## CHURCH WORK.

# S. S. Lesson Reaves on the Church Catechism.

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#### THE CATECHISM AND ITS CONTENTS.

Learn 2 Timothy iii. 14, 15; St. John xiii. 17; St. Luke ii. 52. Also, the Collect for the Day.

What is meant by the word Catechism ? Instruction by word of mouth.

How is it explained in Prayer Book? (Read title.)

Where does God enjoin the Catechism of children? (Deut. vi. 7; Proverbs xxii.

6: Ephesians vi. 4.) What does the Saviour say about the duty? Feed my lambs.

What does the Church Catechism teach us? Elements of Christian religion.

In what part of Prayer Book is the Catechism found? After Baptism.

What office does it precede? What does this teach us? That it is to be learned by every baptized person before confirmed.

What are sponsors instructed to do? To provide that their God-children learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. (See exhortation at close of baptism.)

Was the Catechism always like what it is now? No; it only contained the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

When was the latter part added? Reign of James; 1604.

What is a person called who teaches the Catechism? A Catechist.

And those preparing for Holy Baptism? Catechumens

By whom is this instruction to be learned? All the baptized.

How many parts in the Catechism? Five. Name them-Christian Covenant, Christian Faith, Christian Duty, Christian Prayer, Christian Sacraments. In other words it tells us-1.

What we are. 2. What we are to believe. 3. What we are to do. 4. What we are to pray. 5. What helps God has given us.

#### Vol. I. Second Sunday in Advent No. 2. THE OLD COVENANT AND THE NEW.

Learn Genesis ii. 16, 17; Isaiah i. 19; St. John iii. 16. Also, the Collect for the Day.

What does the Christian name remind you of ?

When were you made a Christian? When baptized.

How many kinds of names have persons now? What are they?

Which did you receive at baptism?

When were names given among the Jews? Circumcision. Give examples: Isaac, St. John the Baptist, Our Blessed Lord.

To what does baptism admit us? Covenant with God.

What is a covenant? An agreement between two persons

Who are parties to the Christian covenant? God and man.

When do we enter into it?

Give instances of God making a covenant with individuals or nations- -Adam. Gen.

ii. 15-17; the Israelites E.c dus xix. 5, 6. What was man's part? To believe and to\_obey.

What caused some of these earlier covenants to be broken? Man's sin. Adam ate of the forbidden fruit. The

Istaelities became idolatrous.

What is this old covenant with Israel called? One of works.

When did God make a new covenant? When Christ came.

What is it called? One of grace.

When are we made partakers of it? At

baptism. When God made this new covenant with man, what new things did He promise? Answer in the words of Scripture : For-giveness of sins.—*Acts* ii. 38. The gift of the Holy Ghost.—*Acts* ii. 38. The promise of eternal life.—*Galations* iii. 27–29.

What only can cause this new covenant to be broken? Nothing except man's disobedience and unbelief.

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### THE CHRISTIAN NAME.

Learn Genesis xvii. 4, 5; Isaiah xliii. 1; Revelation iii. 5. Also, the Collect for the Day.

What is the first question in the Catechism?