

Family Department.

ADVENT.

[Written for the Church Guardian.]

The inner chambers of those shadowy walls That rise remote in pulsing depths of space— Beyond the genial sun, the sheen of stars...

On the celestial stairways that ascend In stately windings up to heaven's gate, Over the adamantine walls that gird The golden city's dazzling planities...

And through their ranks a subtle whisper creeps Of higher import than the daily task Of adoration, love and warfare high— The Judge of quick and dead will ere long time Like from His Throne omnipotent to save...

In pilgrim ways of toil and doubt and gloom The Church on earth breathes onward through the years, Her children oftentimes faint, and fear, and fall...

No wondrous portents speak Redemption nigh, No warning voice moaned upward from the sea No herald radiance through the rifted east, No blood red cross stream on the pallid clouds Proclaims the dawn of everlasting day!

O Jean! Lord of New Jerusalem! Come! for our hearts have waited long for Thee! Come! for Life's day is dawn, and end, and long...

'Star of the morn'! In purest splendour dawn! Light of the world! Scatter nights gloomy shades! Emmanuel! Dwell Thou with us indeed! Bid the high trump in solemn cadence sound...

LORENA.

Dec. 16th.

PREACHING THE WORD.

Persons who have heard Knox-Little must have been impressed with the folly of those who underrate the importance of the apostolic ordinance of preaching. Let us honestly acknowledge our shortcomings!

The voice of the living preacher is indispensable to the propagation of the Gospel. There is a reason for this in the very nature of things. Speech makes a stronger impression than reading.

If any one were first to read the manuscript of a sermon, and then listen to its delivery from the pulpit, he would perceive the force of this remark. Truths and ideas which in the former case had scarcely affected lodgment in the mind...

The word of God has always been addressed to this outward visible body. The members of this body, or Church, are always assumed to be, or to have once been, in the favour of God.

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The smile, the mute gesture, the soul-stirring gaze, The lip's soft persuasion that melts while it sways.

All successful propagation of thought, whether it be true or false, is accomplished by this means. If you were to deprive a political party of this method of reaching the popular mind and heart, you would at once seal its overthrow.

Lifting our eyes to the Great Teacher, the Ambassador of the Skies, we behold Him falling in with the laws which govern our nature, and approaching men by those avenues which in the nature of things lead most speedily to their minds and consciences.

We hail the approach of the larger view of preaching with lively satisfaction. As long as the Creed, the Prayer Book, and the traditions of the Catholic Church survive, we need not fear that sacramental truth will perish.

CHURCH PRINCIPLES IN HOLY SCRIPTURE.

From the time of Abraham to the present time, it has been God's will to save men, not only by working in them individual personal religion, but by joining them together in a body, or family, or kingdom, or Church.

This body has always been an outward and visible body, known by certain outward and visible marks. Men have always been admitted into this Church by a rite or ordinance which betokened God's special good will toward each one of them.

The Covenant of God has always been with this visible Church.

The members of this body, or Church, are always assumed to be, or to have once been, in the favour of God. Each member is assumed to partake of the covenant of grace, whenever that grace may be.

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He is rather told to believe and realize that the Church, in which he is already, is the fold of God, and so his condemnation will be great if he do not love and love accordingly.

Such is, in brief, what we may call the great Church principle of Scripture, and its practical application.—Rev. A. F. Sadler.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Ministers have evidently been moved by the scene at Guildhall on Tuesday night. Few of them suspected how strongly and even violently public opinion ran in favor of putting an end, even by exceptional means, to the disturbances in Ireland.

These Cabinet Councils and commotions have had one good effect. They have filled London; chiefly, I admit, with Irishmen, but not entirely, for in the Park now you may meet almost as many people of note and fashion as you generally meet in April.

Lord Beaconsfield is about everywhere. You may see him in Bond Street, in the Parks, in the theatres, and among the pictures. His new book is full of the most piquant personal sketches—sketches as vivid and as racy as those of Lothair and Vivian Grey.

Mr. Dale has received the support of the Bishop of Manchester; on the other hand, Mr. Dale has received the advocacy of another prelate—Bishop Bromby, of Tasmania. Judging from the correspondence columns of the Record the dissatisfaction which prevails among the Evangelicals is widespread and deep, and they are even quarrelling amongst themselves.

The position of matters with regard to Mr. Dale remains unaltered; his friends are working energetically, and are receiving a great number of signatures to a petition to Her Majesty, now in course of preparation. The health of the prisoner continues good; in fact, at the present time he is better than he has been for a considerable time past.

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The President of the English Church Union, in the name of several Bishops, priests and laymen, has enclosed an address of sympathy to the Archbishop of Paris, in connection with the 'outrages to the liberty of conscience and religion' as illustrated in the expulsion of the Monks.

Mr. Voysey has given his body a name, and will soon be able to provide it with a habitation. The name of the Voyseyites will henceforth be the "Theistic Church." The local habitation is to be built. A new trust has been erected, and monies are being rapidly collected to buy a site and begin building.

"Good works," St. Paul saith, not good words. "Good," with the goodness of the hand, not with the goodness of the tongue.

THE CHARGE DELIVERED BY THE LORD BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA To the Clergy, July 1880, is now published. For sale at the Store of W. GOSSIP, Granville St., Halifax.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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Births.

BULLOCK.—At 94 Tower Road, Halifax, on Sunday, 12th inst., the wife of C. B. Bullock, of a daughter.

Marriages.

- GEDDES—WELDON.—At St. George's Church, Moncton, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Mr. George M. Ryan, to Martha A. Geddes, eldest daughter of Mr. W. J. Weldon.
- MARRIETT—BRUNT.—At Harrietsfield, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., by the Rev. J. C. Cox, Mr. Albert Marriett to Miss Emma Jane Brunt, both of Harrietsfield.
- ZINK—ZINK.—On the 11th inst., at Shoal Cove, by the Rev. John Manning, Rector of Blandford, G. Jesiah Zink, of Lower Blandford, to Sophia Adelaide, daughter of Francis Zink, Esq., of Blandford.

Deaths.

- RICHARD.—At Conquerall Bank, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Solomon Raines, Captain George Richard, aged 87 years, for many years a hardy coaster on our Western Shore; and a consistent communicant of the Church.
- BARR.—At Ohio, Parish of Weymouth, on the 6th inst., Athala Gertrude Barr, in the 16th year of her age.
- JOHNSTON.—Entered into rest, at Weymouth Bridge, on the 9th inst., after a protracted illness, Mr. George Johnston, aged 36 years. The deceased was partner in the firm Campbell & Co. To his natural qualities was added high moral principle. From an early age he was a communicant of the Church, a most zealous promoter of the temperance cause, and, so long as health permitted, the Superintendent of St. Thomas' Sunday School. No private or public object, or benevolent cause, ever failed to commend itself to his warmest sympathies, and liberal support. Long will the memory of his beautiful character dwell in the hearts of the community in which he resided, where, and by whom he was known, his early removal all to whom he was known, his early removal is regarded with unfeigned sorrow and regret.