.

Fifth Hundan after Epiphann. (February 10.)

The Judicial Life.

Passage (to be read)-Daniel ii. Text (to be learnt)-Daniel vii. 13, 14.

A. 'From thence HE shall come-to Judge the quick and the dead.'

I. 'From thence He shall come'-Christ will come as Man (Acts i. 11); as God He is always on earth, as well as in Heaven (S. John iii. 13).

II. 'to Judgo'—Jesus is Judge (1) for His own Glory (Phil. ii. 9).
(2) for the satisfaction of His Saints (S. Matt. xix. 28).

(3) for sympathy with sinners (Heb. iv. 15).
(4) that the wicked may see Hrx as Man (Rev. i. 7; contrast S. Matt. v. 8).

III. 'the quick and the dead,' i.e. not the good and bad—the souls and bodies,

but those alive as well as those dead at His coming.
Note the same use of 'quick' in Numbers xvi. 80.

B. The services for this Sunday may be either those for the fifth or for the last Sunday after Epiphany. In either choice we have the truth of the Last Judgment brought before us-but especially in the services for the last Sunday:-

1st—The Collect—collected from the Epistle refers to the first manifestation of the Saviour to take away our sins—to be followed by His second manifestation to make us like Himself in purity and glory. The Gospel describes the events of the Last Day.

2nd-The First Lessons-all taken from the Book of Proverbs show us those 'works,' according to which we shall be finally judged (Rev. xx. 13).

C. Need for the General Judgment-

First—to clear the Righteousness of Gop (Psalm li. 4).

Therefore believe in His Justice now.

Second—to convict the Great Accuser (Rev. xii. 10).

Therefore deny his lies to his face.

Third-to satisfy all men-(whether saved or lost). Genesis xviii. 25.

-1. Explaining what has been doubtful. 3. Separating good and evil for ever. 2. Revealing the secrets of all hearts. 4. Declaring the doom of Life or death.

Therefore judge nothing before the time.

Septuagesima Sunday. (February 17.)

THE HOLY GHOST.

Passage-Deuteronomy xxxiv. Text-Numbers xi. 25.

- A. 'I believe in THE HOLY GROST.'
 - I. The 3rd and last 'Chief' Division—the 8th of the 12 Articles of the Creed.
 - II. The Nicene Creed contains additional truths (added at the Council of Constantinople A.D. 381) about тие Holy Spirit. 1. 'The Lord,' i.e. Jehovah.

- 'The Long, i.e. Jenoran.
 'The Giver of Life'—He dispenses on behalf of the Holy Trinity bodily and spiritual life.
 'He proceedeth from the Father and the Son.' He is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, and derives His Godhead eternally from the First and from the Second Person.
 Together with the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified, showing that He is 'Co-equal' with the other Persons.
 'He spake by the Prophets'—2 S. Peter i. 21: