

comes to us; there we most thankfully call to mind His first Coming to save us by the giving of His Body, and the shedding of His Blood upon the cross. There also, for ourselves and for all whom we love, we may most acceptably plead the merits of His all sufficient sacrifice 'until He come.'"

Other aids to a right use of Advent will be found in the daily prayers in Church, in the service with Advent address on Wednesday evenings, and the Bible Readings on Thursday afternoons. The hours are as follows:—

Daily Evensong	5.30	p.m.
Evening Service, on Wednesdays	8	p.m.
Bible Reading, on Thursdays	4.30	p.m.

The officers and members of the Church army will come to the Wednesday evening services in a body. The members of the choir are also expected to attend on Wednesday evening; also all church workers, teachers and communicants.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

It is unfortunate that the great Day on which Christ came into the world for our salvation should be shorn of half its glory by our modern social customs. It is a case of Christmas dinner versus Christmas worship. It may be said that people go to Church once in the day. No doubt large numbers do, at least of the well-to-do class, but there are very many of these who stay at home to prepare the early Christmas dinner, while the poorer classes are conspicuous by their absence. Of all days of the year, the Day on which Jesus was born a poor maiden's Child, choosing the lot of poverty rather than to be reckoned among the purple-born, ought to be honoured among those by whom He came and mingled as one of them. Our modern social habits have robbed the masses of their Christmas service, so that this Holy day has come to be regarded by thousands as a day that may be given up to feasting, revelling, drunkenness, and such like. An effort will be made this year, in S. George's Parish at least, to rescue the day from all unhallowed associations, and to win it back for Christ and his Service.

It might appear too revolutionary or too exacting to ask the regular Choir to attend twice on Christmas Day, but the Church Army Corps is

quite capable of supplying a choir that can be trained to take charge of all the music that may be required for the Evening Service. In this way an opportunity at least to attend Church on Christmas Day will be afforded to very many who since childhood have not known what a Christmas Service is. We are too apt to think that all is well because the Church is full, and the Altar crowded at our one service. We forget that those who are present are only a portion, and that the happier and more fortunate portion of our fellow churchmen. Let us not forget on Christmas Day when we gather our families round our full tables and comfortable firesides, the many all about us with whom it is far otherwise,

Whose hearts are bruised and dead;
And homes are bare and cold;
And lambs for whom the shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold!

If we can gather these within our Church walls on Christmas night and tell them of a Saviour born

To comfort and to bless
To find a balm for woe,

We may carry highest comfort to many a heart, where the home is bare and cold.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Holy Communion 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
Morning Service and Holy Communion . . . 11 a.m.
Evening Service 8 p.m.
(Or perhaps 8.30 of which notice will be given hereafter).

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DEC. 26.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Children's Christmas Service 3.30 p.m.

The preacher at the Morning Service will be Professor Clark, in the Evening the Bishop of Algoma.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—November 7th, \$72.30; 14th, \$73.21. 18th, Thanksgiving Day, for Missions, \$34.60; 21st, \$62.62; 28th, \$69.20. Total parochial, \$277.83. Corresponding period last year, \$211.57. Amount required weekly, \$75.